

Mountain Meadows Elementary
PAC Meeting
Monday October 24, 2016
7pm

Attendance: Mahyar, Paul Caldwell, Terai Hicik, Shannon Oliver, Billy Niven, Gabriella Trochan, Jen Mackie, Zoe Furby, Robin Funk, Jamie McMurray, Lyndsay Abdou, Cecilia Juarez, Kate McMeiken

Recorder: Justina Halmrast

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Sept 28, 2016:** Motion to approve: Jamie, Shannon seconded, passed
2. **Principal's Message:** Kate McMeiken
 - October slideshow was presented showing the parents some of the wonderful things the kids have been doing during the month of October.
 - Possible Building Community events were discussed. One is a community mural with 2 parts, one being a collaborative mural painting and the second part would be an inservice with the teachers and kids. It take about 10 days, including prep, kids in class painting and the mural itself. Total cost would be aprox \$5000, including a finished canvas painting that each child would take home. The second idea would be a Community garden, built in the sport court area with raised wooden planter boxes. Mrs Ziraldo would be the teacher rep and we hope to go ahead with this in the new year. A grant will be applied for with the help of Angela Blackall.
 - The FM system for the school was discussed again and there is much interest among teachers for this to be implemented. But due to cost, perhaps just one unit for now?
3. **Communications between PAC and Principal:** Let's follow the proper chain of communication to streamline messages.....email the PAC and the co-chairs will email the Principal.
4. **Newsletter:** Dawn has published the first edition of the newsletter and it has been well received. The goal is for it to be put out around the 3rd week of the month, with no editions in Dec or Mar, for a total of 7 issues. **The cut off for submissions is the 12th.**
5. **Upcoming/Ongoing Fundraising Updates:**
 - Scholastic: as per Jen, our order has been delayed(574.85) and we are waiting for our order to be processed to know what Bonus Bucks the school will be awarded.
 - Poinsettia sales: update from Jamie: everyone can now order these through Munch a lunch (MaL) or through the paper orders that have been sent home. **Order deadline is Nov 18.** Pick up will be **Dec 1. Samples at the Bookfair?**
 - **Book Fair: Nov 2-4**, headed up by Jamie and Shannon. Will be held before and after school with a special adults only shopping time on the Friday from 9-10 to shop without the kids.
 - **Spud:** different options available to purchase through spud.ca website. Please be careful in selecting MME from the drop down menu after selecting SPUD fundraising. Or you can follow the link that Angela has set up from the MM Facebook page that takes you to the correct part of the website. The school receives our portion every quarter.
 - **Mabels' labels:** ongoing

6. **Emergency Bunker update:** Peter and Rob have gone through the bunker to see what are the required items. The specific list for our school has been printed and there might be a need for one adult bike to be included in the bunker as an alternative method of transportation in the event of a disaster. An inventory still needs to be completed on the on-hand items?

7. **Budget Report:** Update from Gabriela: Current balance in accounts as of today are:
General: **\$5857.25**
Casino: **\$5191.44 (received grant monies already)**

The plan is to pay for the Hip Hop week and Saleema Noon out of the casino account
Book Club: \$160
Smile cards: \$242 (funds are for the school library)

- Gabriela, Terai and Robin are all set up at the bank in terms of signing authority.
- Hot lunch program has started
- Mr Chase has been given a cheque for last years' expenses.
- This year's Pumpkin patch field trip has already been paid out of the account.

8. **Staff Appreciation:** Updates from Zoe and Jen: In the past the PAC has put on one large luncheon for the staff which has always been well received but maybe is too much all at once. The proposal is then to spread out things over the course of the year with smaller gifts/tokens of appreciation for the staff. We are thinking of doing something every other month. These will be kept a secret so it can be a bit of a surprise! The fundraising goal is \$500 and we are going to put a fundraising tab on MaL with options for \$2/\$5/\$10 for parents who can help out.

9. **Student Activity Fee:** Discussion around the current method of doling out funds to the classrooms to fund things like inservices and field trips. With the current formula, the amount spent is around \$7180. The proposed "per kid amount" would cost around \$4755. The proposed new system might allocate the funds better, esp for the non-enrolling teachers such as EAL and Counselling. Teachers can then decide how to best spend that money for the kids (ie supplies such as stickers and field trips). More discussion about how much money would be for each child, ie \$25 or \$20 per.

Jamie then put forth a motion to amend the title of this fee from Student Activity Fee to Staff Activity Fund and that the amounts shall be; \$20 per child x 219 children plus \$219 x 5 non enrolling teachers. Jen seconded and the motion passed.

10. **Holiday Market:**

- Will be held on December 15, 2016 in the school gym
- \$500 float to cover expenses. Motion to approve funding: Zoe, seconded Jen, motion passed.
- Accepting donations as of now
- Please send in your new or like new donations to the PAC kitchen (no junk items please). We especially need teen boy/girl and pet type items.
- Donations of wrapping paper and cards are very welcome!

11. **New Business:**

- **Vegetarian Hot Dog option for Hot Lunch:** Angela has changed the MaL to include this option now.
- **Spirit Wear:** Do they have to say 2017 on them? If not, it is a lot cheaper to produce.
- **Movie night:** Terai made a proposal for us to hold a Movie Night on Nov 25? Discussion around how to make this a bit more of a profitable night for the PAC. We have decided to ask for monetary donations from parents at the door if they wish to do so. Discussion around purchasing pizza's and then selling them at the event vs pre-ordering them through MaL. Decision made to keep the pizza sales as is for now.
- **Thrifty Foods smile cards:** discussion. Cecilia will make the application to Thrifty foods once again and will hand out new cards to the new families and Kindergarteners' only. Need to come up with a goal, one idea was to fund the Como Lake relay, but not sure if that would qualify.
- **Traffic Update:** Info from Billy: he has been out monitoring traffic and helping out everyone by the crosswalk but could use a few more volunteers, esp in the mornings. He has also been liaising with ICBC, POMO police and the City of POMO. Has been working to get a speed reader set up on the hill just before the crosswalk. Idea proposed to have the police and kids hand out gift cards to say thanks to drivers for obeying the rules and speed limits. Mark from the City has been a big help. Billy will also note cars and their license plates of repeat traffic infractions to pass on to the police.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Next meeting on Monday November 28 at 7pm in the school library and all parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.