



PAC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21st, 2017
École Mary Hill Elementary School

1. Call to Order at 6:35pm.

2. Opening

2.1. Welcome from the Chair – Melody McKiernan (absent) - Erin Varga chaired the meeting in her place.

2.2. Approval of tonight's agenda

Moved by Paula Clarke

Seconded by Tara Pelaez

Motion Carried

2.3. Approval of September's Minutes

Moved by Phelesha Van de Kuylen

Seconded by Geoffery Kehrig

Motion Carried

2.4. Approval of October's Minutes

Moved by Justine Parco

Seconded by Geoffery Kehrig

Motion Carried

3. Reports

3.1. Principal's Report – Michele Reid

3.1.1. Darlene Haddad is the school's new secretary. Justine asked if Darlene would like to write a short blurb to introduce herself to the community. Justine could include it in her weekly email to parents.

3.1.2. The Mary Hill staff supports the Saleema Noon presentations that the PAC is looking to provide for the students.

3.1.3. Michele would like to know if the money from the PAC allocated to the library can go straight to Ms Medan to be spent as she sees fit for library resources.

3.1.4. The staff wish list includes bulletin boards for the classes that don't have them in the hallway. Michele would also like to replace some chairs as many at the school are starting to wear out. The PAC executive will meet to discuss this matter and get back to Michele.

3.1.5. The money from the PAC earmarked for learning resources and literacy (general) will be divided between classes in order to buy books to stock up classroom libraries and reading groups.

3.1.6. Michele would like to know how the PAC would like to reimburse teachers for field trips and items purchased through classroom allocation funds. Michele has already used quite a bit of money from her principal's account to reimburse teachers. Is the PAC going to write a cheque for every single receipt provided by teachers? It was suggested that the PAC give Michele one lump sum for the field trip and classroom allocation funds so that she can reimburse teachers as receipts are submitted. At the end of the year the PAC will be provided with a copy of all the receipts. The PAC executive will meet to discuss this matter and get back to Michele.

3.1.7. Michele would like parent feedback on The Ned Show. It is a school presentation that focuses on motivating children. It is 45 minutes long and is free to the school. Other schools that have had the presentation have given great reviews. The only catch is that after the presentation yoyos are left at the school that can be bought by students as a way to fund the show. How do we, as parents, feel about our children asking for money to buy a yoyo? The PAC agreed that the pros outweigh the cons.

3.1.8. The grade 4s have been completing the MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument). Michele would like to do a debrief on the results with the PAC during a less busy time (possibly January). Some highlights: 50% of the children believe they're not in good health. 40% believe they do not get enough sleep or have good nutrition. 50% are worried. The data taken from the MDI is used by the Community Centre to determine

what programs it offers as well as by the United Way. Michele would like to do some education on this subject with the community as well but would like to run the information through the PAC first.

3.1.9. Michele would like to know if the PAC is going to put up Christmas decorations near the office as in years past. Paula, Jess and Tara volunteered to put up decorations. Justine will put a call out for parent volunteers in the weekly email as well.

3.1.10. Are there any dates the PAC would like entered on the school calendar?

-Teacher Appreciation Lunch – March 14th

3.1.11. The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place next week.

3.1.12. The Christmas Concert is on December 21st.

3.2. Treasurer's Report – Janine Inotai

3.2.1. Fundraising update:

-The Halloween Dance raised \$1244.

-PAC Lunch has raised \$601 so far.

3.3. Grade 5 Committee Update – Phelesha Van de Kuijlen

3.3.1. The November 17th movie night raised \$1219. It did so well because the grade 5 students were involved and worked hard to make the evening a success. Also, all of the food was donated, including pizza by Dominoes, so there were no costs, only profit. Really good advertising also helped make the evening a success.

3.3.2. The Grade 5 Committee may cut back from four movie nights to two. The next movie night will probably be on February 16th.

3.4. Family Halloween Dance – Janine Inotai

3.4.1. Hiring a DJ was a great idea. He did a fantastic job and helped make the evening a success.

3.4.2. Allowing only students from Mary Hill to attend worked very well, but we need to make sure to advertise the dance as such in order to avoid confusion.

3.4.3. Justine asked Janine for a little write-up to include in the fundraising event binder for future school dances.

3.4.4. It was agreed that entrance by donation works better than selling tickets as it generally brings in more money, and also allows students to attend who may not be able to afford to otherwise.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1. PAC Christmas Raffle Update – Jess Oliveira

4.1.1. Jess would like to thank Darlene for all her help.

4.1.2. The tickets only cost \$100 to print.

4.1.3. So far ticket stubs and money have been slow to come in. Justine will send out a reminder every week in the weekly email until December 18th.

4.1.4. Specific info on the date night prize is needed, as parents have been asking for details. The PAC executive will meet to discuss this matter and get back to Jess.

4.1.5. Will the VIP raffle tickets for the Christmas concert be sold before and after school by parent volunteers as in years past?

4.1.6. Who can run the auction for the front row seats at the afternoon and evening Christmas concert performances? Phelesha will think about it.

4.2. PAC Poinsettia Fundraiser update – Anasabina Dys (absent)

4.2.1. Delivery is on December 4th, and pick up on the 5th and 6th.

4.2.2. Where does Anasabina want the poinsettias kept until they are picked up by families?

4.3. Sexual Health Educator, Saleema Noon, update – Paula Clarke

4.3.1. Paula will give an update at the next PAC meeting.

4.3.2. A discussion on PAC funding for the Saleema Noon presentations is tabled until next month's meeting. The cost for the presentations is approximately \$1400.

5. New Business

5.1. Southside Family of Schools - Geoffery Kehrig

5.1.1. At the last meeting two SD43 administrators spoke about the new curriculum and report cards .

5.1.2. There were comments from parents that report card language is too technical and hard to understand.

5.1.3. Recommended that parents have a conversation with their child's teacher if they need clarification.

5.2. Kindergarten email forms – Justine Parco

5.2.1. Justine can't find the rest of the completed kindergarten email forms. Claudia will be contacted when she gets back from vacation as she may know where they are.

6. Announcements

6.1. Next Meeting

6.1.1. December 12th, 2017 @ 6:30pm

7. Adjournment at 7:55pm.