

MINUTES

Maple Ridge Elementary PAC Meeting

Date | time 4/12/2021 7:00 PM | *Location* Zoom Online Meeting

Nicole Keough, Tanya Harrison, Tanya Houle, Samantha Laird, Barb MacKinnon, Chelsea Lendvoy, Jeanie Harmon, Amanda Griffin, Leanne McMaster, Danielle Donovan, Janna Mauch, and Chris Schultz-Lorentzen

Item Description

1. Sign-in and Call to order 7:19pm

2. Administration (Nicole Keough)

- Thank you all for coming.
- Chris from DPAC joins us to discuss our elections for next month.

Motion: Jana motions to approve the March Meeting Minutes. Second: Tanya, all in favor, approved.

3. PAC Chair Report (Nicole Keough)

- Thank you to everyone who supported out PAC this year with fundraisers and the FB page. It takes a village and being a team player really benefits all our MRE students.
- Thank you to our admin, Barb and Chelsea, for supporting our PAC and assisting with communication to our MRE families throughout the year.
- Reminder to all members, when hosting a fundraiser and posting events on Facebook, we need to have a purpose for raising money. We cannot fundraise without a purpose. Our ability to fundraise throughout the year determines how much we are able to give when asked by teachers and admin. This year our fundraisers have been much less profitable than in past years.
- Thank you letter from Mme Zepeski's and Ms Dillon's class, for our new playground.

4. Principal/ Vice Principal Report (Barb MacKinnon)

- Cycling program will be coming in for grades 4, 5, and 6.
- The highlight of the new year has been the opening of the playground, it has brought so much joy to the kids, thank you to the PAC. Some other positives to note, they have paved a wheelchair access around the playground, this has resulted in adding a new parking spot for staff and we were able to get the emergency supply pod moved as well. We will be setting up the new hand sanitizer station shortly. This week we had a soft opening of the playground, a video was created and posted on our FB group.
- Tony continues to do the lunchtime sports program and it is very popular.
- BC lion's energy champions held on zoom.
- Planning for next year's numbers about the same at 430.
- April 20 virtual assembly, theme is riding the waves of change.
- This Friday is a literacy spirit day, students can dress as a character from a book. There will also be a "find the pigeon" contest, if found they get a house point.
- Bilingual artist, Will Stroet, will be doing a virtual Q&A on May 7th with the students.
- The Wildlife in the classroom presentations begin tomorrow and into mid may, with the exception of the 6/7 classes who have opted out as there is no age-appropriate presentation for that grade.
- There is a learning survey available until April 30th, information was sent out on the portal.
- There is a fire drill planned for the end of the month.
- Thank you PAC for being enthusiastic during this difficult year.

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- Spirit wear will be offered once in the fall and once in the Spring, and the house colors will be included going forward.

5. **DPAC Representative Report** (Amanda Griffin)

- Next meeting is Thursday Apr 15th. We will post the information on the Facebook page.
- Followed up with the city on the traffic men again, and waiting for response.
- Outdoor classroom area, idea to contact gravel companies who may be able to donate large rocks.

6. **Treasurers Report** (Samantha Laird)

- Bank Statements as of March 31st 2021, not including earmarked fundraisers.
 - General Account: \$ xxxxx
 - Savings Account: \$ xxxxx
 - Gaming Account: \$ xxxxx
- Applied for gaming grant for next year, should hear back by Sept/Oct.
- Discussion about earmarking funds in the future.

7. **Committee Reports**

Art Cards (Nicole Keough)

- Awesome job to all our students who have entered our Art card contest. Winners have been chosen by admin and PAC executives.
- Each winner will receive a \$20 DQ gift card. A sample art card will be sent home in the upcoming weeks with instructions on how to order if you choose to.

Neufeld Farms (Tanya Harrison)

- Forms have gone out, deadline is Apr 22nd and May 5th for pickup

Meridian Meats (Christine Willman)

- Total sales were \$1450, which was \$435 profit, after munch fees total profit was \$391.53.

Purdy's (Tanya Harrison)

- Due to Purdy's overselling product, all paper orders were refunded to parents resulting in a loss in profit of \$600. The profit on the online orders was \$480.

Grade 7 Bottle Drive (Tanya Harrison)

- Eileen printed flyers and attached to bags with tags and have gone out to the grade 7 classes. The bottle account is in Kelly Halfknight's name for the grade 7's and is under the MRE phone number, 604-467-5551.

Book Fair (Nicole Keough)

- Book fair is happening online from April 26th-30th.
- We will post teachers wish lists on FB
- Flyers to go out with students to promote

Duck Races (Tanya Houle)

- Tickets can be purchased online until midnight June 5th, 2021 at <https://rotaryduckrace.ca>. We will receive 80% of all duck race ticket sales. To date we have sold \$150.
- Janna will create a poster to put outside the school entrance to promote the fundraiser.

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8. Old Business

Ready Set Kindergarten (Nicole Keough)

- Working on a write up for the Kindergarten packages.
- Name changed to Ready Set Kindergarten.
- Will be held May 11th in the afternoon, will follow covid restrictions.
- 64 new Kindergarten students.

End of Year Ideas (Nicole Keough)

- Can we do a slip and slide for all divisions split up to comply with health guidelines, admin to approve.
- Discussion regarding Grade 7 Grad ideas, Tie dye t-shirt kit for grade 7's, Swag bags for grade 7's to be determined by the grade 7 committee when formed or provided by PAC if needed, photo expression grad products are available for purchase, potential to create a video compilation for students, zoom ceremony will be determined by admin and district, PAC will provide year books or potentially a swag bag for grade 7's if needed.
- Admin will discuss with teachers.

9. New Business

Wooden Hearts for fence (Nicole Keough)

- Nicole and Janna are looking into a few options, possibly high school students to make the hearts, discuss with construction companies for cut offs etc.

Executive Positions (Nicole Keough)

- We need to fill the Secretary position, please email pac.mre@gmail.com if interested.

Kernels Hot Lunch (Danielle)

- Golden ears was able to do a kernels hot lunch recently.
- Admin to check if we are able to do this also.
- The popcorn is individually packaged.

Next PAC Zoom Meeting:

Annual General Meeting including Executive Elections

Monday May 10 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm