



Eagle Mountain Middle PAC General Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00pm held in school library & simultaneously on Zoom

Attendance:

Administration

Darren Macmillan Kirsten Paterson

PAC Executive

Diane M (Co-chair) Shannon V (Treasurer)
Lisa C (Co-Chair) Marcela (DPAC)

Parents

Julie Megan Colleen

Online via Zoom

Nicole N (Secretary) Katie G (Vice Chair)
Rena Tricia Sepideh

Apologies

Sie G (Member-At-Large) Janine R (Member at Large)

Meeting was called to order by Diane MacSporran at 7:04pm.

1. Welcome – Diane M.
2. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Marcella motioned to adopt the agenda; Katie seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
3. Adopt minutes from April 12th, 2022.
 - a. Julie motioned to adopt the minutes of the meeting held April 12th, 2022; Colleen seconded the motion; all were in favour. The motion carried.
4. Admin Report – Darren & Kirsten
 - a. There continues to be a shortage EA/Teacher/Admin every day due to illness
 - b. Student absences are ~50/day (compared with 110-120/day at the peak of COVID absences)
 - c. Student-leds: It was so nice to see smiling faces, some parents had never been in the building before. There were lots of compliments on the building, and the visits resulted in a real boost to morale.



- d. Darren and Kirsten visited elementary schools for the first time to meet grade 5's
- e. The kids have their lockers now
- f. Kids have gone on field trips and general reviews were that kids are well-behaved
- g. Hot lunches are back
- h. The kids are getting over to Heritage Woods Secondary (HWS) to listen to the band and watch the play
- i. We are hoping that the grade 8's can get into HWS for a tour; last year the kids did not get that chance before starting grade 9.
- j. We are still hoping to get grade 5's into the building, TBA
- k. Darren had a week away for training. The training was for 10 people in district (teachers/admin) to train for 4 days to be trainers of the rest of the staff on Restorative Practices
 - i. To create schools that are healthy and happy
 - ii. To have restorative conferences and circles
 - iii. To bridge the gap between parent, admin, and student
- l. The good news: Staffing numbers are in
 - i. We are down 25 kids from last year
 - ii. There are 550 kids in 22 divisions
 - iii. There are 25-27 kids per division instead of 30/division
 - iv. It is good that we are not down a division
 - v. The trend in our area will be a downward decline
 - vi. There is an increase in ESL and ELL kids (with double the increase for next year)
 - vii. We are 0.2 teachers up, but 25 students down (better Teacher to Student ratio)
- m. The bad news – there were layoffs across the district – we lost 6 teachers
 - i. Ms Ipe – Music – she is high on the list and we are hopeful that she will be hired back
 - ii. Ms Perro – Wolf Teacher – She was starting a counseling program w Ms Jones next year so we hope she will be returning in some capacity next year
 - iii. Ms Huang – Orca Teacher
 - iv. Ms Allen – She is currently filling in for Ms Oak, Bear Teacher, who is coming back
 - v. Ms. Horacsek – Steam Teacher
 - vi. Ms Bro – Raven Teacher – 4th yr in a row laid off,
- n. Mr Christensen, our drama teacher, is retiring at the end of this school year
- o. Ms Zubick is delaying retirement and will be back in the fall
- p. Darren is leaving EMM and going to Maple Creek Middle school. He used to teach there 20 years ago and a piece of him that knows that community. He is sad but knew this was due to come. He's been at EMM 6yrs. We thank Darren for how much he has developed EMM over his time here! We will see Darren around, maybe walking his dog, since he also lives in our community.
- q. Andrew Graham, from Maple Creek Middle School, is going to be our new principal and is excited to join EMM! He and Darren are meeting often to exchange their knowledge to ease the transition.



- r. Kirsten stays! But she will likely get her own school soon too. She'd like a normal year with assemblies etc.!
5. DPAC report – as provided/presented by Marcela attached at the end of these Meeting Minutes
 - a. Diane is putting her name forward for Member-at-Large for DPAC, since she won't be with EMM PAC anymore
 - b. Apr 27, 2022, there was a parent presentation called Online Risks and Emerging Trends with thanks to Canadian Centre for Child Protection
 - c. Apr 29-May 1, BCCPAC Parent conference and AGM links for reference
 - i. <https://www.bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/1110-2022-conf-presentations>
 - ii. <https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Conference/2022-Conference-Guide.pdf>
 - iii. BCCPAC AGM Results:
https://www.bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM/2022_AGM_Results.pdf
 - d. May 4, 2022 DPAC Education and Workshop called Childhood Research – Exploring Resilience, Barriers and the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic offered by TriCities Children's Research Action Team (CRAT)
 - i. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9phtzob67hg581c/CRAT%20for%20DPAC%20May%204%2C%202022.pdf?dl=0>
 6. Treasurer's Report – Shannon V
 - a. Teachers have been spending their money left right and center
 - b. Gaming account current balance: \$8781.09
 - i. Some funds used for fieldtrips (in province)
 - ii. Wish lists are going well and teachers are spending allocations
 - iii. E-Sports team payments
 - iv. Majority of teams hav spent their funds out of gaming
 - v. Famine Breakfast – Ms Chen leads this event and funds are used for the big pancake breakfast on a ProD Day
 - vi. After Grade 8 leaving fees, the balance will be closer to \$5k
 - c. General account current balance: \$20,607.19
 - i. As of this PAC meeting, we had 1 hot lunch
 - ii. The guestimated teacher appreciation funds collected are \$1400 on top of the money we budgeted (\$800)
 - iii. There is \$1900 credit from Munchalunch which was carried over from last year and it has since been reduced to \$940 credit
 - iv. We expect to have generated ~\$1700 on hot lunch
 - v. Wishlist – 2 Teams have spent a lot of their funds under Gaming; The goal is to maximize use of grant money
 - d. We are requesting what Teachers have on their wish lists to update the budget for next year
 - e. We need to do a Gaming summary to show all the money we spent
 - i. Lisa is the main contact for the gaming account (same contact for MunchaLunch)



- f. We need to close the fundraiser and offer 3 options to parents for MunchaLunch credits
 - i. Take a cheque for the credit
 - ii. Carry the credit over to the next school year
 - iii. Or Donate the credit to the PAC General Account
 - iv. It is important to get this information asap because parents need to cash the cheque before we can close the year end (by Jun 30th,2022)

- 7. Events
 - a. Hot Lunch – it is going well for tomorrow May 11
 - i. Hoping that the parent volunteers that ran it this time will run it again next year
 - b. Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony – Colleen
 - i. The June 27th event organized by parents is the fun event
 - 1. We hired Pinnacle Pursuits inspired by Survivor; they will run a 2hr event on the upper grass field
 - a. Need 10 parent volunteers
 - b. Rocky Point Ice Cream at end of the event
 - ii. The June 29th ceremony is organized by the school
 - 1. Parent committee will set up a photo booth and decorations and refreshments
 - a. They will coordinate with the staff
 - b. Prefer a morning time (Tentatively- 10am ceremony, Grade 8's to arrive at 9:30am)
 - 2. This date was chosen so that there would be far fewer people in the school for the ceremony
 - 3. Likely there will also be a school assembly with the teachers and students on Jun 28th to say goodbye to the grade 8's
 - iii. Me'n'Eds pizza fundraiser on May 5th was VERY busy! Funds raised TBA
 - iv. Will be asking parents for money (probably ~\$10)
 - v. Survey will be out to let kids chose their ice cream flavour
 - c. Staff appreciation
 - i. All set up to go for next week!

- 8. Other Business
 - a. PAC Executive Election at AGM
 - i. All roles are up for election and all roles need to be filled. All roles can be shared positions.
 - ii. Chair Position:
 - 1. Get people to come together, share ideas and get things done
 - 2. Steer the ship, not necessarily do all the duties.
 - iii. Vice chair:
 - 1. Keep an eye on the process of chair and be ready to step in as needed
 - 2. Know what is happening in the school and community
 - iv. Treasurer:
 - 1. Ensure financials are up to date and accurate



2. Work with Admin
 3. Arrange payments to invoices
 4. Reconcile Bank accounts online and on paper
 5. Keep spreadsheets up to date
 6. Prepare Annual Summary for the bank
 7. Prepare the draft budget annually
 8. About an hour of month of work
- v. DPAC:
1. Connection between school PAC and District PAC
 2. Attend the DPAC meeting once a month
 3. Report back to PAC
- vi. Secretary:
1. Record all meeting minutes
 2. Prepare and ensure the distribution of the meeting minutes
 3. Prepare and ensure distribution of the agenda
 4. Keep a binder of all PAC meeting minutes
 5. Other roles that have been less common at EMM, but may occur next year
 - a. Keep a current copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and submit updated copies to DPAC offices
 - b. Issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the PAC (monitor the PAC email)
 - c. Ensure safe keeping of all PAC records and keep a list of inventory and assets and their location
- vii. Unofficial roles
1. Hot Lunch coordinators
 2. Winter Market coordinators
 3. Members-At-Large
 4. Health & Safety person
 5. Media & Graphics person
- viii. If anyone is interested in a role or continuing on in a role, they should put their interest forward in writing to Diane or Lisa
- ix. We will open the PAC executive positions to the incoming Grade 5 parents unofficially
- x. Date of the AGM is Jun 14th
- b. Anmore Green Estates (AGE) – The process is ticking along nicely
- i. A few groups have put bids in and it is more expensive than budgeted
 - ii. Because it is more expensive than anticipated, it needs to go back to the Strata for approval; Strata meets in 3 weeks
 - iii. On schedule to start execution July 1st, 2022
- c. EMM is trying to keep the calendar up to date and working to get morning announcements on the website too.
- i. Currently they are on Twitter and FaceBook
 - ii. In emails, we will be sending people to check the calendar



- iii. Heritage Woods Secondary has an app that you can subscribe to for updates; Kirsten will look into it for EMM
- d. Golden Spike Days (ask Julie)

9. Adjournment

- a. Diane motioned to adjourn, Marcela seconded, all in favour.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.
- c. The next meeting will be the AGM on June 14th, 2022 and will be held both in person and on Zoom.



Appendix: DPAC REPORT by Marcela

DPAC Report – April 27 & May 4th 2022

1. Presentation by Tri-Cities Children’s Research Action Team (CRAT) general overview of the team.
Who is in the group (municipalities, DPAC, health authorities, libraries, family support NGO’s)

3 topics: Exploring Resilience, Impact of the Pandemic & Barriers for children and Parents/Providers.

Resilience

9 things children need

- Structure
- Consequences
- Parent-Child connection
- Many strong relationships
- Powerful identity
- A sense of control
- A sense of belonging/culture/life purpose
- Rights and responsibilities
- Safety and support

Impact of the Pandemic

Data collection Sep & Oct 2021 +5,000 parents/caregivers from 19 school districts

42% parents/caregivers say their stress level is high or very high

Less unorganized physical activities for kids

More # hours of screen time

42% parents/caregivers said they play together more frequently with kids

21% said they ate together more frequently

25% decreased income

Middle Development Instrument (MDI) – Coquitlam (UBC indicator)

Grade 4-8

89,000 answered the questionnaire. Main topics: social and emotional development, physical health and well-being, connectedness, school experience, use of after school time.

Key findings: students reported missing field trips, class parties, sports clubs. Most relationship with adults (home & school) stayed the same or improved. 16% relationships were worse with parents and friends. Positive changes: having more time for yourself, exploring other interests, spending more time with family, 20% no positive changes.

Barriers of access to quality programs:

- Transportation, Cost, time offered
- Language barriers, programming

DPAC elections – May 25th AGM