

PAC MEETING
Moberly Elementary School
2015 Oct 20th
7:00 p.m. in school Library

Parent/Guardian Attendees:

Eva Augstin, Sharon Bagri (Member at Large), Diane Blue (Treasurer), Doris Cable, Geraldine Calivoso, John Dave Calivoso, Axel Galvez, Meezu Kalia, Alisa Levenstein, Mitch Magureanu, Gurpreet Randhawa, Paul Thandi (Chair), and Rubyllee Ynalvez

Principal: Ms. Patti Plottel

Vice-Principal: Karl Graham

1. Welcome

Welcome to parents and a round table introduction of attendees. For security reasons please use front doors of school for monthly evening PAC meetings.

Patti navigated Moberly's website to help parents keep up to date with school activities. Today's early dismissal notice (for goal setting meetings) was included in the school newsletter which was distributed via handouts and newsletter is also available to download from website. Patti navigated several sections of the website including Principal's blog, and the Parents' tab as well as Library tab which has excellent resources for parents.

2. PAC Chair's Report (Paul Thandi)

Mr. Sopic's Tennis request which is covered in section 5. New business.

3. Treasurer's Report (Diane Blue)

Review of the spending to date and current bank balances of general account and gaming grant account. Diane gave a brief and general overview of the gaming grant restrictive spending. Projected 2015/16 Budgets (gaming grant and general) will be revised as Playground Goal has been met – see new business.

4. Old Business (Patti Plottel)

Patti reports that the last phase of intermediate playground was completed in September 2015. Patti would like to extend thanks to Paul Thandi for attending the September 24th ceremony to thank the donors.

As we have met the playground goal, our next focus will be on literacy & technology programs which are in need funding. Action: Patti will ask teachers to come with wish-list for PAC budget.

A parent's proposal was brought forward for safer drop-offs/traffic safety police officer. Discussions around possible solution to include city planned cross walk. The city planning tried to address the speeding by increasing traffic calming with speed bumps and traffic signage. However many who are dropping off students do not follow or obey these rules. Another suggestion is to purchase crossing guard uniform and have volunteer guards to help increase safety. This has been done in the past but limited success.

Patti is looking into updating translated PAC information pamphlet from several years ago (which was handed out at a Welcome Parent night).

Moberly was recently identified (as a Tier 3) school in extra need of supports. As a result Moberly will receive extra staffing and program supports: a 0.5 FTE Literacy teacher, a Youth Worker position, which is now 5 days a week (from the previous 3 days a week); as well as a lunch program which is delivered to school daily for students in need. Currently there are 27 students who have access to this lunch program but the food is restrictive to cultural/eating practices so only 17 are utilizing the program. Thanks to the Pacific Lions club who donated 23 \$50 gift cards to help students and families at Moberly prepare for the expenses of starting the new school year.

5. New Business

Tennis program funding request: P.E. Teacher, Mr. Sapic, is seeking funding for a two week program for students to learn tennis skills. The cost would be \$8/student for whole 2 week program. The school is seeking the PAC fund \$4/student. Diane will look into gaming grant rules to determine if 50% of tennis program costs can be funded out of gaming grant monies as "in-school field trip" with possible fundraising by PAC for any outstanding amount.

Parent Class Reps

Patti will bring this proposal back to classroom teachers to have teachers identify parent(s) to take on the role of PAC classroom rep.

6. Principal / Vice Principal's Report

School Organization Update (Patti Plottel)

The number of classes remain the same as last year with 486 students last year and 492 students this year. Moberly is one of the bigger elementary schools but not the biggest. To eligible to have a Vice Principal the minimum is 400 enrolled student population. New staff: We have less classroom assistants 16 last year vs 12.5 SWWs this year; Ms. Winteringham's teaching partner is Ms. Huston, Youth and Family worker; Carrie Kerr (Mr. Baker was transferred); and Anne Wong is our new literacy teacher and is shared half time with Fleming Elementary. Resource Teacher, Ms. Jen Erickson has left Moberly for Langara

in a role that trains Student support workers (SSSWs). The school SLPT, Ms. Wanda Yee is covering until Christmas until the permanent SLPT starts in the new year.

Meet the Teacher feedback

The September “meet the teacher” night was not well attended. Patti will poll teachers on suggestions on format/structure of the night and will also poll parents. Some parents thought it was a school open house but the intent was to meet the teacher. It was good opportunity for new parents to meet teacher and connect with other new parents. Perhaps there is less focus on meet teacher night because there will be a more formal October parent-teacher night.

Suggestions were to start the evening at the gym with multiple short presentations and then dismiss parents to their classroom to actually meet the teacher as we done in previous years. However, this year the format was meet teacher in their classrooms then parents were to go to Library to meet PAC. Unfortunately some teachers only had 1 parent came out and it is a very long day for teachers (7am to 7pm). To increase parent attendance, suggestions included BBQ or Hot Dog dinner to draw parents to come. Parent volunteers will be needed. ACTION: PAC planning committee provide volunteers to run the BBQ/Hot Dog Dinner for September 2016’s Meet the Teacher event.

Walkathon Update (Karl Graham)

The Walkathon that was organized by Ms. Gibson was a great success. A photo display is in main school hall. Approximately \$5,000 was raised to support families with kids who have cancer. Moberly alternates the annual fundraiser between the Terry Fox run (which cancer research) and the walkathon (which support families with children with cancer/treatment). At the Oct 30th school assembly some teachers will get pies in the face because the fundraising goal was met. The day will also include teachers’ costume contest as well as students in costumes. VSB has hired extra security patrol for the school on Halloween evening.

Photo Day will be Oct 22nd

Halloween Safety

VPD will come Tuesday before Halloween and give a 1 hour long presentation for primary students and another separate 1 hour long presentation for senior students.

Performances at the school

- Invisible Girl (Green Thumb Theatre)
- Lapis (in Nov)

The \$10 performance fund fee that was collected at the start of school year:

- Hoop dancer (Aboriginal dancers) at end of year
- Many more to come (our kids are so well behaved)

Remembrance Day Assembly

Formal assembly Nov 10th at 11am. Ms. Brown will be organizing and choir will be singing and colour guard from Air Cadets. Parents are welcome to join. This is solemn assembly and a reminder that parents need to be quiet.

Emergency Preparedness Update

Moberly conducts multiple drills throughout the school year to protect students. There are 3 fire drills in fall and 3 fire drills in spring (tracked by Fire Dept); 2 code red (lock-down) drills scheduled in fall and spring (intruder in building); earthquake preparedness BC Shakeout drill, drop-and-cover but did not include evacuation of the building. There will be an earthquake drill in May. In every classroom the teacher has an emergency backpack, with clipboard with up to date class list and emergency contact for child pick-up; garbage bags, yellow ribbons tied to child arms to account for a child has been checked off, gloves and bandaids (first aid station will be set up); bottles of water with a strip of duct tape. Name tag kit to make sure children are authorized/released properly protocol. COMFORT KITS for parents to bring back to school for their child. Emergency file-folder, has flip book reference as the "go-to" manual for emergency situations. Moberly's evacuation point is the Sikh temple. Comfort kits are kept in classrooms. Locked-box in middle of field has water, dehydrated food, ladders, etc buckets, first aid supplies and tools.

Parent questions: Fundraiser discussions (pizza day, movie & popcorn/bottled water) at next meeting Nov 20th.

Adjourned 8:30pm