

PAC MEETING Minutes
Moberly Elementary School
2016 Sept 13
commenced 7:00 p.m.
in Moberly Library

Parent attendees: Sharon Bagri, Kamaljit Bhatti, Diane Blue, Doris Cable, M. Angelica Cervantes, Leah dela Pena, Roselyn Mandin, Dedicacion Guillermo, Alisa Levenstein, **Daljit M. Rock**, Brenda Sandhu, & Anh Tuyen
and
Patti Plottel, Principal
Karl Graham, Vice-Principal

1. Welcome (Patti Plottel)

Patti welcomes all and reviews and navigates the Moberly website for parents to familiarize using the website as a resource for information. The paper-based monthly school newsletter was distributed and parents can download off the Moberly website. The School Calendar on the website will include school and student events such as field trips and photo days along with Student Council and PAC led events.

Tabs of interest on the website include the school blog posts, Library section, and Parent sections where the PAC meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report can be found.

This year's school theme will focus on "Super Heros" which will encourage students to reflect on how their actions and words affect those around them. The theme will also challenge students to think about other "super

heros” around them, such as family members, community members, notable public figures (eg Terry Fox), etc.

2. Election of PAC Executive

There were no elections required as exactly enough parents volunteered to commit to key PAC executive roles for the 2016-2017 school year, with the following individuals and roles:

PAC Chair – Alisa Levenstein

Secretary – Doris Cable

Treasurer – Diane Blue

Members At Large – Sharon Bagri & Anh Tuyen

The PAC attendees unanimously voted and passed the motion to name the above individuals to the respective PAC executive roles.

3. Treasurer’s Report (Diane Blue)

Diane briefly reviewed the summer transactions which were largely monthly interest and clearing of cheques issued from the 2015-16 year. There are no areas of concern with the accounts. There was great success with PAC fundraising last year which is reflected in the General Account balance.

The Gaming Grant summary expense report was filed over the summer and the 2016-2017 grant is expected to be deposited late September or early October. Decisions surrounding budget and annual commitments (General Account & Gaming Grant Account) will be discussed and

voted on at the next PAC meeting (October and/or November 2016).

4. Old Business

DDA “Cash for Clothes” fundraiser:

It was agreed that PAC will run this fundraiser, with Alisa Levenstein as team lead, along with a Student Council helping run the noon hour Loonie T-shirt sales (likely Wednesday Nov 2nd). The clothing pick-up will likely be late/end of first week of November (TBC: Nov 3 or 4th) with collection of gently used clothing and household items during the last two weeks of October. The collections will be temporarily stored in one of the school gyms. Several parent in attendance has committed to volunteering with the sorting and re-bagging however more parent volunteers will be needed and the hope is to recruit parents during the month end “Meet the Teacher” event.

5. New Business

Pizza Day:

Despite a busy September (Terry Fox Run) for the school, the PAC will aim to run a September month-end hot lunch. The dates for Hot Lunch for 2016-17 school year will be worked out to ensure lunches do not conflict with existing school calendar events. The Hot Lunch dates will be confirmed at or by next PAC meeting. Sharon Bagri, the Hot Lunch coordinator, continues to seek a roster of volunteers for the monthly Hot Lunch and concession stand.

Meet the Teacher Night:

Patti has met with parents and teachers to gather input on how best to run the September 28 “Meet The Teacher Night.” Based on the suggestions she collected, the evening’s format will most likely be:

6-6:30pm PAC sponsored reception

6:30-6:45pm Formal presentations

6:45pm-7:30pm Classroom Visits

Conclusion by 7:30pm

Patti will have students to write a personal invitation for their parents to attend (which will have a superhero theme).

Discussions on how to encourage parent attendance included door prizes (giving away existing inventory of prizes?), and providing coffee/tea/cookies. Anh Tuyen and Brenda Sandhu will contact local coffee shops and bakeries for donations or sponsorships for the Meet the Teacher evening. It was agreed that this should be an event for parents however parents who bring their children will be informed that they will need to mind their own child/children that evening.

6. Principal / Vice Principal’s Report

Patti Plottel

Staffing / Organization update

Patti reviewed the Moberly staff list, which can be found on the website. The school theme will surround Super Heros and Super Power theme which Wordle poster

(compilation of common words that students use to name their super heros), to be displayed in school main hall way.

LRFP Trudeau Elementary

Patti provided an update on the long range facilities plan for Trudeau Elementary (neighbouring elementary school). The decision will be announced in December whether Trudeau will be closed or not. This will have a direct impact on Moberly as Trudeau students will be invited to join Moberly Elementary if Trudeau is closed. There are approximately 260 students. Should the closure be announced, the DRCP (which occupies the east wing at Moberly) will be displaced to make room for the additional students. The school administration along with PAC will need to reach out to the students and families at Trudeau should there be a closure. The displaced students would be enrolled to start in September 2017 for the 2017-18 school year with the majority likely attending Moberly.

New Curriculum

Patti will continue to share at each PAC meeting updates about the New Curriculum (giving PAC parents “tidbids”). The New Curriculum is designed to provide teachers with more opportunity to plan for student programming in topics that students are passionate about, rather than about information that is not relevant. Also, the new curriculum will link to aboriginal learning with each strand of curriculum.

Emergency Preparedness

Patti went over the Red Files reference guide and materials contained. Each classroom is equipped with an emergency backpack along with the Red File (contain items such as Staff ER procedures book, “what to do” in the event of, and, location of fire extinguishers, safety protocols, etc).

The entire school will practice 3 types (some drills will be practices a couple times in a year): fire drill, earthquake drill, and evacuation drills.

Other Items:

The Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre will be giving away tickets for two classes to attend an orchestra. The performance will happen on individual Picture Day which is October 26th this year.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm