**2020/2021 School Year in Review**

To the Members of the Ecole Montgomery Community,

This has been an unusual year to say the least. The PAC, as all groups, pivoted our priorities and the way we did things this year. Our focus was on the ***well-being of our school community***.

Monthly meetings were on Zoom, which were well attended. In March we invited our “Grade 5” families to join our future PAC meetings so that they could get acquainted with the school and PAC. Our page on the **school website** has been updated regularly and we hope it has been useful. Michelle Wong has done a phenomenal job as our secretary this year capturing the details of our meetings.

This year our Community Gaming Grant was prioritized to purchase more **inside and outside sports equipment**. As students needed to stay in their “class bubbles” it was important that each class had their own equipment to use (basketballs, soccer balls, four square balls, chalk, and badminton racquets/nets). Also, as outside school areas were divided for lunch time, we supported the purchase of equipment that could be used in those areas, such as pickleball, and tether balls. Another priority, was to support the school in **obtaining and updating technology equipment**.

This year, The PAC decided to go ahead and ask for Parent Donations. As a requirement for receiving the Gaming Grant Money, the PAC needs to hold one fundraiser each year. We figured that instead of asking parents to purchase things that they may/may not need, donations aligned with our philosophy. We were able to provide **each advisory, plus the library and student services with $100 to use towards “materials” that would enhance classroom learning experiences**. Thank you!

One of the key elements of our school during this time is our **breakfast and lunch program**. This year the PAC donated $591 in Costco/Save-On gift cards to the program. We also had two wonderful parents who consistently volunteered their time to go shopping for food, Kim Cameron and Christine Friend. Backpacks are sent home to families with food on the weekends.

As the year progressed, we worked with the school to **support students who could not otherwise afford to purchase extra items** such Monty Spirit Wear or yearbooks. Our Me’N”Eds Pizza night and our Funscript fundraiser contributed to this area.

Each year we support the school with the **Grade 8 leaving ceremony** and providing a parting gift to the students. This year we donated $600 plus an addition $300 from our April Me’N’Eds Pizza Night.

Thank you to Kim Cameron for her role as treasurer, ensuring that we have an accurate financial statement each month and that our focus remains on the goals at hand.

As a PAC we recognize the tremendous efforts the staff of Ecole Montgomery have put in this year. Each day the staff come to school to support our students and families. We acknowledged them throughout the year; in September we provided each staff member with a gift card to a local coffee shop, Coffee and Vanilla. In February, we “flower bombed” the school and each staff member took home a plant from a local florist, Fran’s Flowers. We are currently working on our June **staff appreciation** “event”.

As our **PAC constitution** has not been reviewed since April 2003 it is outdated. Under the care, of Manjit Herar, our member of large, we have started the process of revising it.

Janice Dodge, a member of large, has played a key role in liaising with the school, municipal officers and the police in enhancing the **safety** of our students when arriving and leaving the school.

Thank you to Sabine Sasakura for her active presence at the **District Parent Advisory Council**. Sabine has kept our PAC updated on district initiatives, parent education opportunities, and has been a strong supporter of our school community.

As my son moves to High School next year, this is my last year as PAC president. I want to thank each of you for your contributions and support over the past 2 years. I have been honored to be able to work with such a strong and caring community.

Sincerely,

Linda Intihar,

PAC President