

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 18, 2015 7:00 pm

In attendance: Cynthia Fong, Tamara Sherdahl, Michaela Kelly, Christine Friend, Marcy Baverstock, Ursula Elliott, Suzanne LaFleur, Sarah MacDonald, Rob Wright, Ryan Robinson, Janice Doege, Jeannene Crosby, Anita Krishna.

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Agenda

Accept Minutes from October 21, 2015 PAC Meeting Motion: Christine Friend Second: Marcy Baverstock.

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Nice to see everyone again.

Principal's Report (Rob Wright)

November is a crazy month. Winter concert is listed on the website. It's on December 16th at Montgomery Middle School. Theme is "The Best Gift Ever".

Falcons logo initiative is underway. It will be chosen from among Mundy Road student submissions. Staff will shortlist and then the community can have a look at the shortlisted ones and vote. There will be a graphic artist who will help render it. Goal is to have an image in the New Year so we can start with the jerseys, branding etc. Everyone is very excited about it.

Well Ahead initiative is continuing to move forward at the School District. There were recent meetings in the community. The goal is to work towards "wellness".

Cultural Events. We've booked Tribal Vision Dance and Canadiana Theatre Company – "Klondike Ragtime". They offered April and May as dates. We were hoping to spread them out a bit more than that so have asked for different dates. We have also put our name in for the brass quintet (funding for which PAC is voting on today).

Starting in January, you can pay for all your student fees online – field trips, planners etc. Called "Schools Cash Online". The school district is working towards becoming a "cashless" district. An email will be sent to Parents about this. You can still pay cash and cheques but this is a new

option. It's not clear whether this will be for PAC initiatives or not. More information will be forthcoming.

Coming up: Scholastic Book Fair, Parent Teacher conferences, 1st term report cards, Christmas market, clothing drive.

Volleyball season is just about over. Kids have loved it.

Rob will be conducting Parent Information sessions on the new BC curriculum in mid January – Tuesday the 12th.

Teacher's Wishlist

Rob Wright outlined the consultation process with Teachers for arriving at the Wishlist and discussed the value of each line item.

Literacy -	\$3500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade ¾ level material- literature circle sets• Reading Power Resources• Non fiction• Library• Literature/ Resources to support the new curriculum	
Early Learning Materials-	\$500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities for learning tubs• Dress up clothes for centers• Magnetic letters, alphabet activities, rhyming activities	
Individual Whiteboards/ Page covers	\$250
Math-	\$500
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 line calculators (30)	
Audio (storage for gym)	\$250
TOTAL	\$5000

The Teacher's Wishlist totalling \$5000 is approved as outlined above.

Rob Wright has asked for a further \$1700 to purchase a number of other items. As this exceeds the allocated budget, these items will be voted on at the January 2016 PAC meeting. They include:

1. A Sound field system (\$1000). This is the system in use in a couple of classrooms so far. The teacher wears a headset with a mic and their voice is amplified through a tower speaker. At present, none of the systems in use at the school are owned by the school. They are “attached” to a particular student or a particular teacher. We would like one that could be assigned as the school sees fit.
2. PE equipment (\$700). We are in need of new volleyballs, especially given our volleyball team has been going well. We would also like each classroom to have some of their own PE equipment that stays in the class.

ACTION: Sarah to put item on January agenda for PAC to vote whether or not to approve these two additional expenses at \$1700.

While a wireless mic was discussed as a possible additional purchase (to use in the gym instead of the corded one that kids tend to trip over.), the district has come back with an estimated price of \$1000. The PAC can discuss at a future meeting whether this additional expense should go to a vote.

PAC suggested that a call could go out to Parents for some specific items of gently used PE equipment, specifically interested in good condition soccer balls, footballs, volleyballs and perhaps frisbees.

Treasurer’s Report (Ursula Elliott)

Accept Treasurer’s Report

Chequing Account	\$18,047.66
Gaming Account	\$3245.27
Technology Savings	\$7290.16
Rainy Day Savings	\$4272.15

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report: Marcy Baverstock Seconded: Anita Krishna

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

Two issues discussed at DPAC - New Curriculum and Disabled Children in the Classroom.

New Curriculum:

Planning on putting new Pro D days in the spring for training for the new curriculum.

K – 9 rollout by Sept 2016. Sept 2017 is high school rollout.

Major changes are in core competencies. Here is a link to a document that provides a good overview of what the curriculum redesign looks like:
https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/Curriculum_Brochure.pdf

DPAC wants to know if Parents have any concerns about the new curriculum and Cynthia can take it back to the next meeting.

Children with Disabilities:

There are 417 kids with Autism in SD 43. Invisible disabilities are more difficult for kids to empathetic about. Important for Parents to teach kids about empathy around these types of disabilities.

BCCPAC has Hot Lunch guidelines online on what is okay and not okay to offer.

Communications & Website (Kara Lindstrom)

Newsletter Expectations

Rob does regular communication which includes a lot of PAC initiatives.

It would be great to have Major events blasted out to Parents to give extra profile e.g. “newflashes” could be sent out by Kara. Pancake Breakfast would be a good one to get out soon. Michaela Kelly is organizing it.

Including photos in newsletters is an issue as permissions take time to manage. People who want to send their own pictures for inclusion in the newsletter are free to do that.

The PAC Bulletin Board has not been re-launched yet.

Volunteers (Marcy Baverstock)

No report.

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

We will raffle off the first two rows at Christmas Concert – Niki Schenato will lead this.

Save Around books are finishing trickling in. We’ve profited \$450 on them so far.

Next year we should start earlier. We profit \$12 per book sold.

Clothing Drive – Not much has come in yet. Please bring your stuff in!

Potential Movie Night is passed over to Niki.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

No hot lunch in December. Pancake Breakfast is December 18th.

ACTION: Rob will ask the Firefighters if they want to take part in helping out at the Pancake breakfast. **Follow up:** The relationship is new. Perhaps we could look at this in the future.

Ryan, Gurj and Lawrence will cook. Michaela Kelly will organize the initiative.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

Absent. No report

Safety (Janice Doege)

Roadside Safety Meeting tomorrow. Info was sent to Parents today. Janice will provide an update on it at the next meeting.

Social Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

We agree no coffee for the Christmas concert.

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

ACTION: Anita will bring back more info about Saleema Noon for further evaluation. If we want to proceed we'd have to plan it for next year.

Follow up: Saleema Noon (Sex Education) Anita recommends Option B – Parent Education night 90 minutes. This includes 30 minutes each with kids in different age groups...sexual health, ownership of bodies...age appropriate materials for each group. Participation is only done with Parent Consent. Cost is \$850 + GST. It can be done in school time or out of school time. In Rob's experience, participation rates vary widely depending on the school.

ACTION: Bring this to the April budget meeting for next year for consideration. Anita can find out timelines for booking Saleema.

Alternate idea: Is there an expert on social-emotional learning who could come out?

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.

Old Business

Cultural Events - Additional Expense Request (Cynthia Fong)

Background from October PAC meeting:

Art Starts has about a hundred different performing groups. The budget for cultural events has not changed in 10 years. We have booked Canadiana Musical Theatre and Tribal Dancers so far and would like to book a third event but it's not in the current budget. Can we approve a budget overage to bring in the Foothills Brass Quintet? It gives kids the opportunity to learn about how music is made. It's only \$13 per student to

have all 3 events. We want the kids to have experiences. We have the funds. Next year we can budget accordingly to increase cultural events.

ACTION: *There will be a vote on this at the November PAC meeting to over spend on this line item by \$465 to facilitate 3 events.*

Motion by Cynthia Fong to increase the cultural events line item in the current budget by \$465 to accommodate these 3 events bringing this year's approved spend for cultural events to \$2465. Seconded: Ryan Robinson. All in Favour. Carried.

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 November meeting.

Bring Forward to next meeting.

New Business

Christine Friend is planning another Pub Night. Looking at April 9 or 16 at Mickeys.

Open Discussion

None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Cynthia Fong Second: Marcy Baverstock

Adjourned 9:08 pm