



PAC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 15th, 2018
École Mary Hill Elementary School

1. Call to Order at 6:35pm.

2. Opening

2.1. Welcome from the Chair, Melody McKiernan

2.2. Approval of tonight's agenda

Moved by Tara Pelaez

Seconded by Justine Parco

Motion Carried

2.3. Approval of April's Minutes

Moved by Justine Parco

Seconded by Tara Pelaez

Motion Carried

3. Reports

3.1. Principal's Report – Michele Reid

3.1.1. Check school website for info on upcoming events and dates.

3.1.2. Stream of Dreams is going ahead. The school will receive a \$2000 grant, \$725 as promised from the PAC, and the remaining \$500 will be covered by the school. Students will paint their fish June 19th-21st. Michele needs 6-7 parent volunteers to help put the fish on the fence on June 25th. Justine will include this request in her weekly email to parents.

3.1.3. On the last Pro-D Day Justine and Michele did an inventory of the Emergency Preparedness container. The school district is trying to provide some funding (\$500-\$1000) for each school, with the priority being water, food and shelter. The water in the container will need to be replaced next year. There isn't much in the container for shelter. There are some building supplies but nothing that could be used immediately in the event of an emergency. There are 100 emergency food ration packs. Justine suggested that a budget priority for next year be stocking the container. Michele said that water, a couple of pop up tents and supplies for emergency toilets (small tents, buckets) are a priority. There may be money available for these supplies this year, but there are concerns about new supplies being stolen over the summer, as happened last year. Michele said that some of the bigger items could be kept in the school over the summer. Michele will confirm her priorities for the container and get back to us.

3.1.4. Michele has a small surplus remaining this year from the Fine Arts fund. Michele needs to know if the PAC is going to provide the school with Fine Arts funding for next year.

Motion on the Floor to give the school \$2500 for Fine Arts programs next year.

Moved by Yvette Whitson

Seconded by Anasabina Dys

Motion Carried

3.1.5. The PAC still owes Michele the following amounts:

3.1.5.1. \$846 for classroom allocation funds. \$2250 was promised; \$575 came in from family donations, and \$810 was carried over from last year, leaving \$846 to be paid by the PAC.

3.1.5.2. \$2500 for Learning Resources.

3.1.5.3. \$725 for Stream of Dreams.

3.1.6. Michele checked on the cost of swings. Four swings would cost \$6248 and six swings would cost \$8386. These prices include installation. It would be an additional \$2000-\$4000 for site prep and maintenance.

3.1.7. Next year's Action Plan for Learning will focus on two goals. The first will be a social emotional learning goal, with an emphasis on sleep, nutrition and exercise. The Live 5210 program will be a guide: 5 servings of fruits and vegetables a day, 2 hours maximum a day of screen time, 1 hour of exercise a day, and cutting down on the consumption of sugary drinks (0 grams added sugar). Michele suggested that funding for cooking/preparing food in the school might be beneficial. The second goal will focus on numeracy.

3.1.8. The school staff gave Michele some feedback on the PAC's offer to fund Wild Education presentations in the school. They would be fine if the PAC wants to provide the experience through extra funding, but want to continue to have the autonomy to use their field trip funds as they see fit.

3.2. Treasurer's Report – Janine Inotai

3.2.1. The PAC currently has \$13,722 in the bank. After the amount we still owe Michele, and the \$500 for the staff appreciation lunch, there is \$9632 remaining in our account. Minus the \$2000 that needs to be set aside for next year, that leaves us with approximately \$7600.

3.2.2. It was decided to postpone the decision on the swings until June. Once everything has been paid out, we'll have a better understanding of where we stand financially.

3.2.3. Tara will check on the fees for Backpac Fundraising for next year.

3.3. School Glow Dance – Janine Inotai

3.3.1. \$650 was raised.

3.4. 50/50 Tickets – Jess Oliviera

3.4.1. \$67.50 was raised.

3.5. Clothes for Cash – Yvette Whitson

3.5.1. \$260 was raised.

3.5.2. We will have to think about the timing of the fundraiser for next year, and what time of year would bring in the most donations. Michele suggested to continue having two fundraiser dates during the year, but keep all of the bags from one date in the storage room, and have the collection truck come only once. That way we would be able to collect more than 151 bags to get the \$3 per bag.

3.6. KM Club – Paula Clarke

3.6.1. 210 students participated.

3.6.2. Prizes cost \$1419, but we raised \$1600 through popsicle sales, so that amount was covered.

3.6.3. The recognition assembly will take place June 1st from 1:30-2:30.

3.6.4. Michele's only concern about the timing of KM Club is the conflict with the track schedule. Some parents were upset that track practices weren't being held. Due to issues with attendance, track practices won't start until KM Club is over, and parents need to understand that.

4. Updates

4.1. DPAC – Geoffery Kehrig (absent)

4.1.1. Geoffery emailed Melody some information to share at the meeting. There are several new schools being built in the district. Some are brand new due to growing populations, while others are for seismic upgrades.

4.1.2. There was a presentation at the last meeting about the district's gifted program.

4.1.3. The Gaming Grant application deadline is June 30th.

4.2. SFSPE – Geoffery Kehrig (absent)

4.2.1. Geoffery had nothing for Melody to share, but he will be stepping down from this position at the end of June. The representative for the SFSPE needs to attend meetings and report back to the PAC.

4.3. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) – Sonia Gill (absent)

4.3.1. Sonia emailed Melody some information to share at the meeting. The Jacky Essombe concert was very successful and a lot of fun.

4.3.2. Sonia will be stepping down from this position at the end of June. The CPF representative needs to attend meetings and report back to the PAC.

4.4. Grade 5 Committee – Dimpy Bhopal & Anasabina Dys

4.4.1. The committee is waiting for the yearbooks to be done. Decorations are being made. The theme this year is friendship.

4.5. Triathlon – Pamela Farmer (absent)

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. PAC Executive Elections – Melody McKiernan

5.1.1. Chair – Tara

5.1.1.1. We will need new representatives for the PAC Lunch and Social Coordinator positions for next year as Tara will be unable to take on these responsibilities along with being PAC Chair.

5.1.1.2. Tara will attend the Welcome to Kindergarten event at 7:00 on May 23rd. She will inform parents about the positions on the PAC that still need to be filled and encourage them to attend June's meeting.

5.1.2. Vice-Chair - Justine

5.1.3. Secretary - Paula

6. New Business

6.1. Entertainment Books – Julie Yu

6.1.1. Yvette volunteered to take over the fundraiser for next year.

6.2. New Representatives Needed – Melody McKiernan:

6.2.1. Canadian Parents for French – Tabled for June

6.2.2. SFSPE – Tabled for June

6.2.3. Claudia will be organizing the class rep positions for next year.

6.3. Gym Ringette – Paula Clarke

6.3.1. BC Ringette is offering to run P.E. classes and teach floor ringette from May to June.

6.3.2. Michele explained that gymnastics is being run in the gym until June 8th, followed by dance for a week, and then it's the last two weeks of school. Michele would be happy to have BC Ringette come in, but it's too busy right now and she would need more notice. Could they come in September?

6.3.3. Paula isn't sure if they could come in September as the regular season starts in late September.

6.4. It was suggested that the PAC use the SignUp app for organizing volunteer spots. There is also a similar option on Backpac Fundraising. Discussion on this matter to continue at a later date.

7. Announcements

7.1. Next Meeting

7.1.1. Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

7.1.2. Erin will look into a possible date for a windup BBQ at her house.

8. Adjournment at 8:05pm.