

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 7:00 pm

Present: Sarah MacDonald, Ryan Robinson, Ursula Elliott, Tamara Sherdahl, Una Wong, Cynthia Fong, Jon Lundquist, Janice Doege, Gurj Parmar, Christine Friend, Kathy Banner

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Minutes of February 21, 2017 PAC Meeting

Motion: Tamara Sherdahl Second: Ursula Elliot

Approve Minutes of April 4, 2017 Executive Meeting

Motion: Janice Doege Second: Tamara Sherdahl

Approve Agenda

Motion: Janice Doege Second: Ursula Elliot

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Concerned that this PAC is in danger of folding. There are a lot of Executive positions open for next year as many parents are leaving the school. We need everyone in the school to consider what they can do towards the PAC and to attend meetings, bring their ideas and make their voices heard.

The next meeting on Tuesday, May 16 is the Annual General Meeting and that is when the Executive positions are elected. If we don't elect sufficient roles (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, DPAC rep), the PAC cannot operate and cannot disburse funds for the 2017-18 school year. No other positions will be filled until those four positions are filled.

Principals Report (Rob Wright)

Coming up: the Dance in the School program funded by PAC through the Sports Skills budget.

PAC wishlist – everything approved to date has been ordered.

Laptop refurbishment is required this year. We have been trying to get a firm price. They have to be purchased through the district. They are about \$300 - \$375 per piece. For 31 computers the total cost is between \$11K and \$12K. While our Technology

account is dedicated to replacing computers, to follow due process we will vote on this at the AGM in May.

ACTION: SARAH TO PUT ON AGM AGENDA.

It's too soon to know specifics on how some of the funds from the Ministry through the District will be allocated. Lots is changing and changing quickly. Rob is keeping ears open as things develop. Too soon to know exactly how the funds will be directed.

The Radios for Emergency Preparedness has been under discussion for a while. Our school does not have phones in the classrooms so we have no two way communications with the classrooms in the event of an emergency. As we practice our emergency preparedness drills, it's clear that facilitating two way communication would be very useful. Wendy has looked at Motorola phones at a number of different levels. They need a higher frequency level and need to be robust, have good longevity. Jon Lundquist has experience with radios and can offer advice and consultation on what to buy.

If we had 3, in an emergency Rob would have one, the command centre would have one and search and rescue would have one. Ideally, in time, we would have one for every classroom.

A PAC rep at the "Welcome to Kindergarten" day and night would be very helpful to encourage involvement in the PAC. Several people can be available for the night ones (Kathy/Ryan). Perhaps the PAC can bring donuts or fruit.

- **Teacher's Wishlist**

Vote whether or not to buy an additional 5 iPads which were not approved as part of the original wishlist as they exceeded the allocated budget for the year. The total amount of this additional expense to be voted on is \$2400.

Motion: Christine Friend Second: Janice Doege. Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Ursula Elliott)

Ursula presented the bank balances based on the latest information available. Please contact Ursula for details on the finances. Financial information will no longer be posted in a public forum for security reasons.

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

Two meetings to report on:

Feb 22nd meeting.

There was a presentation on Indigenous people outlining resources available for teachers.

Residential schools operated over 150 years ago with approximately 150,000 students

(First Nation, Metis, & Inuit) were sent to them

- Call to Action for Education (Education call help kids understand) > BC has been at the forefront to make changes

- o For K-12 it's interwoven into the curriculum (cultural content, cultural activities, history, pedagogy)

- Aboriginal Education Department:

- o What is being done to help teachers?

- _ "Building Capacity" > teachers, admin, dept. heads, librarians

- _ Talking circles / Focus Group / Mentorship program

- _ Project of Heart website > all across Canada (there is an ebook)

- <http://www.bctf.ca/hiddenhistory/>

- _ Positive Indigenous People role Models

- _ Have information for teachers on the District sharepoint site

- _ MOOC > 6 week free online course through UBC edx (UBC MOOC – Reconciliation through Indigenous Education), current course finishes

March 7 – check UBC for next course start date if you're interested

- _ Blanket exercise that takes 2 ½ - 3 ½ hours & can do for up to 60 people/session

More info available on the DPAC website: <https://dpac43.ca/>

March 29th meeting:

Presentation by Children of the Street society. This is about sexual exploitation and human trafficking and how to spot warning signs if kids are endanger. Probably not right for our school. However, they do have a parent tool kit on the website

www.childrenofthestreet.com

They discussed the funds from the Ministry of Education. SD43 hired their 50 teachers right away. They are working on the equitable access and inclusion language in the contracts. E.g. ESL became EAL and is now called ELL (English Language Learners).

Student Learning - \$1.5M for SD43. 1/3 is for district wide resources supporting the new curriculum. 1/3 is for new technology. There is a committee that will meet about this. 1/3 is to go to the schools based on enrollment and the PAC is supposed to be included in the discussion on how to spend that money.

SD budget meetings are April 11 at 6:30 at Winslow Gym. April 18 is a delegation presentation by different groups that have a vested interest in the budget. April 25 is when the Board approves the budget.

DPAC also talked about succession for the DPAC positions. Face to face discussions is the best way to draw people in to get involved.

Information about DPAC positions and election will be circulated.

Communications & Website (Una Wong)

Last newsletter went out recently. Will try to do another one before the end of the school year.

Volunteers (Kathy Banner)

There hasn't been too much trouble getting volunteers which is great. Volunteer appreciation is something Kathy would like to see. Even the volunteers who help out with hot lunch etc. don't ever get their names out. Perhaps there could be something said at the Parent Tea to recognize volunteers.

There hasn't been designated days for staff appreciation this year. Kathy will look into this and figure out which divisions haven't done this yet and organize this for the rest of the year.

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

Flower order forms are ready and the online account is set up.
www.Mundyroad.growingsmilesfundraiser.com

Paper forms will go out Friday.

Garage sale is on track. We've sold 8 tables so far.

Has requested fundscrip earnings be sent.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

Not present. No report.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

Not present. Radios wanted are between \$300- \$400 each.

Safety (Janice Doege)

We need to get a new volunteer to do flags on the south end of the field as our community volunteer has moved. If anybody knows anybody who lives in that area please let Janice know.

Janice is going to request the speed reader for September for Austin.

Merchandising Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

We've ordered the sports jerseys. We chose a sleeveless, basketball style V neck shirt. Sizing is a bit challenging but we can adjust next year if necessary. Logo on the front, number on the back. We're ordering 50.

In the new year, for Falconwear purchased by Parents, the idea would be to offer shorts, tshirts, hoodies and water bottles.

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

Not present. No report. Christine sent her information about the homealone course. It's \$40 for 5-6 hours. Christine found one that comes with a kit and you have to hire a facilitator. It's the same program through Coquitlam Parks and Rec. We could probably make a little profit on it.

This has been forwarded to Anita. She has sourced others as well.

Old Business

Succession Planning (Ryan)

See notes above re Welcome to Kindergarten presence. Ryan, Ursula, Cynthia and Sarah will volunteer to have profiles done that Una can include in the next newsletter.

New Playground Equipment (Niki)

Idea is for a double disc swing to replace the tire swing. This effort needs a committee to put together the plan for this. This could be raised at the AGM.

ACTION: Sarah to put on the AGM agenda to establish a "Special Projects Committee".

Magic Show

Una has finished a poster to distribute through email and posted in the school. Will also do one for the kids to bring home. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show starts at 7:00. We will have an intermission. Approximate end will be 8 – 8:30 pm. RSVP date will be May 1. Will get the form out on Monday.

Flower delivery will also be on that day.

New Business

Budget presentation for the 2017-18 school year. **This item will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday May 16.**

Ryan presented the budget and rationale. The proposed Revenue budget is \$16,650. In addition to anticipated fundraising activities, this budget assumes a draw on PAC savings of \$3575.

The significant changes to expenses include:

- Increases in funding for field trips and funding for the library.
- Decreases in the Parent Education and Emergency Preparedness budgets.

Open Discussion

We should find a way to thank the Firefighters association for all their generous support of the Nutrition program. The Mundy kids could perhaps make cards. We could recognize them at the final recognition assembly of the year.

Facebook

Should we create a Mundy Road Facebook page for the PAC? People express concerns about the privacy of photos of their kids. It seems like a lot of potential work for not much return. Not much support for this idea at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Cynthia Fong, Second: Tamara Sherdahl.

Adjourned 9:07pm