

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 16, 2017 7:00 pm

Present: Sarah MacDonald, Ryan Robinson, Tamara Lee, Una Wong, Anita Rosada, Anita Krishna, Janice Doege, Jaime Baker, Jon Lundquist, Christine Friend, Tamara Sherdahl, Cynthia Fong, Kathy Banner Staff: Rob Wright, Ken Porter

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Minutes of April 5, 2017 meeting

Motion: Christine Friend Second: Tamara Sherdahl

Approve Agenda

Motion: Tamara Sherdahl Second: Christine Friend

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

It's my last meeting as Chair. It's been a great 4 years. The people in the room at the PAC have been fantastic as has our principal Rob Wright. I appreciate all the support from the PAC members, the volunteers and the school community.

Principals Report

Thank you to the PAC. It's such a pleasure to be here and work with your kids every day. You are a wonderful support and community who has embraced me for the last 4 years. Looking forward to the next year.

Coming up – a letter tomorrow to grade 4 parents re: student learning survey. It's an anonymous online survey. To be done by May 26. Welcome to K is this Thursday afternoon and next Thursday evening. A great chance to get to meet the new kids and gives the K parents a chance to ask questions.

Any volunteers in the room willing to review the code of conduct with Rob? (Christine Friend and Anita Rasoda have volunteered.)

Events coming up: Track meet on May 23rd. Parent tea on June 14th.

Student Learning Grant: This is money that came from the Ministry to Districts across the province. The District did a number of different things with it. There was some “per pupil” funding allocated. Teachers and parents are to be offered input on how they’d like to spend it. We are increasing opportunities for learners (looking at the redesigned curriculum). Approximately \$2200 will be allocated to core competency resources (critical thinking, social responsibilities, social/cultural identity etc). The resources are associated literature resources around core competencies that a teacher can use as a jumping off point to teach these abstract concepts. An example of a core competency resource might be a themed story book e.g. social and cultural identity.

We will allocate \$600 for additional math resources. The remainder of the funds are for the newest version of Boardmaker which is an assistive technology computer program which creates visual symbols for kids who need different ways of learning. The cost for this is roughly \$450.

Ken Porter is here to talk about the technology needs for the school. Our school uniquely has had PAC funded 1:1 laptops for intermediate students. The kids can use these laptops all day, every day. This enables them to do big projects. This technology has been funded by PAC for 10 years. We buy laptops on a 3 year cycle and then they are replaced. We are in the 3rd year of our laptops. Many years ago, the PAC decided to continually save for this expense on an ongoing basis and so funds are typically earmarked for this.

The school district typically replaces the computer lab which is separate from the laptops.

Last week, we got information from the district that pretty much every computer in the school has to be replaced by September as all the machines are below the minimum standard. The district will not allow any of them to connect to the SD43 network. The District has a different way of resourcing the schools technology needs this spring. They’ve negotiated district pricing and there is also a rebate component for every old machine you turn in. Going forward, the takeaway message is that we at Mundy want kids to have access to 1:1 laptops for next year and subsequent years. We also want all kids to have access to computers in a lab setting. We would also like to enhance our use of laptops in the classroom. If we work together with the school, the district and the PAC, we can make it happen. The deadline is May 24th for the orders to be placed. No additional PAC funds are required for us to accomplish this beyond what’s already been requested for this year and will be voted on tonight.

PAC funding plus the District’s technology program/funding will enable Mundy to replace 30 hybrid laptops, 33 pre-owned desktops and acquire 13 new iPads.

Continuing to build the technology savings in the PAC is crucial to being able to keep the level of technology up here at Mundy.

We have also been upgraded for our wireless network in the school this week.

Treasurer's Report (Ursula Elliott)

Details on account balances are available by contacting the Treasurer.

Magic Show made us about \$600 in profit. Great event!

There are still a few events to go and most of the school expenses go out at the end of the year.

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

April 26 meeting. District has passed a balanced budget. The deficit is retired at the end of this year. They are not planning on laying off teachers and recalling this year. This is due to the new funding and reduced classroom sizes. They don't want to lay teachers off and lose them to other districts. The budget is on the school district website.

Kudos to SD43 – Minister of Education is meeting with our Superintendent to find out how our district is doing so well. They keep hearing this is an exemplary district.

Min of Education has a new mobile friendly website URL. It offers lots of different information on how the schools are doing.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/systemperformance>

There was a presentation about teaching kids financial responsibility. Their presentation is on the DPAC website. Financial literacy is not really taught in schools but it's very important. Some good tips were offered on how we can help our children in this area.

PAC Community Gaming grants...it's time to apply for them. Ursula has already done this so our grant is in.

DPAC elections are on May 31. All positions are open except President. 1 year terms.

Scott Creek Middle has created an XL worksheet template PAC Treasurers can use. It's on the DPAC website.

Question to PACs: What would you like to see DPAC do next year to help your PAC?

Communications & Website (Una Wong)

Great newsletter Una!

Never did get that PAC Executive photo! Maybe a brief outgoing newsletter before the end of the year. We should highlight the tech spending, the new jerseys etc.

There used to be photos of PAC Execs on the PAC bulletin board. This has to be something everybody wants...not everyone wants their photo out there.

Maybe talk about it for September.

Volunteers (Kathy Banner)

(Kathy had to leave early) No report.

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

Garage Sale netted \$886.53.

Clothing drive – we made it past the 151 bags. We made \$471 from that which is over the projection.

Flowers: Went pretty well. After the delivery charge we made \$296.06. Next year we should look at Christmas poinsettias and wreaths.

Fundscrip cheque came in \$553.

Seems a good idea to mix things up year to year.

Cape Horn wants to do a carnival...community based. Maybe our schools could join together. An idea to keep talking about.

Has also heard from other PACs that child minding can increase parent participation in the PAC. Other parents in the room have tried it with varying success. It's usually only 1 or 2 parents who utilize it.

Thank you Tamara...it's a lot of effort to be the fundraising co-ordinator.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

Not present. We are on track with this budget item.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

Not present. Nothing to report.

Safety (Janice Doege)

Want to get the speed reader for September on Austin between Hickey and Mundy. Awaiting confirmation on that.

Was trying to get a crosswalk on Hillcrest at King Albert. That may happen with the paving. They are also putting in some proper sidewalks on Hillcrest.

Merchandising Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

The jerseys are here and will be used at the District Track meet. They look great!

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

Saleema Noon went well. Next year I would try to do more events. Might be good to do every 2nd year or do it with another school.

Home Alone course has some interest for next year.

Old Business

Vote to spend up to \$12,000 to replace laptops using funds from the Technology account.

Motion: Christine Friend. Second: Tamara Sherdahl. All in favour. **Carried.**

New Business

PAC Budget Presentation for 17/18 School Year (Ursula/Ryan)

Vote to approve PAC Budget for 2017-18 in the amount of \$16,650 which includes a \$3575 draw on savings.

Motion: Jon Lundquist Second: Cynthia Fong. All in favour. **Carried.**

PAC Executive Elections for 2017-18

- Chair: Anita Krishna nominated Jon Lundquist. Jon Lundquist elected by acclamation.
- Treasurer: Tamara Lee elected by acclamation.
- Secretary: Una Wong elected by acclamation.
- DPAC Rep: Christine Friend elected by acclamation.
- Fundraising Co-ord: Christine nominated Tamara Sherdahl. Tamara elected by acclamation.
- Vice –chair: Vacant
- Member at Large: Anita Rasoda elected by acclamation.

One Member at Large position vacant

Volunteer Co-ord: Jaime Baker elected by acclamation.

Communication Co-ord: Una Wong elected by acclamation.

Emergency Prep: Wendy Dhillon elected by acclamation.

Parent Education Coord: Anita Krishna elected by acclamation.

Hot Lunch: Vacant

Merchandising Co ord: Christine Friend elected by acclamation.

Safety Co-ord: Janice Doege elected by acclamation.

Social Co-ord: Vacant

Historian: Vacant

New Business

Tuesday June 13 will be the PAC Executive Meeting for the new 17-18 PAC in the library. This is a change from original plan.

Special Projects Committee: Christine Friend, Jon Lundquist so far. Seek additional members in the fall.

Open Discussion

None

Motion to Adjourn Janice Doege Second: Anita Krishna

Adjourned 9 pm