

# Ecole Moody Middle School of the Arts

## PAC Meeting Minutes

September 21 2020, 6:30 p.m. Online-Via Zoom

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### Attendees:

Principal- Mark Clay	Carla Pasqua
Vice Principal-Kathryn Jung	Poopeh M.
PAC Co-Chair- Samantha Kuypers	Jessie Hurley
PAC Co-Chair- Kerry LeCorre	Tara Cain
Co-Treasurer- Jennifer Montgomery	Tim Barton
Secretary- Elisa Tjin	Cordelia Dailey
Hot Lunch Coordinator-Jennifer Cox	Agusto
Lucy Kuwica	Fiona MacEachern
Gabriela Raymond	Barbara Anderson
Aina Adashynski	Brenda van Hemmen
Alicia Purvis	James Chung
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### Regrets:

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Introductions were made.

#### 2. Approvals

- September 21, 2020 Agenda- approved.
- Minutes of June 8 2020 PAC Meeting- approved.
- Motion to approve any additional PAC exec to elect for upcoming school year

#### 3. Election of New Executives (description of all roles attached in supporting index)

- Roles were discussed and parents volunteered for the positions. There were no volunteers for the Vice Chair role which was decided by a vote 13 to 7 in favour of Aina Adashynski. A motion was then made and passed to elect the following roster of volunteers to the corresponding roles:
- PAC Chairs - Samantha Kuypers, Kerry LeCorre**
- Vice Chair - Aina Adashynski**
- Co-Treasurers - Jennifer Montgomery, Lucy Kuwica**
- Secretary - Elisa Tjin**
- DPAC - Jessie Hurley, Tara Cain**
- Volunteer Coordinator - Alicia Purvis**
- It was decided to formalize the Hot Lunch Coordinator position at a later date as more is known about the logistics and SD43's position on this. A number of parents expressed a wish to help out throughout the year.

#### 4. Principal's Report:

- Principal (Mr. Clay):
  - Expressed gratitude to everyone who joined the PAC meeting via Zoom.
  - The school has been working really hard to prepare for staff and students to be back at school: hand washing, lunch locations, etc. The students are learning, connecting with their teachers, making new friends, and everyone is settling.
  - Having BBQ, team activities, sports are hard because school has to prioritize safety first.

- Believes that our staff is the ultimate professional, excited to come back to school.
  - Quote from the first newsletter “See the invisible and do the impossible”-District administrator intercity in LA. It is fitting for this year especially the school wide theme is **innovative** and **the environment**. The school is being asked to do things differently, learn differently, experience different things-how do we make that successful, making positive spin in school and classrooms.
  - Topic of the environment-allowing, facilitating-learn to create, maintain and sustain the environment that we have been enjoying.
  - Our mini art installation: colours and butterfly to create art community around the school.
  - School wide read, “Posted” by John David Anderson. Theme: deal with friendships (social connection).
  - Doing numeracy assessment in the next couple of weeks to establish areas of growth.
  - Focus for the beginning of the year is always around social emotional, establishing communities (tribes within the small learning groups), review code of conduct, building community within the learning groups.
  - Daily Health Check is on Cash Online. Asking parents to please fill out the form again and submit it online.
  - Band, Choir, and Athletic programs are being discussed, what the school can do with safety being priority.
  - Band: how to clean and sanitize instruments.
  - Open House later this week. School would like to have parents to join the Open House virtually tentatively on September 29 (Tuesday). It would be prerecorded by Principal and Vice principal. Will post it on teams.
  - Classroom orientation: what the students are doing, planning, opportunity for questions.
  - Virtual Open House possibility around 4 pm or 6:30 pm.
- Vice Princial (Ms. Jung):
    - Health and Safety:
      - Started the school with different protocols about masks, hand-washing, etc.
      - All the information from provincial health, work safe BC, BC center for disease control, they change from week to week, thus it is a challenge.
      - Students coming in from different entrances, dots to indicate waiting points for washrooms, change room is not being used right now.
      - At lunch, students are going outside, spending time at specific locations. Students have been amazing.
      - Clean the equipment that each learning group uses accordingly, won't be sharing with other learning groups.
      - With weather changes, students will be asked to be outside, therefore, please ask students to wear appropriate clothes.
      - Gave out sets of masks and lanyard, coloured by pods.
      - Thanking visitors who made appointments to come in to the school building.
      - Reminding parents NOT to U-Turn on Buller Street.
      - South side of the school has sinks in the classrooms. Northside of the school classrooms don't have sink. Students use outside sink, washroom sink, and Home Economy sink.
      - Students will receive planner, and asking parents to please review the first 16 pages of the planner with the students.

- Terry Fox event: depends on each classroom, whether it is fundraising or recognizing the event.
- Got the confirmation that this year foundation goal assessment for Grade 4 and 7 will be going ahead, which begins in early October 3 to November 12 roughly. There would be online component. Some more information will follow.

#### 5. Upcoming Events Dates/Needs:

- Was decided to hold PAC meetings on the second Monday of each month to avoid overlap with elementary schools. October's PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 on account of the school closure for Thanksgiving's Day. The other days are November 9, December 14, January 11, February 15, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14. These dates are subject to confirmation with respect to any conflicts with the school calendar.

#### 6. Executive Reports:

- **Presidents' Report** - Kerry expressed the uncertainty around students coming back to school right up until the first days and how interaction with peers and experiencing the classes in person did a lot to make them feel comfortable. She thanked teachers, staff and admin for doing so much in the new normal. Samantha welcomed the new parents, new executive, outgoing executive and participants for their time and commitment in attending the meeting and offering their assistance in the coming year. We will take things one step at a time and assess what's possible as we go along.
- **Treasurers Update** - Jen was pleased to report that all disbursements the PAC had committed to in last year's budget were made. Despite the incomplete projection of hot lunch fundraising we had an excellent year. Parent direct donations totaled about \$2000 and are made through school cash online. We discussed whether we should renew Munch a Lunch. One parent noted that this can be a useful platform for other fundraising. We will inquire whether it is possible to renew later in the year once we have a better idea of our chances of using it. The DPAC has four zoom licenses we can use. If they are spoken for, the principal will ensure we have zoom access.
- **DPAC** - We received an email from Corrie Nobel, DPAC member at large asking us to get in touch if we have any concerns around school traffic and to share fundraising ideas.

#### 7. Programs:

- a. **Hot Lunch program** – It is on hold until we know more. The school board may issue a directive in the coming month. They may be some ways to do it but we need more information and will wait for district guidance.
- b. **Fundraising** - We will continue with Thrifty's, Cobs, Neighborhood Liquor Store. Purdy's is a possibility but we should inquire if they are offering coordinated packaging or direct delivery to families. To be decided at the October meeting.

#### 8. New business.

##### Questions and comments:

Q: If having Seleema Noon's presentation still a visible?

A: Any in-person gatherings are strongly discouraged for the time being. Virtual opportunities are possible.

Q: Sports?

A: Have to wait and see. School has not committed with any sport seasons. Safety is priority. Sports and bands will be a mix of learning groups.

Q: How are gym classes working? How do they clean?

A: Within the learning group in the gym. One class in the gym at a time. Or draw a curtain between the gym for two classes. Teachers are using creative ways to do PE at the moment without using shared equipment. Teachers are responsible to clean the equipment. Main touch points throughout the school are being cleaned and wiped down frequently, minimum two times a day, including chairs and desks.

Q: Would it be possible to work with hot lunch?

A: May not be unreasonable for prepacked individual lunch from certain vendors (i.e. subway) being delivered to students. Waiting on more directions from the district to give the school on how to proceed.

For example: School library-only one learning group is allowed and how to quarantine books, etc. (still waiting from the district information)

Hot lunch maybe possible in late October.

Q: Any flu shots for the kids?

A: It has been set up for staff for flu shots. However, for students, the school has not heard anything from the district. But from speculation, it would be hard to host the flu shot. Mr. Clay will double check.

## **9. Adjournment**

8:30 pm

**Next PAC Meeting October 13 2020 at 6:30 pm.**