

Mundy Road PAC Meeting April 18, 2012

In Attendance: Dorothy Sela, Kelly Zimmer, Dalene Schulz, Lori LaCroix, Machaela Kelly, Kathy Anderson, Teresa Battista, Suzanne Clements, Jehnel Wong, Teri Towner, Hilary Drexel, Elizabeth Hrynew, Kim Driver.

Approve Agenda: Moved by Dalene, seconded by Jehnel. All in favour, carried.

Approve Minutes: Moved by Teri, seconded by Dalene. All in favour, carried.

Chairperson's Report – Kathy Anderson

Playground celebration was a great success. PAC webpage has been updated with lots of information and is a great resource. Thank you Sheela for updating the webpage. Staff appreciation day was missed during the strike. Will look at calendar to see if we can make up the missed day. Thank you to Lori for keeping volunteers on track. Thank you Teresa for the fruit and veggie program. Part of the reason we are doing so well financially is because of Nikki and Hilary's fundraising work. DDA clothing drive pick up is April 19. All of the leftover Christmas Market items can be donated to DDA.

We should start looking into booking Saleema Noon for next fall. She is a sex-educator and body science teacher. We could use our parent-ed budget. There is a session for parents and a second session for students. It makes sense to invite parents from several schools because it is expensive.

Principal's Report – Kelly Zimmer

The BC Lions were here today to talk about energy conservation. There were lots of kids participating during the presentation.

Progress reports will be issued in place of report cards on April 30. These reports will reflect how your child is doing as of now. Teachers are happy to meet with parents to discuss any concerns.

A meeting will be held on May 15 from 9-10am for parents to discuss our school's Code of Conduct.

The school budget will be voted on next week.

Monty middle dropped off articulation forms today, one for parents and one for students. Mr. McFaul is coming back in a few weeks to talk to students. Parent night is April 26 at 7pm. 5th grade students will go over May 30 for a half day. Hillcrest parent night is April 25.

Class pictures will be taken on May 11.

The real estate agency across the street is putting on a carnival at our school on May 12 to raise money for a transition house.

Hip hop performance will be June 15.

We will need parent help for the 5th grade trip to Cultus Lake.

Due to job action, the kindergarten teachers are unable to come to the welcome to kindergarten session that is normally held in the evening. Most families cannot come during the day. We will have a parent night, but not the usual format. Kelly will show parents the video and show the classrooms. Maybe the PAC can help.

Smartboards are coming this Friday.

The District has decided to support iPads, so the school may purchase two for the kindergarten classrooms.

We will not receive our staffing until the beginning of May.

Parent tea is will be on a Wednesday in May. Date to be announced.

We do not know yet if we will be able to have Sports Day due to job action. Some schools have cancelled it, but our teachers are waiting to receive the LRB ruling before making a decision.

There is an ongoing problem with older kids loitering on school grounds. The custodian is intimidated by them – they have threatened to vandalize his vehicle if he reports them to the police. There will be a meeting with the District next Tuesday to come up with a plan to deter them from loitering. If you see kids loitering at the school, please report it to the police.

Jesse Miller of Media Reality has been booked for a parent education night on May 8 from 7-9pm. He will do a presentation on the appropriate use of social media. Older kids are welcome to attend. We will invite neighbouring schools. Perhaps the PAC can sell coffee and cookies to offset the cost.

The 4th grade field trip to Fort Langley has been re-booked.

Treasurer's Report – Teresa Battista

Grade 5 grad has \$1900, which includes everything to date. Library still has \$1210. Gaming money was spent on wish list items. Playground has received donation from Happy Days, and is paid for. There is still \$7802 in the playground fund. The term deposit should be \$3500. The bank recommended that we take the money from the term deposit and put it in a savings account where it will earn interest. Hot lunch is still bringing in lots of money. Teresa found \$300 in a cash box, and nobody knows what it was from. She put it into miscellaneous donations.

Kathy brought up whether we want to vote to spend more money this year. We will have to put it on the agenda for the AGM if we want to spend the money. We are still spending money on the wish list items. If we intend to change budget line items, we need to do so at the AGM. We also need to figure out where to apply the money from Thrifty's before September.

Motion to approve Suzanne, seconded Jehnel. All in favour, carried.

Other Committee Reports

School Planning Council – Kathy Anderson

Code of Conduct meeting is scheduled for May 15 at 9am. Kelly to look into whether it can be rescheduled so that Kathy can attend.

DPAC – Teri Towner

BCCPAC conference is coming up at the end of May. DPAC is having a parent education night on April 30 at 7pm. Dave Sands will be talking about technology.

Communications Coordinator – Jehnel Wong

Jehnel has been working on a dance fundraiser for June 2nd. Tickets are \$15, and there will be a cocktail menu. Alcohol will be served. The goal of the dance is to meet new parents, get to know each other, have fun and celebrate. Nicole is not going forward with bowling night, so we will do the dance

fundraiser instead. We may be able to hold a raffle or auction. We can use leftover prizes from the pub night for the dance.

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Hilary Drexel

There was a suggestion to do macaroni and cheese instead of hot dogs. The concern is that the food will get cold and the kids won't eat it. Hot dogs are easier and profitable, and the kids like it. Hilary will combine two months' orders next time to save time.

Social Coordinator - Michaela Kelly

Starbucks on Austin will no longer provide us with coffee. She may try the Starbucks on United Boulevard. We should know whether we will be having Sports Day by Friday.

Old Business:

Mad Science – Kim Driver

Winter session was a success. The program brought in \$288.60 for the PAC. Next session starts May 1 and will run for 5 weeks. They cost is \$65. We already have three students signed up, and the enrolment forms haven't gone home yet. If you have a kindergarten student and want them to take the class, it is up to parent discretion. You cannot sign kindergarten students up online – you will have to call Mad Science so that they can override the system.

Wealthy School Revolution Update – Elizabeth Hrynew

There is no minimum order, but there is a \$15 charge per delivery. There has only been lukewarm interest in this program. It was agreed to abandon the idea for now, but the information will be put into the Fundraising Binder for future reference.

Thrifty Foods Support – Teri Towner

Liam at Thrifty's is not pulling support for the PAC, but he wants to tweak it. He doesn't see much value in providing baked goods for PAC meetings. He wants us to come to him for donations for events (ie: sports day, raffle prizes, etc.) and put up signage saying that Thrifty's donated the food. He wants us to help him to build a new program for our school, while making Thrifty's more visible. We need to send him a letter with ideas and get the ball rolling.

Discuss Filling Executive PAC Positions for 2012/2013 School Year – Kathy Anderson

Elections will take place at our next meeting. Executives are not required to find their successor, but it would be helpful to try to help fill the position and help the new person if needed. Even if an executive is willing to remain in their position for next year, there still needs to be an election. There is no guarantee that you will get the position you currently fill.

Chair – Kathy does not intend to Chair next year

Vice Chair – Dorothy will not be available next year

Secretary – Kim's family is moving this summer, so she will not be available

Fundraising – Nicole was not at the meeting

Emergency Preparedness – vacant for next year

Treasurer – Teresa intends to stand as Treasurer

DPAC Rep – Teri intends to stand as DPAC unless something comes up

SPC – vacant for next year

Communications – Jehnel intends to stand as Communications Coordinator for next year

Health & Safety – vacant for next year

Hot Lunch Coordinator – Hilary intends to stand in this position for next year

Parent Education – vacant for next year

Social Coordinator – Michaela will not be available for next year

Volunteer Coordinator – Lori will not be available for next year

Members at Large – Dalene will no longer have a child at our school. Elizabeth will stay on but may put her name in for another position.

Grade 5 Fundraiser – Hilary Drexel

There are two more ice cream sales coming up. There is enough money in the account for the trip to Cultus Lake. It was suggested that the money from the ice cream sales be donated to a children's charity. Parents can vote on where the money should go.

Playground Committee Update – Suzanne Clements

Survivor challenge needs to be postponed. There has been no talk about the survey that was promised. Suzanne will send the details to Kelly, along with copies of the grant.

New Business

Parent Ed - Jesse Miller May 8th

Jesse Miller of Media Reality has been booked for a free parent education night on May 8 from 7-9pm. He will do a presentation on the appropriate use of social media. Older kids are welcome to attend. We will invite neighbouring schools. Perhaps the PAC can sell coffee and cookies to offset the cost.

\$5000 Library Grant from Kinder Morgan – Dorothy Sela

In December, Dorothy applied for a grant from Kinder Morgan, a large oil company located in Burnaby. She asked for a \$5000 grant to replace outdated library books, specifically for science books. The cheque was received on February 21. Mrs. Mills has spent the money on new books. There is already \$800 worth of new books on our library shelves, and we are waiting for two more orders to arrive. We will receive about 360 new books in total.

Open Discussion

There are items belonging to the Scouts group in the girls' change room. Kelly to discuss with them. There are also some items belonging to the PAC. Kelly will pull the items out and let us know when to take a look; if you see something that you need, put a sticky on it.

Kathy has noticed that there are parents sitting in their cars on Mundy with the engine idling after school. She emailed the city about getting "no idling" signs put on the street. We can also put a note in the newsletter.

Kelly said there are still issues with the parking lot. PAC volunteers are making a difference, but she will be asking for a clause to be put into the Code of Conduct. It is also a safety issue for younger students.

Motion to adjourn made by Shannon, seconded Teresa. All in favour, carried.

Upcoming PAC Meeting Dates:

May 16

All evening meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Location – Library