

Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
7:00pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Diane M (Chair)
Marcela D

Mary Anne P (Secretary)
Annie T

Sharon L
Yimin X
Natalie B

Sie G
Tricia B

Darren Macmillan
Anders Nordby

Kirsten Paterson

Meeting was called to order by Diane M at 7:05pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions - Diane
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2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Annie motions to approve the agenda. Mary Anne seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Guest - Mr. Nordby, PE Specialist
 - Has been teaching at EMM since it opened.
 - Past two years, his position has been as a PE Specialist. He is grateful for that opportunity.
 - M-W-F is PE all day and T-Th is as a classroom teacher.
 - Works with Mr. Keeler on Mondays, doing "Team PE".
 - This year was a bit of a challenge because they had to determine what equipment could be used given Covid protocols. To address this, Mr. Nordby came up with a schedule of 22 activities that the divisions would rotate through. This meant that no two divisions were doing the same thing at the same time. The benefit of this, under Covid protocols, is that it reduced the exposure of multiple divisions using the same equipment.
 - He was able to provide this schedule to classroom teachers to follow for their PE teaching (i.e. even when they taught PE without Mr. Nordby).
 - By Mr. Nordby teaching PE, that frees up the classroom teachers' time to work with student specific needs.
 - Is there still a lot of extra cleaning needed for Covid protocols? There hasn't been a lot of talk about exposure from touch surfaces. We still regularly sanitize the high touch surfaces. Also, the system of alternating the divisions between 22 different activities means that equipment is not being shared among divisions.
4. Adopt minutes from March 16, 2021
 - Marcela motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, February 16th. Annie seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

5. Admin Report - Darren & Kirsten

- Only 1 exposure since coming back from Spring Break. It was well managed.
- SD43 got in line for vaccinations. Almost every EMM staff member was vaccinated last weekend. A little bit of relief...but also a sense of "I thought I would be more relieved." But everyone appreciates the opportunity.
- Spirit Week before Spring Break. Ended with a Scavenger Hunt, all done socially distanced and safe.
- Public speaking festival yesterday. Not the whole school, about half. Virtual assembly to celebrate it. A few of our students will represent our school at the District level tomorrow.
- With the weather being nicer, it's been so great to see classes spending time in the outdoor classrooms.
- Earth Day activities planned for the coming days.
- Sadly, we had to say good bye to Ms. Abram, our Youth Worker. She has now officially retired. Her replacement will be Grace Galachio, who is wonderful and we are happy to have her join our team.
- Articulation going well. Both Grade 5's coming next year and Grade 8's going to high school next year. Mr. Christensen created a Welcome Video for Grade 5 students coming next year.
- We will hold some kind of Zoom meeting for Grade 5 parents (similar to what HWSS did for Grade 8 students this year).
- Ms. Chen is setting up a virtual talent show for sometime in May.
- We have started talking about June. Right now June 29th is booked as some kind of Grade 8 Leaving event but we just don't know what it will look like yet.
- We want to do something fun with the kids at the end of the year. We reached out to Pinnacle Pursuits, a company that put on adventure, survivor kind of camps. The idea would be to book them for two weeks and do two classes per day, out on the field. We are waiting to hear back from them re Covid protocols etc.
- Pro-D day this Friday - focus on indigenous education. Cultural awareness and Cultural responsiveness.
- Staffing process - we will get numbers at the end of April. May will be a busy time for figuring out numbers and teachers etc.
- Weirdest spring ever in terms of the number of times we've had to call the ambulance. We had 5-6 ambulance visits in the last 3-4 months (eg. broken arms, broken legs). While we are glad that students are getting outside, we really don't want them to get hurt! We have 3 staff who are trained in First Aid (Ms. Chen, Mr. Fong & Mrs. Paterson) and we really appreciate them!
- Attendance numbers - we're down approx 50 kids per day.
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- Kirsten:
- Sign update - the sign was fantastic. It needs to get approval at the District level. When Kirsten presented the sign to the District, the District raised concerns over vandalism and maintenance issues which would fall to SD43 once the sign is installed. The District would like to see a much simpler design eg. "EMM Forest Classroom" on a horizontal log. Sie discussed some different ideas of how to re-design within those preferences.

6. Treasurer Report - Diane on behalf of Shannon
 - Gaming Account:
 - Paid for large log for seats in forest classroom.
 - Current balance: \$11,974.46
 - General Account:
 - Art supplies, clipboards, treats for Bear, audio, webcam, received parent donations that came in through Cash Online.
 - Current balance: \$24,985.96
 - Don't forget to log onto Munch-a-Lunch to make choice about money from last year. Most are rolling over to next year.

7. DPAC Report - Annie (Next DPAC Meeting April 28)
 - Really interesting meeting. Reno Ciolffi & Craig Mah presented about the Student Learning Survey from previous years.
 - Racial diversity and equity challenge went very well. Hoping to make it into an annual event.
 - Shannon attended the Community Gaming Grant meeting. She has submitted our application for 2021 Gaming funds.
 - DPAC is offering a free parent education session with speakers from Translink and Vancouver Animation School on May 13th.
 - DPAC AGM is on on May 26th.
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 - The BCCPAC AGM will be on May 1st (free). Diane will attend.
 - BCCPAC is hosting their Annual Parent Conference on May 28-29 (cancelled in 2020 due to Covid). The cost is \$35 early bird / \$50 regular. Speakers will include Gordon Neufeld, Jennifer McCrae (representative form the BC Ministry of Education) and the BCCPAC President, to name a few. This Conference is very accessible and affordable since it is being offered online for the first time. The conference is open to all parents of K-12 children in BC.
 - A motion was put forward for EMM PAC to pay for 2 parents to attend the Conference on May 28-29. The motion was seconded. All were in favour. The motion passed.

8. Event / Volunteer Opportunity for 2020 / 2021
 - Fundraising committee - Lisa C.
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 - Staff appreciation - Katie
 - Some work done on the board today. The board is blooming!
 - Grade 8 Leaving - Annie, Rochelle, Mary Anne
 - PAC would sponsor a gift for all Grade 8's (similar to last year). \$10 per student.
 - Approx 203-205 Grade 8's.

9. Anmore Green Estates Septic update - Diane
 - Diane been in touch with Fawn Ross, the Environmental Engineer (the Facilitator) who has been helping AGE navigate this process and Dan Bings, the compliance person at the Ministry of Environment. Everyone acknowledges the progress to date and the motivation to see an end to the pollution, but the legal and contracts are taking time.

- Diane read an update from Brandi Roberts, AGE spokesperson:
 - We had a very successful meeting on March 23rd with strong homeowner support to approve the resolution required for the project. This resolution authorizes the collection and financing of funds up to the \$780,000 estimated project costs, the sewer Statutory Right-of-Way, installation of sewerage works on common property, and authorizes the Strata Corporation to enter into and grant the Connection Related Agreements.
- Currently, they are waiting for the agreements from the facilitator (legal). These must be received and signed in order for construction to proceed.
- An AGE Strata representative and the Ministry of Environment Compliance staff meet monthly to discuss the progress of the project.
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- Darren will try to reach out to Reno & Ivano for updates from the District's perspective.

10. Other Business

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11. Next meeting May 18, 2021 at 7pm Zoom

- Guest speaker TBD - would be great to meet the new Youth Worker.

12. Adjournment

- Annie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Marcela seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.