Heritage Mountain Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting General Meeting – December 9, 2021 6:30pm online via zoom

Attendance:

Tracy L. - Chair Stacey P. – Principal Serena W. - Treasurer Marco M.

Amy W. – Secretary

Regrets:

Eric L. – Vice Chair Karen K.- Comm.



Welcome, Land Acknowledgement – Tracy

Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Tracy acknowledged that our meeting is taking place on the unceded traditional territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nation, which lies within the shared territories of the Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Musqueam, Qayqayt, Squamish, and Sto':lo Nations and that we are grateful to live, learn, and work on these lands.

Approval of minutes from October 28, 2021 – all in favour.

Treasurer's Report - Serena

Serena presented bank transactions from Sept to Dec 2021.

Deposits:

\$5,900 Gaming grant \$999 Neufeld frozen food

\$50 + \$126 Indigo

\$350 Domino's pizza

\$410 Coffee

Expense:

\$1,045 ArtStarts performance

*Percussive workshop, Stacey reports all positive feedback from staff & students - another music related ArtStarts engagement scheduled for April

D-PAC

Sally & Jen not in attendance to give DPAC Report.

Nov 24 – DPAC meeting and parent education session "In the know" developmental stages of children 13 & older.

Dec 7 – DPAC Parent Education Presentation – Post-Secondary BC & BCIT

Gvm Sense

This activity is booked for February - provider will need to submit COVID safety plan.

Hot Lunch

- 139 orders were placed for the upcoming pizza hot lunch Dec. 13
- Stacey menu options need to be limited to save time as EA's and noon-hour supervisors are tasked with distributing lunches (due to COVID protocols) which takes time away from supervising students
- PAC vice-chair Eric thanks Katy G, Sharon L, Tamara Q, and Jill K for their help
- Subway lunch will be offered January 4 (Deadline for ordering is Dec. 27 11:59pm) Stacey needs the COVID safety plan before holiday break

Traffic Safety

Parents have raised concerns about cars speeding on Heritage Mountain Blvd, turning onto Turner Creek Drive

- Parent has requested PAC contact City of Port Moody re: speed reader board
- Parent has suggested community volunteer crossing guards

Tracy has been in contact with SD43 DPAC member Corrie Noble who handles traffic issues, he will contact City of Port Moody to see if there are options

Stacey – there may be limitations with volunteer crossing guards as it's a union job

Parent – suggests a sign or paint on the road, suggests an open discussion with city of Port Moody about safety options, would be happy to volunteer

Tracy will follow up with new information at next meeting, maybe city rep could attend next meeting

Summer Carnival

- No parents have expressed interest in organizing this event.

Fundraising Committee

Tracy and Amy intend to develop policy and best practice documentation around fundraising initiatives in the future

Fundraising Updates

Revenues in Treasurer's Report

Neufeld Frozen Food – next one will be February

Purdy's Chocolates (\$780 to PAC) and Global Coffee (86 bags ordered, \$410 to PAC) – pickups happening tonight

Card project – Tricia will use same provider as last year, tea towels and other items available, teachers will need to submit art by February 21, orders will be available for May 8

Raffle baskets –this year?

- Traditionally, students bring in items for raffle baskets, Tricia collects items to create baskets
- Stacey COVID safety rule: not allowed to collect and re-distribute to our own community would need to look further into covid safety plan
- 2019 funds to PAC = \$1,352
- Tricia should connect with Jonathan (new principal) after January 31

Chapters/Indigo - \$200 to PAC so far this year

Thrifty's smile card – program no longer running

Cobbs – no current updates from Tricia

Tru Earth – no current updates from Kirsten

Pizza nights – Sherry planning another one soon

Parent suggestion: Rocky Point Ice Cream truck (need minimum \$500 in sales) – will need to be discussed with new principal

*Members of PAC commit to providing options for students with food allergies to ensure everyone is included in all food-based PAC initiatives

Parent Donations - Eric has taken over munch-a-lunch administration, will advertise general PAC donation in the new year, has opened a Special Fundraiser for going away gift for Stacey

Principal's Message - Stacev

In the month of December, HME's tradition is to focus on giving. Stacey thanked the HME community for their generosity.

Sock Drive

- Double the amount of socks from last time were received
- Stacey thanked Michelle C and Rebekah K for all their work
- Socks went to flood victims and people in downtown east side

Food Hampers

- Food is under the HME Christmas tree and all the way down the hall
- HME has received over \$300 in donations so far for the food bank

Virtual Christmas Performance

Stacey thanked teachers Renee Swanson and Rebekah Khan for organizing this video in a fun way; video will be shared next week.

Pyjama Day - next Friday December 17

SD43 Trustee Carol Cahoon will be touring the school and bringing COVID safe treats for staff

Thank You

Stacey thanked the HME community for 6.5 amazing years. She began teaching in 1993, and her time at HME is the longest she's ever been at a school. She's had the opportunity to develop deep relationships with students and HME families who have always welcomed her. She will miss the HME community.

Tracy thanked Stacey on behalf of the parents of HME. Many parents have expressed sadness about Stacey's departure. Stacey, you will be missed.

Stacey will invite the new principal – Jonathan Sclater - to the next PAC meeting to introduce him before she leaves on January 31.

Parent question – why were these staffing changes made mid-year?

- Retirement and the opening of a new school have prompted the district to make these changes now instead of at the end of the school year.
- Six schools will be getting a new principal in the new year.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.