

HME PAC MEETING

November 16th 2023 7:00pm (to 8:30 pm) at HME

Minutes

Attendance: Ladawne S., Renee S., Marco M., Kirsten R., Jen C., Shannon O., Sharon L., Liz K., Sarah P., Marcela P., Tracy ., Alisha N., Robyn L., Jonathan S. (principal)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Marcela and land acknowledgement given

Motion to approve October Minutes by Marco, seconded by Sharon. All approved.

Transportation survey –see attachment for presentation

Presentation given by Gina Fong, transportation planner consultant, for the active school travel study. The city of Port Moody is studying one school per year.

The overall goal is to increase the amount of walking, cycling to school, improve road safety and mitigate traffic concerns.

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1. Project launch
2. Data collection – response rate 137 student
3. Planning and design [they are here]
4. Follow-up study 24/25

Question about the drop off loop – The school drop off is under the authority of SD43, and is the district's design, signage and rules. Our principal does not have authority to change the district rules. People are not supposed to park near the yellow line (bus parking, not enough room to pull out).

Parents brought up concerns on Heritage Mountain Boulevard.

Principal's Message

Mr. Sclater thanked the PAC community for the recent funds received.

- The ukuleles arrived are set up for Ms. Baker to use in the future.
- The Art Starts program is on Monday, a drama workshop. The school tries to alternate types of programs offered using a pre-vetted catalogue of performance options.

Mr. Sclater thanked the teacher and parent volunteers involved in the Halloween event, Remembrance Day ceremony, and book fair. With special shout out to Mrs. Khan and Mr. Clarke for leading the Remembrance Day assembly. Mrs. Khan organized another excellent book fair, with over \$9407.03 in sales.

Other school events:

- The winter concert is coming up, December 13 and 14. It happens during the day and advance notice has been given for parents. Holding the concert during school hours allows all staff, including EAs, and all children to attend.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math). Twice a month on Monday the entire school takes on the same challenge activity. Each grade across k-5, does at their level. An example was given to illustrate, the students work in partners and were all given the same materials in a paper bag. The activity helps social skills, self-regulation, as well as creative thinking, engineering, art, math skills.
- Connections with other schools: we have buddies from Eagle Mountain School grade 8 (3 classes), working with gr3/4 classes. They are working on insects in Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Lauridson classes, how to research, use powerpoint, make relationships with students and teachers. Kids have been recording themselves reading (helps with fluency)

Treasurers Report

Marco Moccichino

The gaming and advisory account budget and year-to-date expenditures were reviewed.

DPAC Report

Jen Chan

Jen summarized the information provided by the assistant superintendant including enrollment and new high school curriculum and evaluation. Hazel Trembath, 250 students were displaced by fire, they are now in the Winslow Building. Many people are reaching out wondering how to help. Some people are leaving unsolicited donations at Winslow. There will be a process in the future to donate material goods, please do not drop anything off until then. For now the best way to help is by donation through www.sdfoundation.org

A call out was made for volunteers, who do not speak French, but have children in the French program to help give input on the program. Visit the cpf.ca website for details.

PAC Fundraising & Events Summary:

Movie night – a great success, many thanks to Gus' mom for her help, over 400 people attended (376 attendees!)

Activity fee campaign – \$4080 raised, representing approximately 30% of student families.

Card project – has wrapped up, you can still order but have to pay for shipping, email Tracy if you need help to late order. \$1414 dollars raised. Discussion on whether it should be fall or spring for next year.

Purdys' fundraiser is open for another week, about \$1250 ordered (\$350 profit for school).

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1286805-111401>

Pancake Breakfast – Alisha

December 22nd, on the last day of school before holidays, kids can wear jammies/ winter sweater.

Rather than deal with grills at last day of school, it's easiest to order pancakes from IHOP, \$3.5 for 2

pancakes. Celiac option is available. Plan is for long tables, with three groups of 4-5 divisions, 2 groups before recess, one group after recess. Kids will get a chocolate milk, eat their pancakes, listen to Christmas music, and then get candy cane and orange, potentially from Santa. The event will be posted on Munch a lunch, \$5/student to subsidize. All students will receive pancakes regardless of payment. The Port Moody firefighters contributed \$250 to help! There will be coffee for teachers too. The event cost is about \$1600 including plates/cutlery.

January movie night (Jan 19th): **Needs a volunteer to run event.** Gym booking will be given up if no one is able to run the event. All the set up information is recorded on a google drive. There are high school volunteers looking for hours to help. Please contact PAC Communications if you are interested in helping..

February Family Dance (Feb 9th) – Ladawne & Katie

Glitz and Glam theme discussed, with suggestion to add 'Glow'. Will be held after dinner, with a professional DJ who does music, games, and lights. Plan is for a photo booth and craft table. Event will need set up and take down volunteers. Tickets are \$15 to cover DJ costs. Under 2years old will be free.

Budget Motion

Motion to increase event budget to \$3000 from \$2000 to cover expense costs related to the pancake event and the February dance event made by Kirsten, second by Marcela. All approved.

Grade Five Leaving

The first meeting for volunteers is on November 28th at 6pm in the school library. Annie and Karen leading and all parents of grade five students are welcome to attend.

The leaving ceremony will be on June 25th, the luncheon on June 21st 12-2:30. There are 48 grade fives this year. Cultus lake trip is June 20th. Budget is \$2700 for grade five leaving (based on student numbers).

Meeting Adjournment at 8:37

The next PAC meeting will be held, Dec. 7th 7pm in the school library.