

## École Moody Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2017 7:00pm

### **Attendees:**

Jennifer Peltier (Chair)  
Tina Muma (Treasurer)  
Shannon Jorgensen (DPAC)  
Joanne Winsor (Secretary)  
Trevor Kolkea (School Principal)

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion: Jen; Second: Tina; Motion carried - all in favour

**Adoption of Oct. 3 Minutes:** Motion: Jen; Second: Shannon; Motion carried - all in favour

### **School Update: Mr. Kolkea**

- This month is busy with registering Grade 8 students for high school and providing students & parents with the necessary information, while also bringing in new students and organizing for current Grade 5 students who will be attending in the fall.

- 120 people attended the recent Late French Immersion (LFI) information session; There are 30 spaces available to be filled for Fall 2017.

- Coming up on January 25 is an EMMSOTA info night for those interested in attending the school. This could include cross-catchment students, general interest, etc. This will provide information to people ahead of registration time. There may be high level of interest in anticipation of the new school building opening next year.

-4 new students have registered since Winter break.

-Ski & Snowboard Club starts this week (January 19)

-A number of field trips are coming up in February, including trips to the Museum of Vancouver. As a result of PAC fundraising there will be \$0 cost to students for trip to MoV.

-Fresh Grade app is currently being used by Earth Pod teachers, more at the student level than for parents at this point. Other teachers are willing to start using the app in future.

-The school's Action Plan for Learning (APL) is transitioning from a goal of "inquiry" to one of "self-regulation".

-Student support services work towards "getting ready to learn" & "zones of regulation".

-The school continues to purchase furniture such as wobble stools to encourage self-regulation.

-There are many flexible learning spaces throughout the school building.

-Tech Plan:

- The school has updated a large portion of its desktop computers
- Plan to have many more laptops for students to use
- Projectors and document cameras are necessary
- The school was successful in a grant application, making 5 new surface tablets available
- New headphones with microphones are now available and used for work on speech-to-text programming.

-Coding:

- 15 "Spheros" have been donated to the school by SD43 and *Finger Food Studios*. These robotic spheres can be coded and given directions. Mr. Abdulla has created a maze – Students will code the Spheros to navigate this maze as part of a new BRICK theme.

-As a result of the recent Supreme Court ruling 46 new teachers will be hired in SD43. For EMMSOTA this means an additional math teacher 2.5 days per week, starting January 30.

-Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is about to take place.

**D-PAC Report: Shannon Jorgensen**

-At the Nov. 30, 2016 meeting topics such as the RULER approach and resolution of parent/student school concerns were addressed.

-A new curriculum information session is scheduled for January 26 at Winslow Centre, 7-9pm

-The DPAC "Pulse" Newsletter is available online at <http://dpac43.ca/dpac-documents/>

-A reminder to parents with children born on or after Jan. 1, 2006 about the Education Savings Grant:

- The BC government is offering a one-time \$1,200 savings grant to all BC kids between the age of 6 and 9 years old. All children born on or after January 1, 2006, whose parent or legal guardian lives in BC at the time of the application are eligible.

-See attachment for more information, or visit [www.smartsaver.org/provincial-grants.shtml](http://www.smartsaver.org/provincial-grants.shtml)

-See attached DPAC info sheet for additional DPAC information

**Treasurer Report: Tina Muma**

-Proceeds of 50/50 draw from the Winter Concert (\$87.50 above anticipated) and \$660 additional Gaming Grant funds result in extra funds to be allocated. These funds can be put towards the Artist Partnership, an area in which additional funds would be helpful since the school was not awarded the Art Start grant this year.

--**Motion** to allocate \$747.50 from Gaming Account towards Artist Partnership:

Motion: Jen; Second: Shannon; Motion carried - all in favour

-To date \$944.78 has been raised on treat days. The next treat day is scheduled for January 26, followed by a Valentine's treat day on February 14 (tentative).

-Purdy's Chocolate sale raised more money than expected (\$343.29)

-Winter Concert concession raised more money than expected (\$126.05)

-Gift Card Fundraiser was not as successful as anticipated. \$80.05 was raised, but this required a high dollar value of gift card sales. This fundraiser was not included in PAC's budget, and while it didn't do as well as hoped, all the profit is above the budget. A large portion of the sales were most likely Christmas gifts, so if this fundraiser were to be run during the year it would probably have lower sales. With this in mind, it will not be run again during this school year.

-A cheque was received from QSP in the amount of \$85.27. This is most likely a result of magazine sales from an account set up for the school a number of years ago.

-The Spring Play will be held April 4-6; Need to plan raffle baskets

-Instead of raffle baskets made up from parent donations Tina and Jen will approach local breweries and liquor stores for reduced prices on craft beer and wine. This will hopefully result in a craft beer basket and a case of wine to be raffled off separately, most likely with a limited number of tickets at \$10 each. Details will be determined once prices for beer and wine have been set and voted upon via email.

### **Open Forum**

No further items discussed

**Next PAC meeting will be held March 6, 2017 at 7pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm