Ecole Moody Middle School of the Arts

PAC MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

2020-2021 PAC Executive Members:

Co-Chairs – Samantha Kuypers, Kerry LeCorre Vice-Chair – Aina Adashynski Co -Treasurer – Jennifer Montgomery Co- Treasurer – Lucy Kuwica Secretary – Elisa Tjin

DPAC – Jessie Hurley, Tara Cain

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Jennifer Cox (tbd)

Volunteer Coordinator – Alicia Purvis

1. Welcome and Introductions

6:41pm meeting called to order

- 2. Approvals
 - a. February 8, 2021 Agenda
 - b. Minutes of the January 18 PAC Meeting (adopted unanimously)
- 3. Principal & Vice Principal's Report

Mr. Clay - New health and safety protocols, not a huge shift, was already very much in place. Wearing masks more often. This has been difficult for some, but everyone has been quite respectful. There have been some questions, everyone understands it's for their safety, only a few tweaks. Exits, entrances, masks, protocols already adhered to. Continuing to be trying times as continue to have to be mindful, thoughtful. Thanked the kids for being resilient and patient. It has been a trying time. Students deserve a lot of gratitude - they are going through a tough time but are being responsible. Although at times they are finding it tough, are stressed and frustrated, their perseverance and resilience is impressive. Hoping that conversations about their experiences are taking place at home.

First Wellness Wednesday two weeks ago. Staff and students appreciate. Starts with Ms. Armstrong's morning meditation and carries on with various themes. Next one to be held on February 24 and will focus on gratitude - carrying on the theme of gratitude and kindness for the month. The name Random Acts of Kindness has been trademarked elsewhere so it is referred to as Real Acts of Caring. In our district the Harriet Chang is the champion of Real Acts of Caring week and the leadership students are part of planning this annual event which has been going on 16-17 years. Our leadership team gathers every couple of weeks via zoom to support student leaders and include four teachers: Ms Tsychinki, Mme Grayston, Ms. Eaglestad, Christine McLellan (youth worker) and focus on assemblies, activities. There is a co-connection with Chinese New Year – year of the Ox.

Learning conferences Marc 2-4th, Connect with parents on Teams for 3-way conference by appointment. The objective is to set collaborative goals, talk about core competencies, moving everyone forward.

Ms. Jung – Spoke regArts integration, a few updates. Get Real – Jessie. Different themes. Mental health wellness confusion, anti-racism theme. Stay tuned for more in the newsletter. Adrian Walker, Chris Magnussen working on a proposal for a new Artist in Residence. They are tapping some different artist to

come back with ideas that fit the theme of innovation and the environment. Mr. Walker started as an AIR, now he is the art teacher. They looking at different leads, could be spoken word, hip hop, photography and looking at and at timelines such as after spring break? It's important that its not putting extra pressure, that its enjoyable. Each Pod will have a turn through June. Echoes Mr. Clay's thank you to all of us, larger community, staff and students for their resilience in these very different times. Having conversations with different circles, examining as what worked during this time.

MDI index was written with Grade 8s to get an idea of the health and well being of students in the community, perception, areas in the community that need to be addressed. Done by UBC different demographic info (from the district one) students are writing a lot because of FSAs, did Grade 8 after Grade 7 to get an idea of how kids are dealing with Covid, a continuum one year to next. Additional questions added. Interesting to see how they're feeling, their resilience and how they're managing.

Health and safety updates are happening monthly. K-12 guidelines going out, highlighting changes.

Covid notification procedures have changed four times since November's. Principals are now being looped into the initial notification, before in many instances families were informing the administration. There has been a greater tightening up on early notification for efficiencies.

4. Executive Reports

- a. Co-Chair's Report
- b. Co-Treasurer Update\$2458.71 Purdy's cheque received. \$1410 approx. in parent donations.
- c. DPAC were unable to make it. Tara sent minutes 5:47 this evening. There was a presentation by Stephen Wiffen, SD43 rep who discussed the covid protocols. There are 900 students from K -8 still at home, however this number is heavily represented in only 20% of schools. Rob Henriks, Dave Sands device safety, diversity and inclusion group will do a presentation, details to come.

5. Programs

a. Fundraising:

Munch a Lunch (Jen M.) - Jen will look into setting up Munch a Lunch again for the Raffle to be held after Spring Break and the Neufeld Farms fundraiser. Prorated \$120. Can do it within a day, or very quickly. Easy and helpful. Very responsive.

True Earth (Sam) - Fundraiser approved. Launch just before spring break, add to year-round fundraising program (which includes Cobs, Thrifty's, Neighborhood Liquor Store).

Neufeld Farms (Cordelia) doesn't work without Munch a lunch, the only time items delivered open spot March 9 or 10. Delay this for later in the school year as there isn't even time before Spring Break.

Global Coffee Fundraiser (Gabby / Kerry) - approved. Kerry will get it up and running, to close before Spring Break. Pretty straightforward. Order online, delivered to school for coordinate Covid-friendly sorting and pick up. Sticking to online ordering only. Coffee. Delivery cost \$25. Organize the bags and set pickup dates. Come in boxes but plastic bags were added by the coaches. If buyers do not want to pick up from the school, they can

make arrangements with PAC for alternate drop off or porch pick up. Set at \$15 (profit \$5 per bag), 2 days after order closed delivery, 2 to 3 weeks to order coffee, sample website.

Babysitting Course (Sonya Burdett) – approved. Online course. Red Cross Hero affiliated Babysitting Certificate, First Aid Top Up, and Home alone courses. Full day online. The school will receive \$8 for each student registered online using code. Typically 20-30 applicants, quite popular. School would normally offer twice a year on proD days. Sonya will get in touch with details for Mark Clay to include in the newsletter, on school website.

b. Grade 8 Commencement Committee (Jessie Hurley) – still early days. Reach out to Grade 8 parents for input.

8. New Business

Questions regarding Pink shirt day initiatives and orders.

9. Adjournment

Next meeting: March 8, 2021