

# MINUTES

## Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

*Date | time* 2/11/2020 7:04 PM | *Location* 20820 River Road, Maple Ridge

Nicole Keough, Tanya Harrison, Samantha Laird, Sabrina Harker, Chelsea Lendvoy, Donna Servant, Christine Willman, Janine Yaremy, Christine Rempel 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 January meeting minutes. Second: Tanya.  
All in favor. Approved

#### 3. PAC Chair Report.

- PAC put on our January soup lug a mug.  
Less tomato more chicken noodle was decided as we have run out of chicken noodle both times, thank you to all our volunteers who came out to help - we always appreciate the help!

#### 4. Principal/Vice Principal Report

##### Acts of Kindness Assembly

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

##### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is still ongoing. The French Immersion placement is full and there are only a few English places left. Kindergarten registration for the 2020/2021 school year is open to children who are 5 years old on or before December 31, 2020. Visit the district website for detailed information on the five phases (sibling registration, choice registration, general registration, late registration, open registration) and other important information:

<http://www.sd42.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

**Staff Changes** – We welcome Kate Barber to her new position as childcare worker at our school. Kate is well known to the MRE community as she has been working as an educational assistant here for a number of years. She has experience as a childcare worker in our district and we are delighted to have her here in this position. Jackie Jordan, our previous childcare worker, accepted a counselling position in our district. This is a new and exciting opportunity for her since she recently completed her Master of Counselling.

##### Grade 8 Registration

Information coming soon on the district website under the Parents Tab. Visit [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca)  
Grade 8 Phase Registration Starts (12:00 noon) Registration Ends (11:59 pm) General Feb 4, 2020 Feb 19, 2020 • Once online grade 8 registration closes, any late registrants must complete a paper registration form at their catchment school. • Grade 8 students new to the district (not on the Portal) register in person at the DEO Feb 4-19, 2020 (opens 12:00 noon). After the registration period ends, paper registration forms are done at their catchment school. Parents will be notified of grade 8 placement prior to Spring Break • All transfer requests are

due March 5. Please refer to guidelines at the attached link. Scroll to Attachments - "secondary transfer 2020/2021 guidelines. <https://www.sd42.ca/student-registration/>

**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** is still ongoing. Students will continue to meet after school on Tuesday and Thursday. The perform at the Kindness counts assembly February 26.

**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
- February 20<sup>th</sup> is the next DPAC meeting – topic is accounting and auditing practices for PAC's and takes place at Pitt Meadows Elementary.
- Thursday April 2 DPAC meeting Presentation on IEP's – "What Parents need to know" Presentation by Suzanne Perreault who is the Langley School District Trustee, Parent Advocate, Youth and Family Counsellor
- Take advantage of a free seminar on Suicide Prevention and Awareness, it is important to know the facts. Seminar takes place at Riverside Centre on Thursday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm RSVP by email to [JeannieHornett@familysmart.ca](mailto:JeannieHornett@familysmart.ca)

**6. Treasurers Report as of January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Sam  
Laird

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

Account statements had not yet come in at the time of Feb PAC meeting so no update on accounts reconciled.

**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)

- The next Hot Lunch in February is Hot dogs
- March hot lunch is Booster Juice. Orders are due on February 28<sup>th</sup>

Lug-A-Mug – will be Hot Chocolate on Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>

Bookfair (Nicole Keough)

- is booked for March 2-4<sup>th</sup> jungle theme.
- Nicole is looking for after school help. This fundraiser requires many volunteers, I cannot do it alone! Please let me know what time you're able to help. We will have a sign-up sheet on the PAC board in the hallway.

Neufeld Farms (Tanya Harrison)

- Waiting for order forms to come
- Order forms to be distributed to students in March
- Deadline for ordering will be April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Delivery of orders will be at MRE 5pm on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> Orders must be picked up at 5pm as items are frozen and we do not have a freezer to store orders.

## 8. Old Business

**Carnival date** – We need to set a date or select some date options. June 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> is available on MRE calendar. Tanya Harrison to contact Partyworks Rentals to secure date and package options. Will get back to PAC with date in March. Carnival meeting set for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the library – before the regular PAC meeting.

**Starfish Backpack Donation** – a cheque was written to the Friends in Need Foodbank in Helen Haughton's name. Helen was a valued volunteer at the school who passed away almost a year ago. The donation was made to honor her and her family.

## 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.

- Since Teagan has stepped down from vice chair. The executives have put forward an emergent vote to fill this position with Tanya Harrison as we need this position filled for signing reasons. We will hold normal elections in May as always. We are also in need of a temporary secretary until our nominations and elections are held in April and May this year.
- Teagan will remain as our hot lunch coordinator and we are looking for 2-3 people to be a part of the hot lunch program team as this is a high priority for us to continue our hot lunches program. Thank you.

**Dance Fundraiser** - Tanya Houle, Holly Clermont, and Teagan McGeachie are wanting to plan a dance fundraiser. It has been approved by Admin and a PAC Executive! Ladies is there anything you'd like to report?

**Thinking of "Spring Fling" as a theme.** Going to put together a letter to get donations from the community as prizes for the night. Thinking of May 1 6-9pm. Planning to hire a DJ, have a concession, pizza, glow sticks and gift cards for spotlight dances. More details to come. We will need volunteers and this is a dance you will attend with your kids.

**Motion made by Christine** to spend no more than \$500 for Spring Fling. **Second:** Sabrina, *discussion, all in favor, Approved.*

**Book Fair Funds for Library** - we need to vote on giving \$350.00 for Mr. Bisset - to help put books into the library. Funds are from the November book-fair. Historically PAC gives the library \$350 in credits but its challenging to order using credits as there are limitations. So instead we will write a cheque in this amount to help out MRE's library.

**Motion made by Christine** to write a cheque to Mr Bissett in the amount of \$350 to spend on books for the Library. **Second:** Nicole, *discussion, all in favor, Approved.*

**Duck Race Fundraiser** – Nicole is looking into Duck Race Tickets as a school fundraiser. More information to come.

**Donation of Pants Needed** - anyone had any boys size 5-8 pants they can donate to the green zone and Mrs. Keats for the rainy season (some parents forget a change of clothes) - please let me know and I'll collect them at the school this Thursday and Friday!

**Next PAC meeting:** is at 7pm in the Library on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm**