

Mundy Road Elementary School

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Special PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 25, 2016 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Present: Sarah MacDonald, Ryan Robinson, Una Wong, Christine Friend, Michaela Kelly, Tamara Sherdahl, Nicole Smith, Marcy Baverstock, Jehnel Wong, Janice Doege, Kathy Banner, Ina Fung, Cristina Lankmayr, Michelle Rhodes, Cynthia Fong, Jeannene Crosby, Nicole Stralin, Bobbi Crandall, Wendy Dhillon, Serena Boivin, Tasha Boivin, Sonia Maglio, Anita Krishna, Heather Hooton, Geraldine Robinson, one latecomer unidentified.

Welcome and Introductions

Approve Agenda Motion: Christine Friend, Second: Tamara Sherdahl

New Business

1. Saleema Noon's Body Science Program at Mundy

Tonight we will be voting on whether to bring Saleema Noon's Body Science program to Mundy Road, funded by the PAC. If the vote is affirmative to continue with the program, we will then vote on one of 3 program delivery options. Please see **Addendum A** in the Agenda for details.

Discussion:

One parent offered an alternate to the Saleema Noon option, offered by Fraser Health at no cost. This cannot be voted on tonight as notice was not provided of this option. We can add this to the agenda of the next PAC meeting November 16, 2016.

ACTION: Sarah to add to the November 16, 2016 PAC agenda.

Ryan has spoken to several other PACs about the Saleema Noon program and has found the program highly recommended. Questions came up about who these recommendations are from. The Parent Info night which is a required part of the program seems to have been key to making Parents feel OK about the content. The style of instruction is very natural and casual. Parents can attend the student sessions as well if they want (we think). They do address the issue of keeping the information private with the kids so they don't go out on the playground and share it.

Another parent discussed the content directly with Saleema and asked details about what is discussed and what is shown. This parent was not comfortable with the content for younger students and felt it was the role of the Parent and the family to teach this. This parent is concerned about the talk on the playground though Saleema did discuss how this is addressed in the classes.

Some concerns with the timing. Is there enough time for the kids to absorb the material and if not, is it a waste of money? This does come into the curriculum in grade 4 and 5. This parent

contacted some other experts and heard an opinion that some of it might be too soon in the younger grades.

It sounds like there may be some concerns at the younger grades. We could ask for something specific to not be covered. Another parent suggested we would be unlikely however to reach consensus on that as a group.

Another parent commented that the younger grades may not be able to connect emotionally to the content but may be able to understand the language.

One parent suggested we should remember this is Saleema Noon's business, how she earns her living.

The school will accommodate if it's held during school hours and some kids do not attend the session. There could be some stigma for kids who don't participate.

Rob Wright is very supportive of whatever the PAC wants to do and will accommodate the kids to attend these sessions during school time if the vote passes and a daytime option is selected. There are also the evening/after school sessions which are an option. That option would remove some of the stigma issues for kids who don't participate since it's not during school hours.

We discussed whether we could book and pay for the Parent session only and then not proceed with the kids sessions if parents are uncomfortable. The Chair confirmed that the votes for today's meeting are already set. If Option 3 (evening/after school sessions) are selected, then the Parent's option is to attend the Parent info night and not have their kids follow through on the kids sessions.

Another parent described her past experiences with Saleema Noon and how it normalizes the discussion of sexuality so it's not a taboo subject to talk about and kids feel they can ask questions.

The money, while significant, is a small percentage of our budget. Saleema Noon was discussed several times last year in the PAC and there was general consensus that we should proceed. Given it is considered controversial by some, we decided to put it to a vote.

One parent shared that there are some parents who will never have these discussions with their kids and if the money we spend on this program helps prevent one child from being sexually abused, it will be worth it.

Another parent shared that we have had very little parent education here and education is important.

This material is also taught through the elementary curriculum.

Vote #1:

Motion made by Una Wong to bring Saleema Noon's body science program to Mundy funded by the PAC. Seconded by Tamara Sherdahl. Motion was carried by secret ballot in favour. 16 in favour. 8 opposed.

Vote #2:

Motion by Sarah MacDonald to select one of the three options presented in the Agenda and Addendum.

Option 1: half day during school, bigger groups

Option 2: Full day taught grade by grade.

Option 3: After school, evening programs, combined grades.

Vote was held by secret ballot. Option 3 was the selected Option.

Results: Option 3 had 12 votes. Option 2 had 10 votes. Option 1 had 3 votes.

Discussion was had about the timing of the sessions. November 22nd is booked for Parent Information session.

ACTION: Anita will gather more info for the November 16th PAC meeting on possible meeting date for the kids.

2. Supplier for Falcon Merchandise

This vote is to choose the supplier for Mundy Road Falcon branded merchandise that the PAC will be selling to Mundy Road Families. Christine Friend will present a summary of her research and her recommendations. For your reference, information is attached as **Addendum B** to this agenda.

Presented by Christine Friend:

Last year the students entered a contest to design a new logo for the school. We are looking to create merchandise branded with the new school logo. By selling it to families, we can generate revenue for PAC use, (possibly to fund new school jerseys.)

Christine learned there are 3 ways to get the logo on. Vinyl, Silkscreen or Embroidery. She does not recommend Vinyl as it comes off so easily.

Products are all very similar. Christine outlined her experience dealing with each company.

Vote was held to select one of 5 suppliers outlined.

Sagewear is approved as the preferred supplier.

Motion to Adjourn Moved by Cynthia Fong Seconded by Marcy Baverstock.

Adjourned 8:28 pm