

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:00 pm

Present: Sarah MacDonald, Niki Schenato, Ursula Elliott, Marcy Baverstock, Tamara Sherdahl, Janice Doege, Jon Lundquist, Cynthia Fong, Una Wong, Christine Friend Staff: Rob Wright
Guest: Jeff Christensen

Welcome and Introductions: Niki is filling in as Chair for Ryan and Gurj who are out of town.

- **Presentation/Discussion with/by Jeff Christensen re: Magic Show**

Jeff is here to answer questions about the show. 100% satisfaction guaranteed. Most of business is word of mouth. Client happiness is very important. He has worked in the District with the Challenge groups, with Odyssey of the Mind, throughout the Lower Mainland, in the corporate sector, with Celebrate the Child and many other places.

There is nothing risky about the show. Jeff does carry insurance through Jack Chow insurance of Vancouver.

Jeff is also an educator. He teaches at Eagle Mountain Middle school as a drama teacher. His specialty is educational use of magic in the classroom. He likes to create something that fits the needs of the client.

There are different shows tailored to the group including shows for families, shows for older kids, shows for younger kids. It depends on what the client sees for their event. In addition to magic, Jeff shares lots of stories from his life, including a little educational component. For a sample of Jeff's work at www.celebratethechild.me there is a video from Ecuador where Jeff performed recently.

He needs 2 chairs, access to power. Jeff would want to know from a content perspective if there is anything special we want.

Jeff is holding May 12th for us.

For elementary school, the length is probably about 45 minutes. Include an intermission and we could extend the show to just over an hour.

A small show would be 50-75 attendees. We would be looking at probably 100 people....cap it at 150.

We would be looking at a family rate and an individual rate. It could be open to friends and family, sell tickets at the door. Guesstimate would be \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Jeff can also bring in guests if it becomes a larger show.

It might be a good idea to start small and keep it in our gym and then if it goes well we could do a bigger show next year at Monty.

For 100 -150 people, Jeff's flat fee would be \$500. That would be approximately a one hour show with an intermission included.

Approve Minutes of January 11, 2017 PAC Meeting

Moved by: Marcy Baverstock, 2nd: Christine Friend. Carried.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Tamara Sherdahl 2nd: Janice Doege

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Absent. No report

Principals Report (Rob Wright)

- **Teacher's Wishlist. See Appendix A for detail.**

Rob submitted a wishlist for \$6672.25. The approved budget for this item is \$4000. If it had to come down to \$4000 Rob would amend the number of iPads. Keeping the Soundfield system is important and the PAC confirmed last year that was a priority. The Jerseys will be made up in school funds if there's not enough PAC funds.

The Technology Fund has \$15K in it. The typical 3 year refurbishment cost is between \$7000 - \$9000. It was about 3 years ago that we did replacements.

We could fund the balance of the iPads from the Technology Fund in addition to the Teacher's Wishlist. As this is not a budgeted item, this would require a vote by the PAC with 7 days notice.

We have funds in the Gaming account that has to be spent on the kids.

Rob can move forward to buy 4 iPads, the Soundfield system and the Jerseys which brings us to the already approved \$4000. We will put the remaining 5 iPad purchases up to vote at the next meeting to be funded from the technology fund for a total amount of \$2400.

Moved by: Cynthia Fong Seconded by Janice Doege.

Pink Shirt Day tomorrow. Student led conferences next 2 days. Everything else is on the school Calendar.

Treasurer's Report (Ursula Elliott)

Please contact Ursula for details on the Treasurer's report.

We will not be making our revenue budget by a shortage of \$8900. The Nutrition Fund may not need \$1000 as we've had a grant for that.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Christine Friend Second: Marcy Baverstock.

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

Big part of the meeting was about the School Board and what they do. 92% of the budget goes to salary. SD43 has the largest International student education program which brings in \$54 M. They work to introduce legislation, create balanced budgets, they advocate for more funding for the district.

We should be asking our schools how our school is allocating the new money received for staff. (Rob Wright: Mundy got an extra .4 staff. Ms. Siuda is working with Student services).

The school board wants to look at items that have been pushed off to Parents to see what they can take back. Budget meetings are in April. Anyone is welcome to attend the budget meetings.

They are working on multiculturalism in the district. One thing Pinetree has done is use social media - a Facebook page for the school. The PAC could do similar it to get information out sooner. Then people have a choice whether they want to look at it or not. Something else they have there is 2 PACs – the additional one is a Chinese PAC. Mostly it's for helping people with the language so they can understand what's going on at the school and in the PAC. An interesting thing to think about. Multicultural liaisons are another thing they are looking at.

Lots of talks and parent education sessions available coming up in the district. Everything from mood meters to digital and beyond.

Communications & Website (Una Wong)

Was planning to put out a newsletter in February but then the dates changed for movie night. Una was concerned about the accuracy of the info. Unfortunately, those dates were chosen without consulting the person who organizes those events.

People can send dates and photos and information Una's way for inclusion in the newsletter.

Will try to put one out by March 10th. Una will send a reminder email out to ask people to feed info to the next newsletter.

We're looking for positive PAC stories to share with the newer parents at the school to encourage people to join and be part of it.

Volunteers (Kathy Banner)

Not present. No report.

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

Fundscrip order was a flop but it went in. This month it makes \$51 bringing the total to \$561.18. We will not make the revenue budget on this one.

Growing Smiles is a flower fundraiser we will do. It will go out mid April so flowers will come in early May (before Mother's Day). There are flats, baskets, herbs and soil.

Another one is a kitchenware catalogue we will look at (Kitchen & Home)

Neufeld Farms would come in before Fathers Day. It's frozen meat and other products (pies, cookies and other items).

Unfortunately we didn't get the Ford Event. They have become very popular and it was a lottery for applicants.

Garage Sale – are not going to sell tables but still thinking about it. Will likely do it in the gym like Christmas market, open to the community. We have to hire the caretaker for 4 hours if we do it inside. Can Grade 5 leadership do up posters for it? Could add in a bottle drive and the BBQ concession idea.

There's a lot of possibilities. We also have movie night, magic show, dance. Two other fundraisers would round out the spring (Garage Sale & Flowers). The rest could be done next year.

The Garage Sale needs a committee as Tamara can't do it all. Perhaps Kathy Banner can rally the class liaisons to get a delegate from each class. Also a mention in the Newsletter would help.

Clothing Drive...pickup will be 2nd week of May. We should make our revenue budget on this item.

Mountain West....can't do family photo day this year. It's only available if we do our school photos with them next year we can do it as a fundraiser next year. Rob has cancelled Lifetouch as our photo supplier.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

Pasta March 10. Popcorn March 28th. We are halfway to revenue budget and we should make it by year end.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

Not present. No report.

Safety (Janice Doege)

No report.

Merchandising Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

Do we want to do another run of shirts? Not much interest.

We could do water bottles with the Mundy Falcon logo on it. Cost is \$2, we could sell for \$5.

Early in the school year would be a good time to do more water bottles and shorts.

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

Not present. She passes along her thanks to everyone for their support with the Body Science workshop. Our thanks to Anita for persevering on getting this to happen. Ryan suggested a Parent Survey to get feedback from the Parents who participated in the event we want to do it another year.

Christine Friend asked if Anita could look into a "Home Alone" course for the kids. Apparently they are all sold out at present. The school could be available on a Pro D day (but not Feb 24).

Old Business

Magic Show discussion (Una)

Starting here is the best idea. We think it's best to have it on the stage. Can probably fit 150 in front of our stage. Confirm \$10 per ticket or 4 for \$30 (in advance). We will sell tickets at the door as well without the discount or a higher price. We'll do it Friday May 12th. We'll go with the flat fee of \$500.

Confirm dates for remaining movie nights/dance (Niki)

Movie night is tentative depending on how the magic show goes. The dance will be in June date TBC. Niki will confirm dates.

Succession Planning (Ryan)

Bring forward to next meeting.

New Business

New addition to the playground (Niki)

Proposal to get rid of Monkey bars and tire swings with 2 inclusive saucers. These items are good for all children. It's about \$28,000 installed. Niki has brochures and information. They require a deposit even

if all the funds are not raised. There is a process to get new playground equipment in place. The process will take time. It could take a few years to get it in place from the time it's approved. There are grants and places in the community that would probably help fund it. Niki will plan to bring this to the budget planning meeting for consideration. It will need to be a long term project for the PAC.

Open Discussion

To have an effective budget meeting, could we have a budget forecast to the end of the year? It would be very helpful. People should report to Ursula on what their estimates are for that.

Motion to Adjourn by Christine Friend Second: Una Wong Carried.