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Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Date | time 11/14/2017 7:03 PM | Location 20820 River Road, Maple Ridge

# Sabrina Harker, Lisa Foster, Tanya Harrison, Samantha Laird, Laura Kelly,Nicole Keough, Mel VanKoughnett, Lisa Kania, Donna Servant, Dana Bates, Rachel Jensen, Melanie Stoiber, Merissa Stephens, Dallas Bell, Christine Maxwell-Wilding, Alison Melander in attendance.

| Item | Description | Owner |
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| **1.** | **Sign-in and Call to order 7:05pm**  | Sabrina |
| **2.** | **Administration*** Approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting.
	+ MOVED by Dallas SECONDED by Mell. PASSED.
	+ Everyone signed in
 | Sabrina |
| **3.** | **PAC Chair Report**.* Welcome everyone! Thank you for coming.
* Still looking to build PAC membership keep talking to new parents.
 | Sabrina |
| **4.** | **Principal/Teacher Report*** Teachers expressed their gratitude towards the PAC for the contributions to their requests.
* Halloween celebration was lots of fun
* The Rememberance Day Assembly took place and six classes participated in a moving and emotional ceremony. The kids really seemed to get the meaning of armistice and the sacrifice that was made. The children were very respectful.
* Mural committee is meeting on Nov 30th at 12 pm. The last meeting was quite productive

Will be looking at Jason Craft’s designs and getting some ideas for our mural.* There is a Social emotional learning conference Friday – Sunday @ Harrison – Mme Servant will attend.
* Pro D Friday the 10th – staff met at South Bonson Centre and learned about being mindful and practices of mindfulness/social emotional learning
* Completed three fire drills and 1 lock down – We are required to do 4 drills a year: one in fall and three in spring
* Field trip to the Airport was more than anticipated. The cost was $700 – busses are getting expensive!
* FSA test completion rate was less than 10% across the District
* MDI 120 questions – a survey of student well-being usually 100% participation
* Parent conferences most set up on the portal Conferences are Thursday and Friday
* A delightful team of Students is preparing a Grinch Themed Christmas Concert ( Dec 21st and 22nd from 12:45 – 2:00pm both days. Families with last names beginning A-N on the 21 and M-Z on the 22nd
 | Mme Servant |
| **5.** | **DPAC Chair Report:** - (Dana Bates present)* SRT trying to make the rounds to all of the high schools
* ICBC spoke about Road Safety with a 2 hour presentation condensed into 40 minutes
* They spent time answering questions and gave lots of mportant information.

Discussion took place about the ink to road safety and drive smart quiz and youth strategies. There is education material for free for all schools * Superintendent and Mike Murray went to meetings with Ministry of Education

Government wants time to review 10-12 curriculum and grad program is going to be extended by another year. 2020 is when the curriculum will be implemented. Starting next year kids will be taking numeracy exams Students can do it more than once and use their best mark – Thomas Haney will be experimenting (test school)* FSA is a new exam for this year – MRTA was happy with it and then things fell apart. FSA is still not where everyone would like ti to be.

MDI is not FSA and they want kids to participate for feedback* Diversity event – promoted by DPAC transgender is doing a presentation – Ivan Coyote – has been bumped to the spring. Report on children in care and supporting them in education
* Susan Carr – trustee behind fentanyl forum – Dana attended and it was a great presentation. Lots of great information.
* Mike murray discussed Task force for Marijuana- school board gave feedback as age of 19years old. Discussed agenda of underground sales – should be a review if someone under age in possession –
* Mike Murray was at Ministry of Education meeting– he said he wants a more direct line of communication with the ministry
* Playgrounds and youth mental health
* MRTA more negative than positive with SRA – they would like FSA to be a useful tool and not happy with how it is being used
* April 30th Parent event t and May 1 is student event
* Next meeting is December 1st at Yennadon Elementary
 | Dana Bates  |
| **6.** | **Treasurers Report** * General Account: $ 21,814.39
* Gaming Account: $11, 884.57
* Savings Account: $ 26, 770.31
* Gaming Grant came in amount of $7900
 | Samantha Laird |
| **7.** | **Committee Reports****Art Cards –*** Kids can create beautiful card that can be turned into gifts
* The orders have been sent in
* Final tally on amount has not been determined yet.

**Fall Bulbs – Dallas Bell*** $622 was raised
* Bulbs arrived today and they will be delivered to school Wednesday or Thursday

**Crossing Guard – Traffic and Safety –*** Principal and Vice Principal are still working to keep the parking lots safe.
* Please continue to encourage with kindness that parents not park in the teacher lots
* Parents can volunteer at any time to do crossing guard. A vest and sign at at the office.

**Entertainment books** – Jeannie and Nicole* Most of the outstanding books were returned.
* We will take a break from Entertainment book fundraiser next year and replace it with something else or parents may choose to support a different fundraiser.

**Hot Lunch:** Lisa Foster* Kids loved the last hot Lunch – hot dogs.
* Wednesday Nov 22st is Pizza day

**Lug-a-Mug**: Lisa Foster* No change but first one is coming up. Nov 16th
* Lug a Mug – program that the PAC started offering in the winter months. Kids bring a mug from home and PAC serves soup in November, hot chocolate in December, soup again in January and hot chocolate in February
* Soup in November but date to be determined.
* Will need volunteers still for making and serving

**Neufeld Farms** (Sabrina)* Ordering was a success – was over $700
* Orders are arriving Thursday November 23rd. Pick up orders at 5pm at the school!

**Book Fair**: Monica North: (absent) monikanorth@yahoo.ca* We need help with Book fair – Monika having some health issues
* Book Fair will coincide back to back with shopping night – Nov 17th and then following week of November 20th, 21st, 22nd.

**Santa Mall –** (Christine Maxwell-Wilding)* Every year the school collects gently used things you have at home, re-gifting items, everyone donates things. Christine is going to set up a box to donate items
* No change: Christine would like to mentor someone to take this Christmas fundraiser on and to keep it going because she has a son in grade 6 and she is going to be moving on with him
	+ A sale is put on and the students can go in and buy a number of wonderful things to give to their parents/family members for Christmas.
	+ The kids really enjoy Santa Mall every year
* Christine needs access to under the stage to unload the stuf
* If someone finds her scissors that would be great!
* Date of Santa Mall December 13 and 14th
* Set-up is on Dec 12th .and take down on Dec 15th
* Discussion about where we could store the donation items in the future– perhaps in bins under the stage – will contact Mr Richardson as no one seems to know how to access this area.
* Volunteers will be needed to help at wrapping station and for set-up/take-down
* Could used donations of wrapping paper and ribbon

**Health and Safety** (no change from October)* Stay on top of disaster/ earthquake kits
* Still waiting for the bin to be moved
* Sabrina presented a fundraiser option to sell earthquake kits. We would make 10% back. With the money raised we could put it towards updating the existing earthquake kits.
* We have a container full of stuff that needs to be moved over into the new container as soon as it is moved.

**MRE Fall shopping Extravaganza –** Dallas Bell* Signup sheet for volunteers is ready at the office
* Have 40 venders already scheduled
* Table pick up in the morning at drop off need to be at PMSS at 9am for pick up – Denis or Cheryl
* Set up Friday at noon

**Fruit & Veggie Program (**Jeannie not present)* Free fruit veggies and milk for Kindergarten and Grade 1

**MRE Bursary** **Creation*** Got feedback form Melanie and Jeanie and was sent to School board. The Superintendent needs to review it and get back to us with feedback – then they take care of it from there.
* A list of eligibility rules were created the information as follows:
	+ $500 Bursary value
	+ District 42 Graduate to attended for 2 or more years
	+ Proof of enrollment in Post-Secondary institution
	+ Preference given to a student attending a Canadian university
	+ Applicants would write 500 word essay or video – about how they have been socially responsible
	+ Deadline determination – likely determined by the District
	+ Committee at MRE would establish who would review applicants

**MRE Spirit Wear*** Spirit Wear:@28 pieces of Spirit wear were purchased. Order will arrive before Christmas. Looking at other options for next year. Friday was included in the blast

**Family Photo Night** * Posters went up at the front of the school for sign-up – photos take place at PhotoExpress in 207th by Value Village
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| **8.** | **Old business****Motion:** Sabrina motions to complete phase 2 of the playground before 2019 Further discussion to take place in January. PAC will look at grant options like Maple Ridge Community Foundation **Second**: Lisa FosterAll in favour**Approved**9.0 New business* Sabrina spoke to Jason Craft and proposed that he paint a raven in midflight on an outdoor section of the gym that sticks out – so it can be seen from the sidewalk outside the school. He will go on the roof to take measurements when he is here to strt on the mural.
* **Safer Schools Presentation**
* Mme Servant reported on Safer Schools Social Media Awareness Presentation to students regarding Digital Footprint, and Cyber Bullying
	+ A different presenter was sent – not who we requested
	+ grades 1-4 presentation was not dynamic or charismatic enough for that age level, however the grades 5-7 presentation was better
* Mme Servant spoke to Safer Schools and requested that something be done and the following was offered:
	+ 1. Don’t pay the balance of the cost
	+ 2. They will send Nick Chernoff to repeat the presentation he grades 1-4
	+ 3. They will send Nick Chernoff to teach the Staff the programming
	+ 4 They will send Nick Chernoff to Present to MRE Parents

**Motion**: Melanie motions that we do not pay the balance owing to Safer Schools Discussion: Students would not benefit from having the presentation done again. Parent participation has always been low so that isn’t the best option and teachers participated in the student presentation so would not necessarily benefit from additional time. Best option appears to be to not pay the balance.**Second:** Tanya Harrison **All in favor****Approved**Teacher (Kyleigh Keats) put in a request for some Kindergarten curriculum teaching supplies as her classroom is lacking in teaching resources. She is looking for $131 towards the purchase of materials for family and literacy**Motion**: Laura lee motions to pay Kyleigh Keats the amount of $131 towards materials for family and literacy.**Second**: MelanieAll in favor**Approved** **Families in Need –** We usually help a family at Christmas. We provide donations for food and find out ages of the children and provide gifts/gift certificate for the family.We will talk with Shirley Tosh **Motion**: Sabrina motions that we support a family and spend money on donations of food and gift cards not to exceed $500**Second**: TanyaAll in Favor**Approved**Deanna suggested a wine and paint night fundraiser for January. Currently looking into options. More discussion to come in January.PAC Social to take place Thursday December 14th @Christine Maxwell-Wilding’s homeNext PAC Meeting to take Place Tuesday January 9th @ 7pm in the MRE LibraryMeeting adjourned @ 8:40pm | All |
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