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Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Date | time 2/27/2018 7:06 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, Christine Rempel, Teagan Buchanan,Leslie MacPherson, Janna Mauch, David Bacic in attendance.

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| **1.** | **Sign-in and Call to order 7:00pm** | Sabrina |
| **2.** | **Administration**   * Everyone signed in and introductions with new parents in attendance | Sabrina |
| **3.** | **PAC Chair Report**   * Welcome back everyone! Thank you all for coming. Thank you to Deanna for organizing the Paint Night. Lots of great feedback about how much fun was had. We would like to organize another Paint Night around Mother’s Day. Thanks to those who came out for the Movie Night for Kira Short. It was a small crowd but the family appreciated and was thankful for the kindness of the MRE Community! * Just a reminder of where we want to see the PAC in the next couple of years as many of our members are moving on as their children move on to junior high. We are always looking for more parents to help volunteer in various PAC fundraisers and happenings in the school. | Sabrina |
| **4.** | **Principal/Teacher Report**   * Just a reminder of the TTOC shortage – a province wide issue. When illnesses/teacher absence occurs, children have had a variety of teachers supporting in the classroom. There have been a number of creative solutions but the children are with a teacher/administrative staff at all times – sometimes Madame Servant as well as Mrs Kania filling in when needed * The Maple Man came to school. The cultural Workshop was provided by French Immersion Funding. The presentation included a taffy tasting, a short film was presented on transforming maple sap. He accompanied the presentation with French Canadian rhythms played on violin   There will be a Kindness Counts Assembly on Feb 28th at 1pm in the gym. Parents welcome to attend. Thanks to Lisa Kania for organizing Spirit wear – 146 pieces were ordered so there should be a sea of pink and black Kindness Counts shirts won by students. The Deputy Superintendent will be in attendance. A video of the assembly will be prepared by the Leadership class. Several divisions are participating, singing songs that celebrate kindness.   * Discussions will be taking place at the staff meetings regarding the School Growth Plan.- with a focus on Social and emotional learning and literacy. * Students have been all a buzz about the “Reading Blast” – the kids never know when its going to happen but all of a sudden music plays on the PA system and students need to stop what they are doing, grab a book and the entire school including staff and school secretary Mrs.Tosh read for 30 minutes. Mrs Tosh usually has a group of students she reads with. * The Spring Musical is coming in May – all divisions that are interested can take part. * The Volunteers Tea – is changing this year – it will be an assembly instead rather than a tea due to the difficulty of getting volunteers to attend. Assembly to take place April 13@ 1pm * Movie Night for Kira short was a very special and meaningful evening. Kira’s parents Peter and Reyan were very touched by the support of MRE families. * Basketball is almost over – Boys team are off to the Finals. The kids loved this season - coached by Mr.Hetherington, Mr.Jones, Mme. Wells and Ms. Pajak | Mme Servant |
| **5.** | **DPAC Chair Report:** - (Dana Bates not present, Sam Laird presented)   * Earthquake Preparedness – Hyland Park had their earthquake bin broken into. Some concern over the publication of what’s in them as it puts other schools bins at risk if thieves know what is stored in them. * Enrollment is at 1300 new Kindergarten students which is 300 more than usual * Trustees talked about a government fund as part of the new budget to pay for playgrounds * May 24th is DPAC Appreciation Night taking place at Vancouver Theatre Sports * Email coming to principals regarding Ridge Meadows Education Foundation   + some kind of grant (not for scholarship) – to be put towards enhanced fine arts/sports/specialty programs * Rotary is holding an information session at the ACT on Saturday March 3 | Sam Laird |
| **6.** | **Treasurers Report**   * General Account: $ XXXXX * Gaming Account: $ XXXXX * Savings Account: $ XXXXX | Sam Laird |
| **7.** | **Committee Reports**  **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 * A reminder that Parents can volunteer at any time to do crossing guard. * A vest and sign at at the office.   **Hot Lunch:** Lisa Foster   * Kids loved the last hot Lunch – hot dogs. * Next hot lunch day: Wednesday March 7th th pizza.   **Book Fair**: Nicole and Mel   * Next Book Fair is Mar 5th – 7th * Everything is very organized * Contest went out this week * Looks like we have enough volunteers   **Health and Safety**   * see in new business)   **Fruit & Veggie Program**   * (Janna is going to take this one moving forward)   **Carnival Fun Day**   * Meeting to take place Wednesday Mar 1st * Date of Carnival TBD * Discussion of new ideas during the planning meeting   **Paint Night**   * Took place on Feb 20th 7pm @ town Hall in Maple Ridge * Paint Star party – was a huge success – feedback from attendees was that is was an enjoyable, fun night. * Another to be held in the Spring (perhaps for Mother’s Day) * Suggestion of Mother/Daughter paint night   **Yearbook**   * Grade 7 classes are to receive the templates for their write-ups – they can work on them before Spring Break * Working on getting photos of students and volunteers as well as teachers around the school – Mrs. Kania working on this.   **Scholarship**   * The school Bursary that was created has not received any applications * The bursary is in the amount of $500 * Available for a student graduating grade 12   + The student must have attended MRE at some point to qualify   If you know of a student graduating that meets the criteria, encourage them to apply  **8. New Business**  **Hot Lunches**   * The PAC has received several cheques as payment for hot lunches that are filled out incorrectly. Do we want to continue to accept cheques as payment?   *Discussion:* should we just accept cash? The cheques were written by different families but it requires a great deal of time to follow-up with each family to rewrite the cheques – especially since the amounts are for about $6 each.  *Decision*: Let’s send out a friendly reminder to parents to write cheques correctly and ensure the amount written matches the numerical amount. If the problem persists with no improvement we will revisit an no longer accept cheques as payment for Hot Lunch Day. | All |

**Sports Equipment**

There have been some issues at recess and lunch regarding lack of equipment to take outside to play with. Much of our equipment is old and the balls are well beyond being able to be filled.

Many children are bringing their own soccer balls etc. from home which causes them to control who can and can’t play. It would be great if each class had equipment that could be taken outside and then returned to the classroom.

* + Mrs. Kania to put together a list of requests from each division
  + We can look at Canadian tie Foundation for a grant
  + Possibility of using the Gaming grant to pay from some of the equipment
  + Also possibility of donations accepted?

**Cultas Lake Trip**

Booked for Monday June 18th

Cost is $3800 for admission/transportation to include 5 buses

Discussion: The cost seems quite high. The cost of buses keeps going up. Originally this trip was always for grade 7’s as part of their end of school activity. Then as classes were split to 6/7 the grade 6’s were also invited. Now due to further splits it is open to grades 4-7 which has made the cost very high. Staff to discuss at the next staff meeting whether grade 4-6 teachers feel comfortable supervising that many students as the waterslides are open to the public so it is more challenging keeping track of so many kids.

In the future we may have to limit the activity to just the grade 7 to keep the cost down. Normally if a parent isn’t able to cover the cost the PAC would pay for that student. However, that would not be an option now with all of the intermediate kids attending if several kids can’t afford to go. It would be more responsible to use the money towards other things like sports equipment or specialty programs.

**Other fundraising options**

We are always looking for other creative ways to fundraise. Rotary is holding an information session for community groups, clubs, schools to sell tickets for the upcoming duck race. It might be a viable fundraiser with the school benefiting with a grant. Meeting Sat March 3

***Information from Rotary******Website:*** *Funds raised by your organization through ticket sales will be used to provide financial support directly back to you. The Rotary Clubs of Meadow Ridge and Haney donate every buck from every duck back to the community (within the restrictions of our Gaming License) and your share will be a 90% proportion to the number of tickets you sell, with 10% going to KID SPORT so no child is left sitting on the sidelines.*

**Motion:** Lisa motions spend a budget of $5000 towards Carnival

**Second**: Nicole Craig

All in favor

**Approved**

**Health and Safety**

Sabrina contacted Engineering regarding the current traffic safety issues and speed signage.We may need to start attending City Council meetings in order to have our concerns met.

Teagan informed that a petition may be the most effective way to have our traffic safety needs met

Some of our concerns

* + Would be great to have a 20 second delay at the crosswalks at 207th to give kids enough time to cross safely
  + Extend the school Zone
  + Bigger Signage ( school zone and speed limit)
  + Remove the 50km/hr sign and replace with a 30km/hr

Discussion regarding who owns the parking lot behind the school and perhaps we can find a way to work with the Golf Course to find a solution to the condition of the parking lot. Further discussion to take place after PAC meeting adjourns

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|  | Next PAC Meeting to take Place Tuesday April 10th @ 7pm in the MRE Library  Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm | All |
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