

MINUTES

Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Date | time 1/14/2020 7:04 PM | *Location* 20820 River Road, Maple Ridge

Sabrina Harker, Nicole Keough, Tanya Harrison, Samantha Laird, Chelsea Lendvoy, Donna Servant, ,Teagan McGeachie, Holly Clermont, Jeanine, and Tanya Houle.

Item Description

1. Sign-in and Call to order 7:04pm

2. Administration

Thank you all for coming. Introductions around the table.

Motion made by Sam to approve the November meeting minutes. Second: Teagan. All in favor. Approved

3. PAC Chair Report.

- Thank you to Josh and Jeanie Harmon and volunteers for all of your hard work putting on Santa Mall – the students enjoyed picking out a gift for a family member.
- Thank you to volunteers for coming out to serve at Lug-a-Mug.
- Thanks to Nareen and Teagan for putting on the Pub Night fundraiser.
- Thank you to staff who put on a wonderful Christmas concert.
- PAC created some Christmas hampers to support families at MRE – thank you to TriCities Mental Health and Payge/Kleins families for donating a substantial amount of items for the Christmas hampers in Ian Cooper's name. Thanks also goes to Theresa Hucalak for a financial donation for hampers and the MRE community that helped make this happen.
- Because of the generous donations, we were able to help 5 families this Christmas instead of just two.
- Thanks also to volunteers who came out to Bookfair.
- Thanks to Dallas Bell for another successful Shopping extravaganza.
- And finally, a huge thank you to the PAC executives for the tremendous amount of hours and work that go into making PAC successful – without you we couldn't make all of these events happen.

4. Principal/Vice Principal Report

Acts of Kindness Assembly

- Wednesday February 26th @ 1pm
- Parents are welcome to attend.
- Students to wear pink if they can or their kindness counts t-shirts

Parent Volunteers needed for Lunchtime activities

Interested parents can fill out an application at the office. On the application write down your hours of availability as well as the word "literacy" so we know what position you are wanting to volunteer for.

Staff Changes – our CCW Miss Jacquie has moved on to another position in the district. Kate Barber (who used to work at MRE) has returned to the Green Zone as our new CCW. The students already know her so it should be an easy transition.

Pilot Program for Active Floors – MRE is the Pilot School to test Active floors – created by occupational therapists. A set of decals will be placed on the wing of the school by Mrs Keats class room. The decals on the floor and walls will serve as a sensory path allowing the kids to take a break, encourage self-regulation as students can step on the decals they follow the pictures. If it is successful the program will then expand to other schools.

Boys and Girls Basketball – is being coached by Mr H, Mrs. Pajak, Mme. Wells and Mrs. Mclean. This is not a competitive league but for fun.

Intermediate Choir continues and we are happy see many more boys taking part. students will continue to meet after school on Tuesday and Thursday. The choir performed at the school assembly and will also perform at the Kindness counts assembly in February.

Playground update: We are still waiting to hear about the status of the grant that we applied for (amount of \$105,000). We will need that entire budget. There is a new process that will surprise most parents but this is how it happens:

- Once we have approval we come up with a budget based on the grant plus what PAC has set aside.
- Facilities and maintenance then need to approve the space
- The principal contacts the dept
- Purchasing dept then chooses the playground and an invitation to quote is put out to vendors
- A team of evaluators is put together – made up of Principal Occupational therapist, Physical therapist – makes the choice based on the need of the student body to ensure it is for all persons not just able body kids.

Request for Funds by Administration: Staff is asking for a number of initiatives

- Pizza for difference Celebrations including: students involved in Bookfest, Volleyball, Basketball, choir, Lunchtime monitors, Lunchtime Star winners. There is no funding left for these things and it usually amounts to about \$800 a year.
- Annual Tuning of the Piano \$150
- \$1000 towards presentations for Speakers

Can PAC create a Central location for Volunteers to sign up for events?

- Calendar is updated in the foyer hallway
- PAC to put up sign up sheets for different events like hot lunch or Lug a mug

5. **DPAC Chair Report:** -

- DPAC is a representation of Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) from across the district. They represent the concerns of parents in district 42
- If anyone is interested in attending a DPAC meeting let Christine Willman know. These meetings are very informative and they always have goodies!
- The Chils and Youth Mental Health Intake clinic has given us some brochures and pamphlets to pass along. This is a great starting point for anyone who needs help and there is a lot of great information available. Website: <https://keltymetalhealth.ca>
- THSS Parent Math Night January 28th 7-8:30pm
- Winter Fun Fair to celebrate Family Literacy Day – contests, prizes, dance party and popcorn. There will be performances by Showstoppers Academy, you can meet local community groups and learn about resources, programs and services available in our community. Sat Jan 25th Maple Ridge Public Library from 11am – 2pm.

6. Treasurers Report as of December 31st 2019

Sam
Laird

- General Account: \$ xxxxxx
- Gaming Account: \$ xxxxxx
- Savings Account: \$ xxxxxx

Munch-a-lunch fees were \$56.77 just for the Pizza – so we may want to bundle more hot lunches so that parents have the opportunity to pay for a couple at once, bringing the fees down. Or we will need to look at marking up some of the hot lunches a little more to cover the cost.

If you require reimbursement for supplies purchased for a PAC event/etc. There is an Expense Re-imbursement form located on the PAC board in the front hallway. Please complete the form staple your receipts to the form before handing in to Sam Laird our PAC Treasurer.

We will need to vote on spending money for Kathleen Hatley (Sexual health Educator) but we can do that in February.

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. The following committees are relevant now:

Hot Lunches (Teagan,)

- Munch a Lunch Program has been activated. The next Hot Lunch is in February.
-
- Lug-A-Mug – will be soup on Thursday January 30th

Pub Night Fundraiser (Nareen)

- \$2800 was raised
- Had a great turnout. There was a shortage of volunteers the night of but the ladies made it work.

8. Old Business

Donation to Starfish Backpack Program - In May a motion was made to donate \$1000 to Starfish backpacks in Helen Haughton's name. Helen was a volunteer at our school who passed away in the spring. A cheque has been written and will be dropped off.

Motion made by Sam to buy a membership to the BCPAC – seconded by Jeanine, discussion, *All in favour, opposed?*, Approved.

Motion made by Sabrina to spend no more than \$1000 towards pizza for students involved in Bookfest, Volleyball, Basketball, choir, Lunchtime monitors, Lunchtime Star winners. Seconded by Nicole, discussion, *All in favor, opposed?* Approved

9. New Business

If anyone has fundraising ideas they would like to put forth please feel free. It might be great to do some larger fundraisers throughout the year rather than a bunch of little ones.

- Friendship Dance? – Teagan looking into this for K-7 sometime in April. To discuss this idea with Mme Servant and PAC executives then bring to a vote in February once details are worked out then form a committee if it passes.

- May Neufeld date? Would like delivery to take place before the long weekend in May. We could use these funds raised to pay for Ryan Laird in September.

Next PAC meeting: is at 7pm in the Library on Tuesday February 11th

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm