

## **Mundy Road PAC Meeting**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> , 2020**

**Present:** Jon Lundquist, Serena Boivin, Jay Hilliker, Bobby Crandall, Christine Friend, Samantha Cohene, Jenny Gasparini, Cheryl Lloyd

**Meeting called to order – 7:06**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Motion: Bobby Second: Samantha

**Approve Agenda**

Motion: Jenny Second: Janice

**Chairperson's Report (Jon)**

- Welcome to interim principal, Cheryl Lloyd.
- Continue thinking about succession for vacant PAC positions.

**Principal's Report (Cheryl Lloyd)**

- Cheryl mentioned that she has had a very warm welcome from the community at the school. She is staying in contact with Leann who plans to be back immediately after spring break.
- Cheryl passed on the following notes from Leann:
  - BOKS program has started, tennis is finished and was a very successful program culminating in a students vs teachers/instructors match.
  - School wide painting with an artist has been booked, the additional cost is \$5 per student (beyond the \$1800 provided by the PAC).
  - Library is transitioning to learning commons with the focus on learning across a variety of mediums in a variety of ways. District has allocated funding for new furniture and supplies. This will involve a large cull of books, to keep only the most used/important. There will be new spaces in the library (maker space, technology area, deconstruction area).
  - Cross-catchment process is finished, some new families are coming to Mundy Road and a few families left, but overall there was minimal change.
  - Ministry satisfaction surveys will be completed with Grade 4s when Leann returns. The data will be used in setting school goals.
  - Sharing assemblies – first one was held on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> with a focus on pink shirt day and the dates for the two other assemblies have been sent home via e-mail.
  - Report cards come home on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

- MOTION: To spend up to \$4000 from the technical fund to purchase additional iPads for the classrooms that do not have them.
  - RESULT: all in favour, **motion passed.**
- MOTION: To spend up to \$3900 from the budget for the teachers' wish list.
  - RESULT: all in favour, **motion passed.**

### **Chairperson's Report (Jon)**

#### **Treasurer's Report (Samantha)**

- Accounts are looking very healthy however some bigger expenses will be withdrawn in coming months.
- Up to \$4000 will be coming out of technology account which is currently over \$10,000.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Fundraising (Vacant)**

- **Spring Dance** – was successful, lots of walk-ins. Janice commented that we need to be more mindful of food safety – one parent was handling food and cash wearing the same pair of gloves.
- **Spring Family Photos** – booked for April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Leah has emailed a reminder. 10 out of 16 spots have been reserved so far.
- Heather is willing to organize a **movie night** on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. A suggestion for the movie was Star Wars as it is close to May 4<sup>th</sup>, however this is yet to be decided. Cheryl will check the gym schedule to ensure the gym is free.
- Jenny and Bobbi plan to organize a **pub night**. This would be simpler than previous years, with just a 50/50 rather than a 50/50 and raffle baskets.

#### **Volunteer Coordinator (Jenny)**

- Nothing to report.

#### **District PAC Rep (Larissa – absent, notes sent via e-mail)**

- Presentation from the Careers Program Team
  - Careers and Trade Program through the schools helps students explore opportunities in trades and earn graduation credits while working in those areas. Gives students opportunities they didn't used to have.
  - Can help with resume assistance, reconciling class conflicts (ie. needing to drop out of French Immersion in order to take an electrical program). The district can also cover some portion of certification costs in some cases.

- Intended mainly for high school, but good for parents to know that the option is there for their kids later on. More info at [www.43careers.com](http://www.43careers.com)
- Summer Learning Program
  - No longer just for kids who are struggling in school. Programs for grades 1-12; can be a good opportunity at the higher grades to take a class in the summer in order to free up time in the regular school year
  - They are starting to add cross-curricular STEAM classes such as Theme Park Design, as well as skills building classes (no credit) ie. outdoor science, languages, culinary arts.
  - Tuition free for BC residents (fee for international students). More info at [summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://summerlearningcoquitlam.ca); brochure will go home with students shortly
- Next DPAC meeting is Wednesday April 1st @ 7:00pm at Winslow Centre (1100 Winslow Avenue). As always, all parents are welcome to attend.
- School Board: Stakeholder Input Meeting for Budget Feb 11<sup>th</sup>
  - This meeting was to give stakeholder groups an opportunity to present feedback to the District on the budget for the 2020/21 school year.
  - The District has very little room in the budget for discretionary funds; 90% of the budget each year is prescriptive (ie staffing); most of the remaining 10% is operational (supplies, maintenance)
  - Heard from groups such as the Coquitlam Teacher's Association, Student Leadership Council members, school counsellors, CUPE, etc however, the most interesting presentations were from the students who attended; advocating for more consistency in menstrual product availability, more school counsellors etc...
  - Next step in the process is the public board meeting on April 7th (7pm at Winslow Centre) when the proposed budget for the district will be presented.  
\*all are welcome to attend. Larissa will try to attend this and report back.

#### **Hot Lunch (Bobbi)**

- Subway this week on Friday. Three more hot lunches are left this year.
- We continue to have issues getting enough parent volunteers out to pass out lunches. Christine suggested asking grade 5 leadership students to help. Bobbi will ask Mr. D about this for Friday.

#### **Safety Coordinator (Janice)**

- Janice is following up with Leann about the incident at the bus stop in February. Janice has been in touch with the RCMP liaison about talking to the students in regard to personal safety. At the moment, she is trying to coordinate dates but is waiting to hear back from Leann.

- Cheryl mentioned that not all teachers are keen on having another presentation, particularly the intermediates who have already covered this topic. Janice will be in touch with the department heads (Mr. D, Mr. Porter, Ms. LaFleur).
- We are still in need of a volunteer to put out the traffic flags (in the posts outside the 7-Eleven store) at 8am and take them down at 5pm school days. The staff at 7-Eleven are not doing this as pre-arranged. If anyone is interested in helping with this task please contact Janice.

#### **Merchandising Coordinator (Christine)**

- Water bottles - \$1.99 for 300 (plus taxes and design fee). Current inventory is too low to provide one water bottle for each new kindergarten student, so we need to order more soon. This spending would need to be voted on since it is above \$500. ACTION: Vote on spending up to \$750 for water bottles at April meeting.

#### **Emergency Preparedness (Jay)**

- Jay checked actual inventory of care packs and we are short quite a few. We got 22 of the 50 extra packs back from last year and these have all been used up by just 3 classes that are short. Mr. Porter has a potential solution to this and Jay will be in contact with him.
- Jay suggested that for next year we can make the emergency pack an item to order on MAL, with the priced marked up slightly to cover the extra cost for students who do not purchase or provide their own care pack. All present thought this was a fantastic idea and would be willing to assist with this.
- Jay will send out one more reminder to parents to please send in a care pack for this year, if they have not already done so.

#### **Communications Coordinator (Shannon McGeehan - absent)**

- Nothing to report, however a reminder that if you wish to include anything in the newsletter, to let her know. Jenny will forward her the dates for Saleema Noon to include. Please see below *New Business – track and field* for further information to include in newsletter. We also need to include information on PAC positions for next year and the necessity to fill these positions to ensure the viability of the PAC (positions needing to be filled are: chair, vice-chair, fundraising, merchandising, parent education coordinator) .

#### **Parent Education (vacant)**

- Saleema Noon parent education night is Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:00, in the library. The focus will be sharing the information that will be taught at the student session. The student sessions will take place Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be three groups will be

k/1s, 2/3s and 4/5s. Parents will be notified of a reverse consent form if they choose not to have their child participate.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business Cont'd**

- The changeroom where the PAC keeps a lot of supplies has many silverfish, Leann would like to move the PAC supplies to the other changeroom (combine it with the school supplies in the other changeroom) in order to clean both out. There are many bags of clothes in there, Jon will be in touch with Una in regards to the clothing drive.
- A couple of parents have been in touch with Leann about improving the track and field training at the school. Leann has said she would be willing to have parents help out in the form of a club to give extra practice and that she would be the SD43 sponsor. We would need more parent volunteers to help facilitate the club – a request for volunteers will be sent out in the PAC newsletter. This would hopefully include a trip to the track/stadium before the actual track and field date.
- There are two meetings next month, April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be executive only to set the budget for 2020/21. The meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> will be a general meeting. The following meeting in May will be the AGM where nominations for next year's PAC executive will take place. We will change the May meeting to May 19<sup>th</sup>, after the Kindergarten Parent meeting.

**Motion to adjourn:** Jay **Second:** All **Time:** 8:45

**Next Meeting: April 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:00pm Executive Only, Location TBD**

**Next General Meeting: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm**