

# Mundy Road Elementary School

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## PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 20, 2016 7:00 pm

Present: Marcy Baverstock, Tamara Sherdahl, Michaela Kelly, Cynthia Fong, Christine Friend, Jeannene Crosby, Gurj Parmar, Ursula Elliott, Ryan Robinson, Janice Doege, Anita Krishna, Sarah MacDonald

### Welcome and Introductions

**Approve Agenda** Motion: Marcy Baverstock Seconded: Gurj Parmar

### Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Happy New Year. Great Christmas Market. Thanks Tamara. Thanks to Michaela for pancake breakfast. Sausages were great. Special Guest was great. Thanks Cynthia. Concert was wonderful. Proceeds for seat raffle went to Salvation Army.

### Principals Report

Happy New Year! Thank you for all of the wonderful events that happened in December and are continuing to happen as we begin 2016!

#### From last PAC Meeting:

- Falcons logo- expect to see a shortlist of the "student voted on" entries for a community vote within the next couple of weeks
- I heard back from Artstarts. The "Brass Quintet" is not available. I am looking into an alternate in consultation with Cynthia.
- We have begun to purchase items on the Wishlist, some things have already been delivered. Thank you!
- I will continue to look into potential parent education on social emotional learning. I will report more specifically on this at the next PAC Meeting.

#### Recent events:

- *Parent Information Session- Redesigned Curriculum* was on Jan 12.
  - From the website "An opportunity to take a look at the Redesigned BC Curriculum. Mr. Wright will be taking the group on a guided tour of the redesigned curriculum online. All parents are welcome."
  - \*We had 8 parents attend.
- Basketball has begun (Grade 5s)- Mr. Porter is the staff contact
- Leadership has begun (Grade 5s)- Mr. Wright and Mrs. Zem are the staff contacts

- “I Choose Kindness” T-shirt order forms went out. A great shirt to wear any day, including Feb 24th which is Pink Shirt Day across the province. The new black with pink text anti-bullying shirts, “I Choose Kindness”, were designed by the Terry Fox Secondary Leadership classes. The proceeds from the shirts will go towards “Kidsport Tri Cities” to help youth get involved in organized sport. \*See the display case across from the office to see a sample of the shirt.
- FSAs for Grade 4s began today (January 20, 2016).
  - Description from the BC Ministry website:
    - “The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy.”
    - I have provided the below information if there are specific questions about the “make up” of the FSA. As a school, we have scheduled the FSAs over the next 3 weeks with no more than one “part” done at one time. In most cases, no more than one part is done in one day.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Response Mode</b>	<b>Suggested Facility</b>
60 minutes	Part I: Reading Comprehension 6 reading passages and 40 multiple-choice questions	Online	Computer lab or stations
30 minutes	Part II: Reading Comprehension 2 passages and 1 written response question	Paper	Classroom
30 minutes	Part III: Short Writing	Paper	Classroom
60 minutes	Part IV: Long Writing	Paper	Classroom
60 minutes	Part V: Numeracy 40 multiple-choice questions	Online	Computer lab or stations
30 minutes	Part VI: Numeracy 2 written-response questions	Paper	Classroom

*\*Total assessment time: 4.5 hours\*Computer time: 120 minutes or 2 hours Non-computer time: 150 minutes or 2.5 hours*

Upcoming events:

- Recognition Assembly on January 25
- Non Instructional Day on January 29
- Kindergarten Registration February 2-4
- \*Please refer to the online calendar for other upcoming events

## **Treasurer's Report (Ursula Elliott)**

Chequing Account	\$16,149.83
Gaming	\$ 3,242.27
Tech savings	\$11,180.08
Rainy Day \$	\$ 4,488.72

Parent donations are at \$985.

## **Committee Reports**

### **District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)**

DPAC discussed the new numeracy with the new curriculum. Biggest change is that they are trying to make it more "life" applicable..e.g. operating a lemonade stand...costs, price etc. The numeracy concepts are the same. Parents can help support their kids by understanding the curriculum by helping kids with everyday usage of numbers and by not maligning math.

The new online payment portal is not available for the PACs to use, only the school. The licence does not permit it. It's very easy for parents to set up.

Financing: Somebody from the school board was there. One interesting question was do the schools get emergency prep funding? The answer is yes they do. We should find out from Rob what he uses his emergency spending money on as the PAC also funds substantial emergency supplies. Ryan will ask Rob Wright about this.

### **Communications & Website (Kara Lindstrom)**

Absent. No report.

### **Volunteers (Marcy Baverstock)**

No new news. Volunteers are stepping forward. It's going well.

### **Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)**

Save Around books have made \$612.50. There were some leftovers donated to the teachers and staff; to the families we helped at Christmas and there are a few leftover the PAC could give one to each class liaison. Save Around has been great to work with and we get a bigger % of each book than we did with Entertainment books.

Clothing drive pickup is on Monday Jan 25 between 12-2 pm. We have at least 100 bags, if not more. Tamara will send out a last minute email blast to get final clothes in on Friday.

Thrifty's Smile Card. Thrifty's features a school they've helped with their program in their flyer. They would like to do Mundy since we've been with them so long. They need to feature what we've spent the funds on.....Books! Michaela will liaise with Rob on this. It goes in their flyer on the front page.

Might look at Quinoa Pops sale this spring.

Nothing more yet on spring dance. We will discuss a date at the next PAC meeting.

**ACTION: Sarah bring forward spring dance date to Feb PAC Agenda**

For movie night PAC suggests March 4.

Should we do a flower basket sale in the spring?

**ACTION: Sarah bring forward flower basket discussion to Feb PAC Agenda**

#### **Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)**

Absent. No report. Marcy reports subway and pasta are coming up. All is going well.

#### **Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)**

No major updates at this time. Just working on replacing some expired supplies and completing purchases on some final emerg prep items.

#### **Safety (Janice Doege)**

We had our traffic safety meeting in December. We're not going to get much new signage, if anything. We might be able to get existing signage highlighted. It's a very frustrating process to get any action on this matter.

There is now a flashing speed sign on Mundy near Kugler that flashes if you go over 50km. These signs do collect data. They rotate around and are not permanent in any one location as they lose their effectiveness on curbing speed when they remain in one spot too long. When there was one on Austin, there was no point at which people were not speeding.

Janice will focus energy on the Heroes program. It's on emergency preparedness for families. Also, there was an issue in the fall with stranger danger where children were followed by cars and an alleged abduction (which was later recanted). The local police officer we liaised with on this wanted to have a Stranger Danger Session here at the school. Ryan will ask Rob about that.

It was brought to our attention that the abduction mentioned in the earlier agenda for today's meeting was subsequently deemed to be a hoax. Inclusion of that news in the agenda may have unintentionally raised fears among parents. While the abduction was widely reported, the recanting of the story was not. The PAC believes the illumination of stranger danger issues are important.

### **Social Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)**

Pub night will be Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Mickey's Pub. Tickets will be \$20 to include a burger and beer. We'll do a 50/50 draw and a toonie toss again and a silent auction.

We will ask parents if they have connections to get free stuff for the silent auction baskets. Perhaps the class liaisons can help support this.

We would like to put pub night funds towards additional sound field systems and further sports equipment, perhaps jerseys with the new logos and other branding of the new Falcons identity.

### **Parent Education (Anita Krishna)**

Alternate idea to Saleema Noon (shorter term): Is there an expert on social-emotional learning who could come out?

**ACTION:** Rob will look into a couple of people regarding parent education on social-emotional learning. We can use this to gauge interest in Parents coming out. BRING FORWARD TO FEB MEETING.

Sex education: Saleema Noon is now booking for next year. We will set the budget in April and include this as a possible line item (subject to a vote). We should partner with another elementary school to share costs.

Idea: "Nobody's Perfect" Workshop by BC Council for Families. Would need small budget and could put on in the Library for Parents to attend. It's a Parenting workshop and covers lots of different aspects of the social/emotional aspects of parenting. It costs \$200.

As we do not have any expenses budgeted for Parent Education, for now, we'll see what Rob comes up with among his District contacts. Any parent education session needs to be properly publicized in advance in order to maximize attendance.

## **Old Business**

### **Vote on approval of further items for Teacher's Wishlist**

Rob Wright has asked for a further \$1700 to purchase a number of other items. As this exceeds the allocated budget, these items will be voted on at the January 2016 PAC meeting. They include:

1. A Sound field system (\$1000). This is the system in use in a couple of classrooms so far. The teacher wears a headset with a mic and their voice is amplified through a tower speaker. At present, none of the systems in use at the school are owned by the school. They are "attached" to a particular student or a particular teacher. We would like one that could be assigned as the school sees fit.

2. PE equipment (\$700). We are in need of new volleyballs, especially given our volleyball team has been going well. We would also like each classroom to have some of their own PE equipment that stays in the class.

Funds for both these items will come from the Gaming Account.

**Marcy Baverstock made a motion to approve a \$1700 expenditure for the above two items with funds to be taken from Gaming Account. Seconded: Christine Friend Vote: All in Favour. Carried**

### **Elimination of SPC**

**ACTION:** Sarah will remove references to School Planning Council in the Constitution. Bring Forward for completion by year end.

### **More Fridge Space needed (Ryan/Niki)**

**ACTION:** Niki to bring findings on new fridge plan to next meeting. Bring Forward to Jan meeting. NOT PRESENT. BRING FORWARD.

### **New Business**

MadScience: We will try Mad Science again April 20 – May 25<sup>th</sup>...Wednesdays. Last round was cancelled due to lack of interest.

The bulletin board project has been delayed. Is this a good project for Mrs. Zem's leadership program?

**ACTION:** Ryan will follow up with Mrs. Zem and see if this is possible.

### **Open Discussion** None

**Motion to Adjourn** Motion: Tamara Sherdahl Seconded: Christine Friend

Adjourned 8:27 pm