

## **Mundy Road PAC Meeting January 18, 2012**

**In Attendance:** Hillary Drexel, Dorothy Sela, Dalene Schulz , Elizabeth Hrynew, Michaela Kelly, Kathy Anderson, Kim Driver, Shannon Antunes, Jehnel Wong, Teri Towner, Teresa Battista, Amanda Wai, Suzanne Clements, Lori LaCroix  
Staff: Kelly Zimmer, Kim Kroeker, Suzanne LaFleur, Ken Porter

**Approve Agenda:** Moved by Suzanne, seconded by Teri. All in favour, carried.

### **Chairperson's Report – Kathy Anderson**

Thanks to all for respecting rules of the front parking lot, and to the parents who are helping patrol the parking lot. Students may be dropped off at the front door, but parking is for staff only. Reminder to parents and caregivers that we are not to enter the school until dismissal bell has rung, unless you have business in the school.

Those who have been active for past few years should be pleased with the work the PAC has accomplished, including the playground. We encourage new parents to feel free to share ideas and get a vision of what they would like to see in their years at Mundy in order to make our school a fun and exciting place.

Kathy made a motion to add to the agenda the teacher's wish list presentation by Mrs. LaFleur after the chairpersons report. Moved by Hillary, seconded by Teri. All in favour, carried.

### **Teacher's Wish List – Suzanne LaFleur**

Teachers were asked to choose 5 items for the wish list, then they had a staff meeting with Kelly. The wish list was prioritized during the staff meeting. It was decided to keep kindergarten separate from the rest of the grades. Voting on the teacher's wish list will take place at the February PAC Meeting.

### **Principal's Report – Kelly Zimmer**

FSA tests start January 19 for 4th grade students. Parents have the option of pulling their child from participating in the FSAs.

Ready Set Learn was on Monday. 45 people attended, and it was the best turnout in the district so far.

Kindergarten registration is from February 7-9. There are now five 'programs of choice': your community School, Montessori, Mandarin, Reggio Emilia, and Late French Immersion. If you know someone who wants Reggio Emilia, please encourage them to register.

Coffee With The Principal is on February 23.

Thank you to Teresa and helpers for healthy snacks. There is a copy of a cookbook from the BC Healthy Living Alliance called Bake Better Bites. You can have a bake sale if you use their recipes.

Kindergarten to grade 3 are going to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to see Peter and the Wolf, along with 9 international students on February 8. They will leave at 11:00 and return at 2:00. There are 10 parent tickets available. We will do a draw if there are not enough tickets to meet demand.

Vandalism is down – thankfully nothing has happened after November 11th weekend.

If you have extra mittens, please donate to the school.

Chess Club has been postponed - the parent sponsor will be letting us know when they can return. Creative Children order forms will be sent home before Spring Break. Parents have been waiting for their children in the school before dismissal so we added a dismissal bell. When the dismissal bell rings, you're welcome to come in however we are asking that all parents wait outside until this bell. Teachers need the entire school day, and we are respectfully asking that the community support the learning environment. Kelly will be addressing this in the next newsletter. Recognition assembly was held last week. Because CUPE is supporting the teacher's job action, Mrs. Hein may not be able to send emails to parents notifying them that their child is being recognized at the assembly. Perhaps PAC class liaisons can take on this duty. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the PAC email contact list.

### **Other Committee Reports**

Treasurers report – Teresa Battista

Teresa presented a balance sheet and explained financial activity for the months of November and December. Gaming funds bus cheques finally went through from last years' field trips. \$4682.27 was made on technology raffle, will be transferred from chequing into computer/tech savings. \$5000 from gaming grants allocated towards computer/tech savings has not been transferred yet. There will be \$14000 in that account after the transfer.

Pancake breakfast made \$438. Funds are usually allocated to playground fundraising. The breakfast was not specified as a playground fundraiser, so it was recommended that we keep this money in general funds. Money from Happy Days has not been received yet. We are expecting \$4000.

Tech raffle: there is enough money to buy a smart board. Money raised will be buying a smart board to be installed summer 2012.

Our most recent hot lunch brought in \$1321.47, but we have not paid expenses yet. Lunch Lady made \$46.20. Pub night made \$3120.69. Ticket raffle was \$4682.27. Christmas front row raffle made \$240.10. Parents loved the raffle. Someone suggested we do two rows next year.

Mundy Road is doing hip hop from June 11-15 this year. Cost is \$1500. Money to come out of cultural and sports fund.

Motion to accept treasurers report for November and December made by Dorothy, seconded by Jehnel. All in favour, carried. Motion to move pancake breakfast money to general funds. Move by Suzanne, seconded by Shannon. All in favour. Carried.

Elizabeth asked about The Wealthy School Revolution. We had a parent that was going to pilot, but they stepped down. We have been registered as a school. Dorothy can speak at the February meeting. Elizabeth will look into what it takes to pilot the program.

District PAC – Teri Towner

Last meeting was November 30. If there is a large amount of snow, they will shut down the whole district. CKNW has updates online. Getting a lot of really good links for surveys. Some school websites link right to BCCPAC. Sheela could put links on the PAC website. Jehnel could do a news flash to bring attention to new information on our website. Teri to work with Sheela to put together. Reminder that

all PAC members are welcome to DPAC meetings. District manager of health and safety will be presenting at the next meeting.

Communications Coordinator – Jehnel Wong

Thank you to all executives and committees for your input on our newsletter.

Hot Lunch – Hillary Drexel

We just had a successful hot dog day. We had lots of grade 4/5 helpers. If teachers don't mind, we would like to have student helpers every time. Popcorn day is January 31, and we have another hot dog day in February. March is for the grade 5 fundraiser. Grade 5 wants to do another popcorn day in March. Hot lunch is well past making the budget. Trying to find a different pizza place but no luck yet. The plan going forward is to get bottled juice. It was agreed to donate leftover juice boxes to the school to distribute as necessary.

Campbell's Labels – Teri

We currently have more than 21000 points that could be used to cover some items on the teacher's wish list. After new catalog is received, Teri to meet with Kelly to discuss what items from the wish list could be purchased with points. Keep reminding parents that we are collecting Campbell's labels via newsletters.

#### **Old Business:**

Discuss budget line item for "healthy snack discretionary fund". \$500 per year was suggested. Kelly said that the school received a donation for this purpose that will last about 18 months. Suggested that put the line item in but not use the money unless needed. Suggestion to change the line item name: Add vote to add line item "Nutrition Fund" to February's agenda. Moved by Elizabeth, seconded by Hillary. All in favour. Carried.

PAC supporting fee waivers

This would cover planners, field trips, etc. \$250 should be sufficient. Motion to add line item "\$250 for fee waivers" for next year and vote in February. Moved by Suzanne, seconded by Dorothy. All in favour. Carried.

Discuss teacher's wish list and set fundraising goals.

Total cost of teacher's wish list is \$28000. There is general agreement that we would like to spend available money on teacher's wish list, per their priorities.

There is new criteria for gaming funds. Teri to forward info.

Teresa to change "computers/tech" line item to "technology savings".

Teresa suggested that a motion be added to the AGM agenda to put something into the constitution that the PAC will keep certain amount of money and anything above and beyond our budget will go to teacher's wish list. Exec to meet before February meeting to discuss. Can't amend constitution until the AGM. Can't fundraise without a goal, so make wish list our goal. February's agenda to have a Motion to spend up to \$28000 on the Teachers' Wish List items by the end of the 2011/12 school year.

Suggested that we put something in the September newsletter showing what the money raised by the PAC purchased for the school so that parents can see what was done with the funds.

Kelly suggested that it might be helpful for classroom teachers to get \$100 to spend on supplies instead of current \$50. Consider changing it for next year.

Update from Playground Committee –Suzanne

Habitat confirmed on December 28 that they had received the order. It will be 4-6 weeks for delivery. The new playground should be in by spring break. There will be some resurfacing since they will have to remove some of the current material in order to install the new playground – they will need to top it up. Resurfacing cost should be about \$700. No progress on donor thank yous. Survival fitness challenge is supposed to measure upper body strength - we're not getting the new playground until March but need data for the City of Coquitlam in June. Need to see if we can do the second challenge in the fall. Want to get good final photos of old playground before it is taken down.

Adopt a Street update – Teri

This is a one year commitment, one day per month. It is too late in the year to start now, suggested that we wait until next year.

Mad Science Update – Kim

Tuesday class is full, with several students on the wait list. We have enough for two classes. Proposed that we add a second class on either Monday or Wednesday. Parents who have enrolled their children can choose which day they prefer, then children on the wait list can be signed up, followed by new enrollments. It was agreed to add a second class on Wednesdays. Mad Science will contact parents with children enrolled or on the wait list, Kim to provide Jehnel with information for a news flash to let parents know there is room for new enrollment.

Motion to adjourn made by Teresa, seconded Hillary. All in favour, carried.

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**Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates:**

February 15

April 18

May 16

All evening meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Location – Library