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Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Date | time 1/8/2019 7:01 PM | Location 20820 River Road, Maple Ridge

# Sabrina Harker, Nicole Keough, Tanya Harrison, Samantha Laird, Lisa Kania, Donna Servant, Merissa Stephens, Teagan McGeachie, Nareen Atkins, Dawn Gorny, in attendance.

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| Item | Description | Owner |
| **1.** | **Sign-in and Call to order 7:04pm** ***Motion*** made by Sabrina to approve January minutes, ***Seconded*** by Tanya, **approved** | Sabrina |
| 2. | **Administration**Thank you all for coming. We have three days left until Spring Break! | Sabrina |
| **3.** | **PAC Chair Report*** Will wait to discuss until committee reports to speed up meeting
 | Sabrina |
| **4.** | **Principal/Teacher Report*** Kindergarten registration is in the late stages

Has been a robust registration as there is only one French spot left and 2 spots left for regular kindergarten program* We had a Kindness Counts assembly - parents are welcome to all assemblies
* Mr. Heatherington continues to be on medical leave. We aren’t sure when he will return. Erika Bloom has accepted his position until he returns
* Spring Cross Country run is May 14th for intermediate and May 15th for Primary at Albion
* Basketball season is done! Thank you to Mrs. Pajak, Madame Wells, Mr. Jones for coaching and for showing up each day to work with the students
* Mr. Foster is teaching Aikido in the mornings at 7am. There has been between 21-22 kids every morning. The students are eager to show up every morning ready to go!
* Choir starts again after spring break
* Volunteers assembly is taking place Friday April 26th @ 1pm in the gymnasium
* We had a successful reading blast on Monday 11th– promoting a love of reading
* There was a Fire Safety Presentation to remind kids of the importance of having a plan
* Student led Parent/Teacher Conferences went well
* Doris called during Carnival meeting recommending rotary Club grants – Laityview just got $20,000
* We should consider the duck tickets which usually run$10. Incredibly $9 out of the $10 ticket goes to the school – which is a great return.
 | Mm Servant |
| **5.** | **DPAC Chair Report:** - * No information to share until next meeting
* DPAC is district PAC
* Third Thursday every month is DPAC – moves around to different schools
* DPAC rep is an executive – have information/community – things we don’t know about if we don’t know. And opportunity to weigh in on a conversation.
* Next DPAC meeting is at MRE April 18th at 7pm in the Library.
 | Sabrina  |

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| **6.** | **Treasurers Report as of November 30th 2018*** General Account: $ xxxxxx
* Gaming Account: $ xxxxxx
* Savings Account: $ xxxxxx

We had 4 returned cheques for hot lunches. Sam to contact the parents and get funds  | Sam Laird |
| **7.** | **Committee Reports**We do a lot of fundraising at MRE and it looks like we have a lot of money but a good portion of it is earmarked towards the new playground. Some of our committees are relevant now some of them don’t happen until later in the year so we will just touch base with those relevant now. **Crossing Guard – Traffic and Safety** – Sabrina* Please do NOT block driveways on River Road.  We have received numerous calls about this being a problem for our neighbors.  Thank you for your cooperation.

**Neufeld farms*** Sabrina is preparing a spring Neufeld farms fundraiser.
* Earmark the funds to go towards carnival.
* Sabrina has ordered the spring campaign
* Sam may take over this fundraiser on the future

**Hot Lunches** (Emi, Teagan, Merissa)* Hot lunch for April is Pizza on April – 24th
* Forms will go out on and need to be back by April 15th
* Hot dogs will be in May
* Lug a mug is done – thanks to volunteers who came out to serve

**Health and Safety** * First aid fundraiser
* There is a fundraiser online for families to purchase Emergency earthquake kits for singles, families, car etc. Web address:. [www.earthquakekit.ca](http://www.earthquakekit.ca)
* All proceeds from fundraiser will support supplies needed to replace expired supplies as well as additional supplies in emergency storage shed.
* Beginning of April will be the deadline to submit on-line orders
* A reminder will go out in the Friday Blast.

**Playground Meeting*** A meeting took place January 22- @ 6pm in the library
* Sabrina had a meeting with Maintenance to look over the existing playground.
* Sabrina will report back after spring break with results/findings from the meeting and the state of the playground.

**Carnival** * Carnival Date is set for June 19th
* Sabrina has looked into the costs of all of the equipment and one of the pieces is more than we budgeted for. PAC to look into getting funding from the community – sponsorship from local businesses towards specific items.
* Volunteers are needed for the day before and set-up, during the event as well as clean-up.
* A volunteer list will be created and you can sign-up. This event requires a mountain of parents as parents run each station.

**Book Fair**: (Nicole) – Book Fair* Total Sales: $3909.75
* Net sales – $3636.06
* Cash rewards were earned to go towards book cart/for assembly
* Mr Bisset receives $300 – he has been finally spending some of his money
* $790.28 will go towards the playground

**Munch a Lunch** * Sam is looking into getting another trial in August so we can sort out the details for an easier Hot Lunch ie Pizza

**Yearbooks (Nicole)*** Grade 7 handouts to start right away after spring break as well as the cover contest
* Permission reminders for photo release will be sent by Lisa Kania

**Scholarship committee*** $500 bursary grant for a past MRE student
* Dana to pick up applications April 9th
* Sabrina needs to contact Dana – Mel and Jeanie and Sabrina goes to oversee

**Save on Receipts** * Save on Foods receipts – save them - at 224th you can bring in your receipts and we get gift cards from Save-on for that

**Fruit & Veggie Program** (Jeanie – Janna to be taking over this program)* Next fruit and veggie date?? Jeanie and Janna not present at the meeting.
* This program brings in milk and fruit/vegetables to be distributed to students in the classroom.

**Welcome to kindergarten** * To be held Tues May 14th in the gym. Stations are set up for the pre-k’s to do crafts, games, math skills.. Then they are introduced to the classroom and given a tour of the school – all to encourage them to be comfortable. Students are given a bag to take home that has reading/ craft supplies all to prepare them for September

**How to stay in touch** A reminder that if you would like to stay in the loop as far as where volunteers are needed there is PAC Chat – a Facebook Group as well as MRE Parents Association on Facebook as well. PAC chat gets pretty active as the volunteers tend to chat back and forth.**8. New Business*** Bird Houses - historically we split the cost of Bird houses for Father’s Day for Mrs. Halfnights grade 6/7 class. The cost is $10 but PAC usually donates $5 each.

**Motion made** by Sam to spend up to $125 ($5 per student) from Gaming account to Mrs. Halfnights class toward the birdhouses **Second Tanya** All approved.* Sexual Education with Kathleen Hatley - are we interested in having her come in to discuss sexual education with kids in April/May?

Discussion: - Kathleen Hatley gives safety and health presentations based on age Kathleen has 17 years of experience and training as a Sexual Health Educator, Kathleen understands the importance of empowering children to make informed and healthy choices surrounding their bodies. She recommends booking talks every other year to ensure students have up to date information as their bodies are growing and changing. Her presentations are not meant to replace the role of parents and educators but are designed to enhance and support them.In the past we have done a parent information night bu no parents have shown up. Perhaps we should put out a poll to parents vis survey monkey to see if there is enough interest.* Cost to get her in is $500 from Gaming account Additional $300 to have parents come in for Parent’s night

**Motion made** by Sam to have Kathleen Hatley come do a Sexual Health Presentation to students at a cost of $500. **Second: Teagan**. All approved | All |
|  | **Next PAC meeting is Tuesday April 9th at 7pm in the Library** |  |

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|  | Meeting adjourned @ 8:03pm | All |
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