

Mundy Road Elementary School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 7:00 pm

Jon Lundquist, Una Wong, Bobbi Crandall, Ina Fung, Janice Doege, Jaime Baker, Lindsay Gallo, Anita Rasoda-Puar, Staff: Rob Wright

Welcome and Introductions

Special guest representing SD43 – Carol Cahoon, Trustee

Approve Minutes of January 17, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Janice Second: Jaime

Approve Agenda

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Chairperson's Report (Jon Lundquist)

Not many changes to report from last month; great to see new faces at meeting

Principal's Report (Rob Wright)

Kindergarten registration doing well, numbers generally between 23 and 28 once cross catchment numbers come in; registration ongoing in September.

Cross catchment note – A sibling of a registered student already at the school does not need to go through cross catchment process. If though, the current registered student will not be attending the school the following year (i.e. completes grade 5) then siblings must go through regular process

Parent question - What goes into getting a Montessori program?

Principal – Mundy has the physical space and is open to having different programs. Mundy does house a district Challenge center and Strong Start center, district makes decisions based on different factors. The new curriculum lends itself to Montessori practice.

Principal – Class composition a factor again with the supreme court ruling. This includes limits on size. Composition includes students with identifiers or ministry designations where an individual's needs may be complex requiring more time and resources from the class.

In process with some members of the parent community to create an information package for Kindergarten families to refer to when questions arise.

School based team have weekly meetings that include the principal, speech language therapist (SLT), counsellor, and resource teachers to discuss resources and support for students. District resources can also be accessed. If a teacher observes an individual may benefit from available resources, a referral form is given to the school based team for discussion. Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy can also be accessed through an assessment. Individual support is always in concert and communication with parents. Email Rob anytime to discuss special need designations, other school questions or to meet about your child's progress.

Teacher's Wish List presented – handout provided, to be voted on next meeting

Parent question – How are iPads used in the classroom what kind of apps are wanting to be purchased?

Rob – one iPad in each class available for classroom work by the teacher, used for increased documentation of learning (ie. FreshGrade etc.), containers of 5 or 10 get signed out and shared with classrooms

Apps to purchase include lower level coding apps, literacy apps, presentation apps for kids use, looking for cost effective ones

Rob open to information night workshops outside of PAC meeting. District resources can also be brought in. DPAC also hosts presentations when enough interest is raised. Larissa forwards these sessions to Rob for the parent community.

Attended the Chamber of Commerce Gala where the Coquitlam Firefighters Charitable Association was nominated for their non-profit work within our school district as well as their burn fund. A grant from this group provides fresh fruit and snacks to our school including backpacks for those in need. A community partnership with Mundy Road, Rochester and Cape Horn schools with possible expansion.

Treasurer's Report (Tamara Lee)

Away –financial report emailed for review

Committee Reports

District PAC Rep (Larissa Ringham) - Away – report emailed

District 43 website <https://dpac43.ca>

Ministry announces new schools or upgrades Irvine Elementary, Centennial Secondary, Banting and Moody Middle, Minnekhada Middle, Smiling Creek

See <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/province.php> to view completion rates for 2016/17. See Parent Portal on Ministry of Education site, use the Reporting Tool, SD43 near top at 89.7%, BC residents at 94.3%

Proposed Policy 22 Standards of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

- Proposal is still in the consultative phase, see site for further details
<https://dpac43.ca/school-district-policy-22/>

Presentation: First People's Principles of Learning at Summit Middle

Based on the First Nations Education Steering Committee's document at
www.fnesc.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/PUB-LFP-POSTER-Principles-of-Learning-First-Peoples-poster-11x17.pdf

Coquitlam Foundation: deadline for scholarships/grants/bursaries is February 16 (for high school students applying for post secondary), info at

<http://coquitlamfoundation.com/application-process>

Communications and Website (Una Wong)

Create movie night poster for Friday, March 2

Volunteer Coordinator (Jaime Baker)

Movie Night Committee - Anita K., Bobbi C., Lindsay G., Heather H. – thank you for volunteering!

Popcorn machine operation issues to be investigated

Hot lunch days need more volunteers, food distribution goes quickly with enough helpers

Fundraising (Tamara Sherdahl) – away, report emailed

Flowers ordered for Mother's Day, still another 3 months for Fundscript gift card fundraising doing well

Hot Lunch – vacant position

Emergency Preparedness and First Aid (Wendy Dhillon)

Away- nothing report

Safety Coordinator (Janice Doege)

In school RCMP presentation about child luring, separate sessions for intermediate grades and primary grades, tentatively Mon, March 5, 2018

Christmas gifts for flag volunteers \$15 for 2 volunteers each

Merchandising Coordinator (Christine Friend) - Away
Rob to help with Falcon Wear difference

Parent Education (Anita Krishna) - Away – no report

Old Business

Hot lunch committee update - Una, Bobbi, (post meeting) Ina and Heather

New Business

Open Discussion

Jon – mother-in-law donating a giant griddle and electric hot dog steamer with rollers

Parent question - Is the school bringing in SOGI - sexual orientation gender identity?

Principal –District is asking for representatives at different schools. Many things at the moment more applicable to upper grades in middle and high schools. Not much specific information given at the elementary level. The whole idea is that everybody gets accepted and to create a safe environment for kids. The personal health and career education curriculum is changing all the time. Look up the ministry of education website and have a look at what the teachers are exposed to and mandated to teach. More information can be brought to the next meeting.

Carol Cahoon – What doe a trustee do? There are 9 school trustees representing 5 municipalities in SD43. They are voted in at same time as the mayor and counsellors. Responsible for governance of the school district and policy making. They ensure everybody’s looked after - programs, kids, teachers, staff - making sure everything is functioning. One way to gage is looking at the grad results. Information heard at today’s meeting is brought back to the district to enhance decision making. SD43 website will tell you what the school board and trustees do, roles and policies, administrative procedures etc. Most district board meetings are open. Open to emails with concerns or questions. <http://www.carolcahoon.com/>

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Una Second: Anita R. 8:57 pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 2018