

Mundy Road Elementary School

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PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 16, 2016

In attendance: Sarah MacDonald, Ursula Elliott, Marcy Baverstock, Janice Doege, Christine Friend, Sonia Maglio, Ina Fung, Una Wong, Nicole Schenato, Bobbi Crandall, Wendy Dhillon, Cynthia Fong, Anita Krishna, Ryan Robinson, Jeannene Crosby, Michaela Kelly, Gurj Parmar
Staff: Rob Wright

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Minutes of October 11, 2016 PAC Meeting

Motion to approve: Niki Schenato Second: Marcy Baverstock

Approve Minutes of October 25, 2016 Special PAC Meeting

Motion to approve: Christine Friend, Second: Bobbi Crandall

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve: Christine Friend Second: Bobbi Crandall

Chairperson's Report (Ryan Robinson)

Tonight we'd like to look at projections for the year in terms of revenue. Review plans for Christmas market (Dec 9) though Christmas Market is not actually a PAC event. Pancake breakfast is December 16.

Principals Report

Halloween parade was fun. Report cards went out. Remembrance Day assembly was wonderful. Some students performed this year on piano and bagpipes as well as student performances and singing.

Curriculum implementation day was earlier this week for staff. There are a number of meetings and training sessions that staff participated in.

First recognition assembly is nov 28. December 2nd is first term reports. Early dismissals December 7th and 8th for parent/teacher conferences.

Christmas concert December.....theme is “Is Santa Smarter”? Afternoon performance at Mundy and evening at Monty.

Grade 4 MDI survey is coming up. (Middle Years Development). An invitation coming out to grade 4 parents. They can opt out. It’s connected with the Human Early Learning Project.

Treasurer’s Report (Ursula Elliott)

Chequing Acct	\$16,366.69
Gaming	\$ 3968.48
Tech Savings	\$11,230.45
Rainy Day	\$ 4877.14

There is another Fundscrip order going out this week. Hopefully Parents will order lots of gift cards for Christmas so the PAC can make its revenue target.

Fall dance made \$500. Thanks to all who made it happen.

We should raffle off the first 2 rows at the Christmas concert. We’ll do 50/50 draws at movie night and the spring dance.

Accept Treasurers report: Motion Niki Schenato Second: Marcy Baverstock

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Cynthia Fong)

DPAC theme is parent resources. The Ruler approach and the Mood Meter and some of the social responsibility things kids are learning in school

We are 3rd largest district in the province. Apparently we are a shining beacon. We have financial stability. There is a Vision 2020 to be presented at the next DPAC.

DPAC has updated their website.

They did a presentation was on school assessments in the core competencies. District goal is that each parent will receive at least 1 student created self-assessment.

Letter grades are not disappearing. The goal is to create an educated citizen. They’re looking for more parent/student/teacher combined assessments. Self-assessments are to encourage kids to be more engaged in their own learning. After grade 8, there is a tendency for kids to disengage from their learning. BC Ministry is looking for parent feedback.

DPAC still needs a Secretary and Member at Large if anyone wants a position. There is also a new multiculturalism committee working on getting people who are EAL (English as an Alternate Language) to understand more about how PACs work. There are cultural and language barriers between what a PAC does and what the parent population understands.

Communications & Website (Una Wong)

Una met with Mr. Porter to help her figure out the website. It was helpful. Una would like to put out another newsletter by the end of the month. It would include the clothing drive, mention of the Christmas market (call for volunteers, thank Tamara etc). Could also mention pickup date of Falcon wear. There will also be Halloween dance photos. Newsletter should be out by end of next week.

Volunteers (Kathy Banner)

Not present. No report.

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl)

Not present but report sent. We made \$294.15 in the fall Fundscrip order.

Clothing drive bags are slowly coming in. All bags must be full. We need 75 bags. Clothing pickup is December 13.

Items coming in for the Xmas market. Setup is Dec 8 and 9th is the market. Volunteers needed

Pancake breakfast is on Dec 16. Michaela and Ursula are planning this.

Grade 5 fundraising: We could do a bake sale at the Christmas concert.

Hot Lunch (Nicole Schenato)

Nov 25 is pizza. December 2 is pasta. That will be it for this year. Thanks to Marcy and Bryanne Duncan for all the help with hot lunch.

Thanks everyone for the Hallowe'en Dance...sorry I couldn't be there. Sounds like it was a blast.

The PAC fridge broke on the Monday after the Halloween dance. Ryan Robinson came to the rescue and managed to get the PAC a free fridge and installed it (Rob Wright helped too!). Ryan will write a letter of thanks to the company (Thanks to Overland West Freightlines)

Hot Lunch is on track for revenue.

Emergency Preparedness & First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

No report.

Safety (Janice Doege)

Janice organized an RCMP office to come before Halloween for pedestrian and Halloween safety.

She is pursuing a possible crosswalk at King Albert and Hillcrest.

Janice would like to give something to the volunteers who put up our flags every day. Two of the people don't have anything to do with the school. Janice would like to get each of them something for \$15. Ryan will get gifts for this purpose.

A parent had a question about the signs on Mundy citing that they do not seem visible. Janice had the Austin speed limit signs "highlighted". The city is very particular about the signage. They did allow us to add flags to the signage but it has been difficult to get movement on this with the city despite considerable efforts by Janice.

The city won't do anything else on Austin with respect to traffic safety.

Merchandising Co-ordinator (Christine Friend)

Order forms are out and due back November 25th. You must try on for size. There are no returns allowed. Pickup is December 15th. Christine may need volunteers to help organize the orders when they come in.

We didn't put a budget line item about where the profits would go. Can the funds be put towards the jerseys? We will decide on this in the January meeting.

ACTION: Sarah to put this item on the January agenda.

Is there a way we can accept fees online for the PAC? At present, schoolcashonline is only for school expenses. Perhaps in the future this will change. We are working our way there.

Parent Education (Anita Krishna)

Saleema Noon parent night is on November 22nd. Notices went out today. It will be in the Library. It's an hour and a half. The after school program for the kids will be booked for the New Year. Discussion about whether or not child minding could be provided. There are some issues with this, it would be up to the PAC for organization and to address any liability issues. If we do this, Rob would recommend a classroom and that there are activities planned for the time. Without an RSVP, a short timeline, it's probably not feasible to do this on the 22nd.

Anita is open to other Parent Education ideas. Please forward them to her.

Old Business

Rob Wright Demo of Mundy's Action Plan for Learning

Rob showed the PAC where they can find lots of information and resources connected with the school's Action Plan for Learning (APL). He is also happy to present on key aspects of this if Parents want more. Parents can find this information online at the Mundy Road website.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/mundyroad/About/APL/Pages/default.asp>

This is a great opportunity for Parent Education if we'd like to know more. Several Parents in the room thought this would be great and many are keen.

PAC Bulletin Board

ACTION: Sarah to move the PAC Bulletin Board item to the January agenda.

Date discussion for kids sessions re: Saleema Noon Body Science/Sexual Health Education

Anita will book an after school program in January and will check with Rob on that. He expects the Gym would be required. We will look at the 3rd week of January as a possibility.

Fraser Health Sex Education program (b/f from Oct 25 meeting)

This is through Douglas College. Nursing instructors and their 3rd year Nursing students. They will tailor a program to what we want and which grades we want. It's a free of charge program. Perhaps we could look at this for next year.

New Business

Water quality at Mundy Road Elementary

Rob talked to the District. There were tests at this school last March. We fell within the allowable guidelines by Health Canada. School district policy is that the custodians run the water in the fountains for 60 seconds every morning which is what our school does.

Succession Planning – Treasurer and Secretary

We urgently need people to step up and step forward for PAC positions. Ursula is leaving the school next year and the Treasurer is an important job to have filled. Additionally, the Secretary, DPAC rep and Chair role will be vacant next year. The PAC can't operate without those 4 positions occupied.

We encourage Parents of the K's and Grade 1s to please get involved.

Open Discussion

Motion to Adjourn Christine Friend Second: Anita Krishna