

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Minutes v2

Wednesday January 11, 2017

In attendance: Anita Krishna, Ursula Elliott, Marcy Baverstock, Tamara Sherdahl, Jon Lundquist, Ina Fung, Una Wong, Gurj Parmar, Ryan Robinson, Kathy Banner, Cynthia Fong
Staff: Rob Wright

Welcome and Introductions: Members introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes of November 16, 2016 PAC Meeting

Motion: Marcy Baverstock, Second: Tamara Sherdahl. Approved.

Approve Agenda Motion:

Motion: Tamara Sherdahl Second: Marcy Baverstock. Approved.

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Great December. Thank you Tamara for spearheading the Christmas market. Thanks to Gurj, Lawrence and Shaun for cooking pancakes....also to Christine, Michaela, Ursula, Geraldine (and many others!). The Winter Concert was lots of fun too.

We need to consider succession planning for the PAC in the next couple of months. Several people are leaving the school or stepping down from key positions.

Principals Report (Rob Wright)

Mundy is magical in December! The Christmas Market has so many benefits for parents, the kids, the community and the school community. So amazing. Thanks to all who helped out.

We're doing the best we can with the snow. I am trying to advocate as much as I can with the District. The salt shortage is everywhere. We've had companies coming in trying to break the icepack. It's not perfect but we are trying. It's such an unusual year and now the snow is hard packed. Managing the sledding is a challenging situation with the hard pack snow. Every day I encourage the kids to be safe in this activity.

SD43 has received \$2.6 Million for the hiring of teachers (out of the Province's \$50 million allocation per the recent Supreme Court decision). Our school has a new posting for a .4 support teacher (that's 2 days per week). The posting closes this Friday. This is an interim

measure. BCPC and BCTF are currently negotiating the remaining details on how to implement the Court's decision.

Grade 4 parents will have received information about the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) which is coming up. This is a standardized test done in the province every year at the Grade 4 level. The assessment includes reading, writing and numeracy...part is written, part is on the website. The testing is done in chunks, not all at once. Parents can find out more about the FSAs online. These tests do not affect student's marks at school. Parents do have the option to exclude their child from it for various reasons.

Ready set Learn is on March 8.....It's for families with 3-5 year old children. It's a preparatory piece for school.

Cross catchment application period is coming up and opens Feb 3rd at 9 am. Information has been distributed by email and paper copy to parents of Grade 5 students. The school district website also has detailed information.

Kindergarten registration is coming up Jan 31 – Feb 2. All the information is on the Mundy website.

We continue to keep the calendar and website up to date. I do sometimes copy both email and paper for things that are very important. Please look at the website regularly to stay up to date.

Pink Shirt Day is coming up in February. It's a fundraiser by Terry Fox School. Proceeds go to KidSport. Kids are not required to wear pink. It's just a symbol of anti-bullying and a reminder of this important issue.

I will have a Teacher's wishlist for the PAC soon. The Jerseys will be on the wishlist. We're looking at pricing. Perhaps another Soundfield system for the primary grades. There's lots of research that shows these systems are beneficial in many ways, for both teachers and students, particularly in the primary grades. We're looking at one iPad mini for each classroom. In addition to using them for teaching, they are useful for communicating student learning by posting videos and photos to Freshgrade so parents are more instantly connected to what their kids are doing in the classroom. This reporting model is also in line with the new curriculum. We're also looking at headphones with mics too.

Treasurer's Report (Ursula Elliott)

As at December 31:

Chequing Account	\$16179.82
Gaming	\$ 3965.48
Tech	\$15182.69

Rainy Day \$ 4881.28

Falcon Wear gross is \$1983 and there are still some rebates to go back to some Parents. We're probably looking at only \$200 or \$300 profit on this item.

In order to make the PAC's overall revenue budget, we'll need to have a few more events to drive more revenue – a dance and 2 movie nights.

Gurj is planning two Movie Nights tentatively Friday March 3. The second movie night is tentatively planned for June 2nd as an end of year gathering.

Spring Dance tentatively Thursday April 20th (it's the day before a Pro D Day)

Approve Treasurers report: Motion: Tamara Sherdahl Second: Marcy Baverstock

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

The school board talked about their Strategic Goals and Objectives. It can be found on the school district website under School Board or on the DPAC website. Goals are: 1. Achieve student success 2. Enhance learning through technology 3. Foster a sustainable organization.

They are working on the technology plan trying to get consistency between the district and the PACs. They talked a lot about Freshgrade and how great it is.

There are 9000 out of 20000 kids at the elementary and above levels in the district who have Freshgrade portfolios. Only 1/3 of schools have been updated for wireless but all should be done by September.

Palmer Isaac is the new School Board Chair.

Reminding everyone that there is a protocol to go through when Parents have an issue at the school...first discuss with the teacher; if no resolution, then principal, then assistant superintendent. Also the PAC should be available to help people with their issue. DPAC is also willing to support a Parent who is having unresolved issues.

Action Plan for Learning was discussed. They discussed the Ruler Approach. It can be used to help the child self-regulate.

Finally, all parents are welcome to attend DPAC meetings. The next one is January 25th. It will be about the role of the School Board.

Communications & Website (Una Wong)

Next newsletter planned for February. Has some pictures from Market and Pancake Breakfast to include. PAC members present all agreed that Una is doing a great job with the newsletters. Still on the list is a re-do of the bulletin board.

Volunteers (Kathy Banner)

No report.

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

Ford Drive event. Applications open Feb 25th. We will apply for April 29th and we will combine it with a garage sale. We need to tell them what we need to raise funds for. This has the potential to be a great event. It will be combined with the Garage Sale and a BBQ.

Garage Sale: We will sell tables to the community for \$25 each. Parents can donate their stuff or buy tables if they're interested.

BBQ: We will sell hot dogs. The school has a BBQ we can use.

Clothing Drive: We need 151 bags to make \$3 per bag. We will hold off until the spring and continue to add to it. Keep bringing your clothes in.

Fundscrip: \$513.92 in profit is where we're at. There will be a few more orders. It hasn't been going as well as we had hoped. There are some other things we'll look at. We may continue with Fundscrip and add another similar program into the mix.

Mountainwest Studios: Does a family portrait night for PACs. They donate the sitting fee to the PAC and families can come in and have their portrait taken. Their ordering is easy. The photo and background choices are flexible. We could try this fundraiser and see how it goes and perhaps switch to Mountainwest for the school pictures in fall (if possible). Everyone liked this idea.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

On track.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

No report.

Safety (Janice Doege)

No report.

Merchandising Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

Just a few loose ends to tie up on the Falconwear orders.

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

Feb 20th is the new date for Body Science Kids program (Saleema Noon). It will be held after school and parents and kids attend together.

We need to send out the notice about it as soon as the date is confirmed. Anita is going to get babysitters for those who need it. Some PAC members have kids who can volunteer to babysit.

Old Business

PAC Bulletin Board: See Una Wong's communication update above.

New Business

Falcon Wear: Vote on where to spend revenues from Falcon Wear (not originally outlined in the budget).

Motion: Tamara Sherdhal moves that proceeds from Falconwear go towards purchasing school jerseys. Seconded by: John Lundquist. All in Favour. Approved.

Magic Workshop Una sat in on a Fun Day magic workshop at Montgomery Middle School organized by Odyssey of the Mind. Fun Day is a full day annual event open to Grades 3 -12. The lecturer of this workshop is a teacher within School District 43 and holds a Masters in education. The experience was impressive and educational, going beyond basic magic. He is open to performing a professional family magic show for Mundy Road, either for flat fee or shared revenue. Months available are March/April/May and can be flexible on what we want to do and length of time. See website - <https://celebratethechild.me/previous-fundraisers/>

There are liability issues that need to be looked at and if the price and costs could work and provide a profit. We'd like to keep it within the Mundy school community. Prices may have to be around \$10 per head to get enough people to come to the show and make a little bit of profit. That might be pricey, particularly since it's a new show and people might not know whether it's worth the money.

ACTION: Una will talk to him further and bring it back to the PAC.

Succession Planning: The 4 key roles on the PAC Executive (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and DPAC rep) must be filled in order for the PAC to legally operate. For the next school year, there are no candidates for these 4 key positions. We need to send out another communication to Parents about needing new people to get involved in the PAC.

Open Discussion

Motion to Adjourn by Una Wong. Second: Tamara Sherdahl

Adjourned 9:07