



Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
7:30pm held via Zoom

Attendance:

Administration/Teachers

Darren Macmillan

Kirsten Paterson

PAC Executive

Lisa C (Co-Chair)

Katie G (Vice Chair)

Shannon R (Treasurer)

Nicole N (Secretary)

Diane M (Co-Chair)

Marcela P (DPAC)

Members at Large

Sie G

Julie C

Parents

Sonia

Tony

Melissa

Meeting was called to order by Lisa C at 7:36pm.

1. Welcome – Lisa C
 - Lisa introduced the PAC; this meeting was following on the heels of the Get REAL about Racism Parent presentation that ran 6pm to 7:30pm, but there were still unanswered questions so some people will be late to sign into the PAC meeting.
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Shannon motions to approve the agenda; Julie seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt minutes from Jan 18th, 2022
 - Nicole motions to adopt the minutes of the meeting held by Zoom on Tuesday, January 18th, 2021; Diane seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
4. Admin Report - Darren & Kirsten
 - Darren:
 - The parent presentation of Get REAL about racism was excellent; appreciate PAC for flexibility in changing the meeting time to 7:30pm
 - Student attendance has stabilized with 50-60 students absent per day.
 - Teacher absences are fluctuating, but so far we have avoided shortage
 - The admin was given rapid tests from government which has provided the staff peace of mind
 - There is no word on tests being supplied for students

- There is no news on changing restrictions
- The alternative schedules for lunch & nutrition break as well as start and end times are working well, but students still need to be reminded of COVID guidelines; it can be exhausting to keep kids distanced etc.
- We will be starting registration for MyEd parent portal soon; it will eventually be for all students K-12
 - Ms Woodman looking at data then in next few weeks the school will send out login and password to parents; Diane says WRITE DOWN YOUR PASSWORD, resetting the password is a lot of work!
 - Parents can then go online to track child's progress
 - EMM will have term 2 report cards only on the portal
 - We are the 5th school in district to move over to MyEd
 - Next year, course selection for Grade 8's going into Grade 9 will hopefully be done on the portal.
 - We are expecting a smooth transition to the portal

5. Treasurer Report – Shannon

- Quite a bit of activity recently –
- Wishlist items have come in, primarily with purchases to come from the gaming account; current gaming account balance is \$11,201
- All of the teams have spent money out of their gaming allotments
- There has not been much spent on athletics
- Thunderbirds spent their gaming allotment this month as well
- There was also money spent from the general account for curricular items:
 - Math contest - materials to participants
 - Drama – addition to the sound system
- The only revenue recorded was from the Wonderful Winter Market; we made ~\$7k
- Teachers have been spending their budgets from the Teacher accounts
 - Darren and Kirsten to remind teachers to spend their money
- There is \$19,623.09 remaining in our general account

6. DPAC Report – Marcela

- Good presentations (2) on Grief with Young Adults and what you help with kids under 13.
- There were excellent resources presented
- A preventative resource was presented to help solve issues of grief as well as looking at how it can affect different stages of life later on
- Grief in COVID times has been especially challenging such that we cannot have rituals that allow us to share grief with community that aid in healing.
- Resource links:
 - BC Bereavement Health - Grief, stages, resources (hotline, support groups,) bcbh.ca
 - Crossroads Hospice - In youth grief can come out as anger or anxiety; it affects sleeping patterns and academic development. 1:1 support for youth 13-29 and resources for coping are available: <https://crossroadshospice.org/pages/youth-young-adults>
 - Lumera - grief support for kids under 13. kidsgrief.ca

- Feb 23,22 – Parent education: Community Gaming Grant guest speaker - EXCELLENT for next treasurer to attend this session.
- Mar 2 – stand alone speaker: Fraser Health – Setting a Good Example for Our Kids – Personal Story by Dr. Hassanali, Chief Medical Officer with Fraser Health

7. Events

- Hot Lunch
 - Confirmed dates are Mar 9 (pizza day), Apr 13 (Easter treat), & May 11 (pizza day)
 - We would like to put a call out for volunteers to help with ordering/sorting/delivering
 - We will send an email out to the 52 people that volunteered for Winter Market to also ask for help
 - Does anyone know of a baker that we can use for Apr 13? Or maybe a chocolate that parents can order for their kids?
 - Unfortunately, doing a full hot lunch is still too onerous with COVID protocols, but we hope to have the program up and running in September
- Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
 - Kirsten will send a meeting invitation to grade 8 parents to request for anyone interested in getting involved to join our first meeting on Feb 22 at 7pm
 - If anyone else is interested in joining, pls let us know!
- Staff Appreciation
 - Last year, we could not host a luncheon, due to COVID
 - Previously, parents contribute with a dish
 - Maybe May 18/19?
 - We only have a small pool of money
 - Ideas are a trays of pasta, food truck,
 - Budget is \$800

8. Other Business

- AGE update
 - Good news - the agreement for the work to be completed this summer has been signed by all parties including SD43 and AGE Strata.
 - Next phase: Tendering which will hopefully be finished by the end of March.
 - Plan: work to be completed in the summer 2022.
 - *Late note* - SD43 sent a letter confirming above development on Feb 11, 22
 - Diane, Lisa & Katie joined Kerry Palmer-Isaak for a chat, along with the Anmore Elementary PAC chair. They are hoping that this can be a regular thing to stay connected and share ideas

9. Adjournment

- Marcela motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm; Julie seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
- The next meeting will be March 8th, 2022 @ 7pm