

**Heritage Mountain Elementary Parent Advisory Council Meeting
General Meeting – January 20, 2022
6:30pm online via Teams**

Attendance:

Tracy L. - Chair
Serena W. –Treasurer
Eric L. – Vice Chair
Karen K.- Comm.
Amy W. – Secretary
Sarah P.-Past Chair
Jen B. – D-PAC Rep
Stacey P. – Principal
Jonathan Sclater – Incoming
Principal
Sherry B.
Jack D.
Katie G.
Jill H.
Monica H.

Brett L.
Sharon L.
Rebecca M.
Jeff M.
Kirsten R.
Capri S.
Maddyn S.
Annie T.
Colleen V.
Joy W.
Jesse W.
Jenny W.
Susan Y.
Farideh Z.



Welcome, Land Acknowledgement – Tracy

Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. 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 December 9, 2021 – all in favour.

Treasurer's Report - Serena

No new payments to report.

Budget Item: Classroom Supplies

Budgeted amount: \$6,300

Discussion regarding payments to classroom teachers. Due to COVID and decreased PAC funds last year, teachers each received \$150 from the PAC for classroom supplies; previous years teachers each received \$350. Serena sought feedback as to whether each class/division should receive funds or each teacher, which would include some teachers who may work less days each week.

Decision to give each division \$350 and to provide a pro-rated amount to the counsellor and other teachers based on the amount of days of work each week.

Parent expressed concern that \$150 is not enough and expressed frustration these funds have not yet been disbursed.

Serena reported that classroom payments have traditionally been paid out at this time of year. Teachers save their receipts and submit them to Stacey. Serena will prepare cheques soon.

D-PAC Report - Jen

- Jen attended the recent D-PAC meeting on November 24, 2022, next meeting scheduled for February 9
- A motion was passed to not require a vaccine mandate. Most teachers live and work in the TriCities which has a vaccinated population of 90%.
- SD43 has been in conversation with other school districts who are impacted by the recent floods with some schools needing significant repairs.
- SD43 increasing the focus on STEAM Education: Science, Tech, Engineering, Arts, Math.

Tracy: the BCCPAC Board of Directors (association of all BC PACs) is accepting parent nominations for candidates until February 28 to be elected at their AGM in April, if any HME parents are interested let Tracy or Karen know

Principal's Message - Stacey

Stacey thanked parents for their understanding of the extra long break for children to return to school with the realities of the Omicron variant, staff used the time to plan: "Our planning and preparation has allowed us to have the school opened and for a majority of our students – keep their social emotional and intellectual development continuing. Changes in place (all given to us as the K-12 guidelines from health authorities) for our restart include:

- Staggered Start/End, Staggered Recess and Lunch Play time (intent to reduce crowding)
- Emphasis with kids on personal space
- Increasing space inside classrooms
- Maintaining our strict adherence to masking, washing hands, cleaning, ventilation, etc

We are also prepared for (but hopefully not going to happen)

- a) Health Closure – determined by Fraser Health based on child/staff illness
- b) Functional Closure – staffing shortage (if they could not remain open safely)

So far our attendance rates for staff is excellent and attendance rates for students are in the normal range. Let's keep it going!"

Gym Sense for Feb/March.

- Mr Leuekamp spoke with the coach who confirmed they are double vaccinated and will submit covid 19 plan to Mr. Sclater.
- The gym sense coach and classroom teacher will ensure students are safely distanced, they will wear masks, and equipment will be disinfected between use.
- 1 class at a time
- Parents will not be able to spectate
- Stacey thanked the PAC for this great opportunity for the students

Thank you to HME Community for Past 6 ½ Years

"I said goodbye at the Dec meeting, but I just want to repeat what a pleasure it has been for me to be a part of your children's elementary years and to also work with all of you in various ways. As you know, HME is a special and wonderful school because of you and the staff. I have been very lucky to be a part of the community and will hold very fond memories of my time here".

Mr. Jonathan Sclater

- Stacey introduced Jonathan to the students this past week. The most common question the students asked him was: “How old are you?”
- Many principals and teachers have reached out to tell him he will love HME
- Jonathan helped to open Eagle Mountain Middle School where he was vice-principal, he’s also worked at Miller Elementary, Westwood Elementary, Hillcrest Middle, he’s been on the district track and field committee, and has been a teacher in Coquitlam his whole career
- Jonathan expressed that he cares about the community and is excited to come to HME – he plans to follow process that is transparent, fair and equitable
- Jonathan thanked Stacey who has shared information and helped with the process

Parent Thank You’s to Stacey:

Five parents spoke and many more expressed their thanks in the chat. Parents gave heartfelt emotional tributes to Stacey, many tears were shed.

- “Thank you for leading us through the storm. Parents were so glad to have you in leadership and trust you to lead. Thank you so much”.
- “You are an amazing principal. You will be missed. You kept our children safe”.
- “You are firm, fair, friendly and welcoming. We love you so much. You will be remembered”.
- “Thank you from the bottom of my heart. This was hard news. Stacey has been supportive and validating. The community will miss you”.
- “You held our hands and taught us a lot. You play a big role in families’ lives”.

PAC Fundraiser & Event Updates:

Hot Lunch:

Eric and parent volunteers worked to get it up and running; it is now stalled for Jan and Feb due to Covid; Eric will wait for more information to see when it’s safe to resume

Gym Sense:

booked for February

Saleema Noon:

Parent education zoom event April 6

Student education April 12-13

Summer Carnival:

no parent volunteers yet, unclear if it could run due to Covid, PAC to continue discussion

Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony:

Same budget available as last year

Karen to send parent memo requesting parent volunteers

KM Club:

KM club ribbons in the PAC budget for this student favourite

Palette Posse paint kits – Sherry	orders due Jan 25
Neufeld Frozen Foods – Sherry	upcoming in Feb
Global Coffee – Sherry	requesting feedback from parents if this should run again
Meridian Meats – Sherry	upcoming near Easter
Pizza Nights – Sherry	upcoming/ongoing
Purdy's – Tricia	upcoming near Easter
The Card Project – Tricia	upcoming
Cobb's Bread – Tricia	ongoing
Indigo – Annie	ongoing
TruEarth – Kirsten	ongoing

Traffic Safety :

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

Tracy awaiting update from SD43 DPAC member Corrie Noble who handles traffic issues, and who was to contact City of Port Moody about options

Tracy mentioned BC Active School Travel Pilot Program (applications recently closed).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.