

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 17, 2016 7:00 pm

Present: Cynthia Fong, Tamara Sherdahl, Wendy Dhillon, Gurj Parmar, Ursula Elliot, Sarah MacDonald, Nikki Schenato, Ryan Robinson, Jeannene Crosby

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Minutes of Jan 20, 2016 Motion: Nicole Schenato Seconded: Gurj Parmar

Approve Agenda (Nicole, Wendy)

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Principals Report

Sorry for missing the last meeting. FSAs are now done for grade 4s. Basketball is in full swing. K registration happened in early Feb. Looking at 27/28 kids but that excludes cross catchment kids. Student lead conferences today and tomorrow.

Upcoming: Pro D this Friday. Pink shirt day on Feb 24. Jump Rope for heart kicks off Feb 26. Jump day is March 11. Reports go home March 10th.

Voting on the new logo started this week. We're giving it a week for parents to come in. There are 6 or 7 images to vote on. The winner will be tweaked by a graphic artist.

Rob is happy to do another curriculum re-design night for parents. This is a good time to do it as it is being implemented next year. Suggestion: Maybe do it again in April/May when it's getting a bit closer.

Teaching Kids to be Smart about Social Media. This DPAC session was sold out. Rob Wright contacted Carol Todd about doing another one. She'd love to do a small group. She'd be happy to come in and do it for us or for a couple of schools together. (The PAC agrees we'd love to do this). April is probably good timing.

ACTION: Rob will get in touch with Carol to learn more about her needs and he will work with Anita Krishna to move forward on booking a session for Mundy parents (and RC MacDonald) with Carol Todd.

We are 70% spent on the PAC wishlist. They won't be buying the audio cabinet as it's no longer needed.

Treasurer's Report (Ursula Elliott)

Chequing	\$15852.46
Gaming	\$ 3240.77
Technology	\$11185.77
Rainy Day	\$ 4561.03

Thrifty's Smile Card program will be going away as the store is closing.

Approve Treasurer's Report Motion: Jeannene Crosby, Seconded: Wendy Dhillon

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

Last DPAC meeting on Jan 27th. Superintendent's report was on technology in schools and what they were planning to do to keep up with the curriculum. One aspect that's been in the news is that every kid will learn coding to some degree in the new curriculum. Working towards all schools having seamless and reliable internet by December 2017.

Discussed Parents being partners with the teachers working together with the new curriculum. The school district is very complex. There are 33,000 students in the tri cities school district and 137 different home languages in that population. Changes coming in how students will be assessed. Shift from grades to communicating and demonstrating progress of students to the parents. "Fresh Grade" is an assessment program that some classrooms are using to communicate and demonstrate progress to parents. Mr. Porter is currently using it at Mundy.

Grant writing: Presentation on how and where to get money. E.g. Poco Community Foundation has grant programs we might be eligible for.

Earthquake safety: They are doing an inventory of supplies. Elementary schools get \$500 per year. In May they're doing a Mock Release (e.g. an emergency drill that goes as far as parents having to come get their kids). These drills are not done every year. Part of what this reveals is how well Parents have thought about their emergency contacts for picking up their kids. Only people on the emergency release forms can be used, even in the drill situation.

There was a presentation from a group called Real Acts of Caring (realactsofcaring.org). It's a club you can have in your school which improves self-esteem for kids.

Communications & Website (Kara Lindstrom)

Not present.

Volunteers (Marcy Baverstock)

Absent – no report

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

Spring Dance:

Thursday May 12th is pencilled in as a tentative day for the spring dance. Nikki will head it up. Gurj and Ryan will help. Glow in the dark theme works great. We need to allocate small funds for prizes for kids....little prizes for lots of kids.

Hanging basket fundraiser update:

Tamara outlined info she had on “Growing Smiles” Hanging basket fundraiser. A premium basket profit is somewhere between \$4 and \$8. You can also do flats of annuals. Only \$7 profit per flat.

Nikki can send information on another company that does this for further evaluation

Other Fundraising news:

Clothing drive brought in \$550.

Ford Drive for your Programs. You can earn up to \$6000. All you have to do is show up and test drive a Ford. You get \$20 per test drive. They don't pressure sell or hassle you. It's just one day. Rob's kid's school did it. It's great if it's connected to an event where there are lots of people. Ford brings 3-5 cars so there can be a bit of a wait. We could sell hot dogs and have a bouncy castle for a draw. Or perhaps it could be tied in with another special “outdoor” day at the school. Suzanne LaFleur mentioned integrating a Bike Safety day possibly with the Ford Drive program.

Another idea (to replace Thrifty's cards). It's called Fund Script. You order gift cards every month for any number of retailers and the school gets a kickback from every card. E.g groceries, gas, etc. The funds come in when the gift cards are purchased, not when they're spent.

Maybe we should do a 50/50 draw at the spring dance and movie night? Licence would be required.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

Pizza is next Friday.

We will do pasta again. It will be either plain pasta or mac n cheese.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

The \$500 provided by the District to Mundy was spent on getting emergency supplies for Mundy. The funds were taken off the PAC's emergency budget.

Safety (Janice Doege)

Absent – no report

Parkland Elementary have a tall cone in the centre of the cross walk. It's tall and skinny and red. They put it in the middle of the crosswalk as another visual reminder that it's a crosswalk. It does make drivers slow down. A contact of Rob's gave us one. We could put it on the crosswalk on Mundy. Rob will follow up with the Principal of Parkland and find out more about this and connect with Janice on the one we have and next steps. It would need to be put out and taken off every day. We would have to figure out who could do this.

Social Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

Absent. Sent report as follows:

Pub Night has been booked for Sat, April 16th, 6pm- Mickey Public House

Tickets are currently for sale at the office or through Christine.

We need donations for the silent auction baskets! Please contact Christine Friend - 604-836-4595 or friendlydecorator@hotmail.ca to let me know what you/your company is able to donate! (Christine attached letters to send to companies and separate one to go out to the parents).

Rob will send out a note to the Parents and the class liaisons can collect the goods.

The class liaisons have the information but it needs to be formulated into an email to be sent out.

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

Not present.

ACTION: Rob will look into a couple of people regarding parent education on social-emotional learning. We can use this to gauge interest in Parents coming out.

Follow up: Please see Rob's follow up re: Carol Todd as a potential speaker.

Old Business

Elimination of SPC

ACTION: Sarah will remove references to School Planning Council in the Constitution. Bring Forward for completion by year end.

More Fridge Space needed (Ryan/Niki)

ACTION: Niki to bring findings on new fridge plan to next meeting. Bring Forward to Jan meeting.

Follow up: Seeing as our funds are low and we are not in dire need, we should table this item until next year.

Bulletin Board Project

The bulletin board project has been delayed. Is this a good project for Mrs. Zem's leadership program?

ACTION: Ryan will follow up with Mrs. Zem and see if this is possible.

Follow up: Ryan has emailed Mrs. Zem and talked to Rob and it will be a good project for the Leadership students.

New Business

Grade 5 fundraising is set for the month of May. Sun Hang Do...Tues K – 2 Thurs gr. 3-5. 4 sessions each. Cost will be \$20.

Open Discussion

None

Motion to Adjourn Cynthia Fong, Seconded: Wendy Dhillon