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Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Date | time 1/11/2021 7:00 PM | *Location* Zoom Online Meeting

Nicole Keough, Tanya Harrison, Amanda Griffin, Tanya Houle, Barb MacKinnon, Chelsea Lendvoy, Nareen Atkins, Jeanie Harmon, Leanne McMaster, Elaine Connell, Heidi Stooshnoff and Tony Short.

Item Description

1. Sign-in and Call to order 7:09pm

2. Administration (Nicole Keough)

Thank you all for coming

Motion: Tanya Harrison motions to approve the November Meeting Minutes. Second: Heidi, all in favor, approved.

3. PAC Chair Report (Nicole Keough)

- Thank you to all the families who donated to our hampers this year as well as the individuals who also helped with the ground work that was done for our community donations.
- VanCity donated \$1000 dollars to us and we are so grateful to them.
- We had an amazing amount of food items and gifts donated. Thank you to Tanya Harrison and Tanya Houle for coming together to wrap and organize these hampers.
- We were able to help out 4 families this year.
- Thank you, Janna for doing the foot work with our donation letters in the community.
- We weighed the food that was donated from our MRE families, and ended up with 500 lbs!

4. Principal/ Vice Principal Report (Chelsea Lendvoy)

- Barb has created the MRE TV initiative. It runs each week on Fridays and is an opportunity for Grade 6/7 students to show leadership and connects all students in the school.
- Feb 24 is kindness counts day, the online orders for apparel are due on Jan 18th.
- Spirit days will continue every Friday, students may wear their house color or spirit wear to get house points, and have a chance at the monthly draw for book prizes.
- We had 50 students complete the Winter Reading challenge which was a great turnout.
- Parking has improved with staff parking passes and extra cones and signage out front.
- Ms. Kate is on an educational leave and Ms. Brooke will be replacing her as CCW.
- The Middle Years Development questionnaire is out for all grade 4-8 students to complete.
- We have a Pro D day on Jan 25th where the staff will be completing various training courses.
- Progress on the playground planning is underway, to be discussed in old business.

5. DPAC Representative Report (Amanda Griffin)

- Next meeting is Thursday Jan 28th . We will post the information on the Facebook page.
- Active school transit idea discussed.
- Amanda will look into getting more orange child signs for parking control.
- Discussion on researching options for an outdoor classroom.

6. Treasurers Report (Samantha Laird)

- Will report in February.

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7. Committee Reports

- For any fundraisers for the duration of this year, we will be sending paper order forms home as we have found this to be our best and most successful way of fundraising. All money will be collected through MunchALunch and online orders will also be available.
- Reminder about PAC fundraising, we encourage anyone who has any ideas to bring them to a PAC meeting to be discussed, brainstormed with all of our PAC members, and so our Admin also has a chance to hear your ideas. These ideas can also be either emailed to our PAC email or sent directly to Nicole before the next PAC meeting so they can be added to the agenda.

Art Cards (Nicole Keough)

- We made just over \$1100 dollars, this was significantly more than previous years.
- We asked Ms. Dillon and Ms. Lo, our grade 3/4 teachers, to create 4 different “thank you” cards by their students for us to order to be able to use in the future as thank you cards. We choose these classes because they are the 2 classes for the last 12 years who would always hand make our thank you cards for us.
- We have another art card company that we may try out potentially in the spring for an art contest if there is interest and support. This could be an at home completion and at student’s discretion.

Bookfair (Nicole Keough)

- We usually bring in \$4000 dollars from bookfair, in November we only made \$188 doing the online bookfair.
- If Admin approves, I will need 3 people to run an in person bookfair in March over the course of a week. Tanya Harrison will help organize.

FlipGive App (Tanya Houle)

- We have 29 users and have raised \$105.50.

Neufeld Farms (Tanya Harrison)

- Date to be determined, we will be running the summer order form and items are typically delivered before May long weekend.

Purdy’s (Tanya Harrison)

- This will be either for valentines or easter ordering. Sam will be getting the info and forms.

8. Old Business

Emergency Response Kits (Nicole Keough)

- I have a few contacts who have not gotten back to me, I will need 2 people to take this on from me, please let me know if interested.
- Amanda will ask DPAC for company recommendations.

Christmas Hampers (Nicole Keough)

- We received from our community: \$1000 from Vanity, \$250 from superstore, \$200 from Canadian tire, \$200 cash from an MRE family I wanted to thank them for their donation. We also had Tony Short and Tanya Houle’s family collect \$1000 in donations specifically for one of the hamper families. PLUS all our MRE donations.

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Family Education Center (Nicole Keough)

- February 12 we will have a conflict resolution workshop for all students to participate.

MRE Bursary (Nicole Keough)

- SD42 has contacted me for our MRE bursary nominations this will conduct of 4 people to review the applicants

Playground (Tanya Harrison & Barb Mackinnon)

- We received 19 proposals and each were reviewed carefully as there was a number of factors to consider including inclusiveness, warranty, and how well each met our list of criteria.
- Presentation of the new playground plans given by Tanya Harrison.
- This information will be shared on the facebook group.
- The playground will be installed prior to March 31st.

9. New Business

Body Science (Nicole Keough)

- We have contacted Kathleen Hatley about having a body science presentation for all grades as we have in past years. However due to covid we missed it for 2020.
- The parent info night is \$200 and the student presentations are \$500.
- There will be a reverse consent form go out for this.

Motion: Tanya Houle motions to spend \$700 on a body science presentation. Second: Tanya Harrison, all in favor, approved.

Lunchtime Outdoor Activities (Tony Short & Tanya Houle)

- Tony will be available on Fridays at lunch to run some sports games with the students outside. He will rotate games and work with admin on the details.
- If this is successful, we may need more volunteers, if there are any Dad's or other parents interested in volunteering please contact Tanya Houle.

Duck Races (Amanda)

- Amanda will research this fundraising opportunity.

New Fundraisers:

Need volunteer to look into and organize the following opportunities:

- Liquor Store
- Bottle Drive, will ask for grade 7 parent to take this on, direct volunteers to Tanya Harrison.
- Meridian Meats
- Honey Bee Centre

Next PAC Zoom Meeting: Monday February 8 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm