

MacCorkindale Elementary School
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
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PAC MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2021 7:00pm to 8:00pm

- 1) **Land Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge that we live, work & play on the unceded territories of the Musquem, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh Nations.

- 2) **25 in Attendance:** Yvonne Chan, Felicia Poon, Souad Hage Hassan, Rene Del Ayre, Benita Fong, Amy Lam, Sandra Milena Ceped..., Leah Kloeble, Hannah Imperial, Karen Chuang, Vesna Vlacina-Ljepic, Shazmin Zahir, Laura Carle(Teacher Rep), Gail Marlow (Principal), Jennifer Wineberg, Christine Park, Annie Heslup, Beau Bierhaus, Cristina Kang, Thuy Vu, Amanda Hunter, Yuko Lee, Adriana Martinez, Adrian Low (Teacher), Blessy Pinto

- 3) **Approval of the Agenda**

- 4) **Principal's Report – Gail Marlow**
 - a. School Opening Report
 - b. Lovely school -have been to all classrooms many times, kids learning in open spaces
 - c. Again we continue sharing our school with Weir Elementary – in a different wing, different recess time, overlap slightly for lunch time
 - d. Opened school with 11 divisions but Friday was asked to increase to 12 divisions
 - i. long wait list – able to accept 24 new kids by creating a new class in Grade 1
 - ii. therefore needed to shuffle around all classes
 - e. Posting is now up for a Grade 1 class teacher
 - f. School fees package to be sent home by early next week - online payments preferred, signed forms need to be returned asap to the school, some forms will be sent via email
 - g. 258 students enrolled, 12 divisions
 - h. 6 full time support workers are a well-oiled team!
 - i. Teachers are amazing! Work collaboratively and get things done
 - j. Following all COVID protocols keeping MacCorkindale safe - kids all wearing masks, only kids & staff allowed in the school

- 5) **Teacher's Report – Laura Carle**
 - a. Happenings at the School
 - b. Getting into the groove!
 - c. Terry Fox
 - i. K to 3/4 classes will run tomorrow 2:15pm around the school - collecting Toonies for Terry

- ii. Intermediates will run October 1st at Central Park - collecting also, please donate!
- d. Agendas have gone home – a good way to connect with Teachers by writing notes to each other
- e. Pro-D Day this Friday, no school
- f. September 30 Truth & Reconciliation Day – no school
 - i. September 29th will be orange shirt day
 - ii. Other activities to take place – will be planned during Pro-D Day
- g. Kids must bring their own snacks & lunch,
 - i. Parents are not allowed in school, therefore please make sure to send snacks & lunch with your child

6) Fundraising & Events

- a. Online Fundraisers – to continue this year
- b. Totals raised since October 2020
 - i. FundScrip – Gift Cards → \$187.43
 - ii. FlipGive – Online Shopping & e-Gift Cards → \$213.56
 - iii. Indigo – e-Gift Cards & Product → \$127.50
 - iv. Mabel’s Labels – Personalized Labels → no movement
 - v. Total Raised to date so far: \$528.49
- c. What are we comfortable with exploring this year? Email PAC with suggestions at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com
- d. Shazmin – hot lunch, movie night
 - i. Hesitant of indoor activities where kids would be in close proximity
- e. Gail – confirmed operating without cohorts this year
 - i. Although been told that we can operate as “normal” this year, we are wading in cautiously, observing the comfort level
 - ii. Observing the 50% room size, giving everyone space
 - iii. Run all event details by Gail to ensure following guidelines in place
- f. Please send ideas & express comfort level to PAC email

7) Open positions for PAC Executives & Members this school year

- a. Chair or Co-Chairs
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Social Media
- e. Members at Large

8) Treasurer’s Report (as of September 19, 2021)

General Account	\$ 7,412.91
Gaming Account	\$ 1,753.00
School Account	\$ 2,949.48
TOTAL	\$ 12,115.39

9) Budget Update

General Account		Gaming Account	
Fixed Costs		Fixed Costs	
Classroom Allowances <i>Pending, \$350 x 12</i>	\$ 4,200.00	Killarney scholarship <i>Pending, \$300/student *2 students</i>	\$ 600.00
Resource Teacher Allowances <i>Pending, \$100 x 3</i>	\$ 300.00	Grade 7 transition <i>Pending, \$20/student *39 students</i>	\$ 780.00
Year-End Appreciation Lunch for Teachers 2022 <i>Pending, expected June 2022</i>	\$ 300.00		
Total fixed costs	\$ 4,800.00	Total fixed costs	\$ 1,380.00
Teachers' Wish List		Teachers' Wish List	
Total balance after allocated costs - General Account		\$2,612.91	
Total balance after allocated costs - Gaming Account		\$373.00	
Total balance after allocated costs - School Account		\$2,949.48	

10) Adrian Low Presentation about our school

- a. Name of Schools in Vancouver - 96 elementary schools, names are not equally representing the population
 - i. 10 named after women
 - ii. 4 named after indigenous
 - iii. 0 named after Asian/South Asian
- b. Names are very old, very few new schools therefore kept old names
- c. Strathcona students campaign to rename their elementary school after sprinter Barbara Howard – more meaningful name for their school
- d. Who is Dr H N MacCorkindale – superintendent from the 60s or 70s
- e. To change a school name - need to be a new school, or undergo seismic upgrade
- f. Unanimous amongst teachers to present to PAC
- g. Question: How long is the process to change a school name once we decided on a name?
 - i. It is a process to follow with paper work
 - ii. There is no rush
 - iii. Want to have engagement from the students, parents, community, teachers & admin
- h. Comment: appreciate opening up the conversation
 - i. Lots of history
 - ii. Teach children to be more proactive, learn the concept of exchange of ideas
 - iii. Maybe start as a project for the kids, think about renaming the area A, B, C, D names

- iv. Community need to make the decision – students, teachers, community, everyone
- v. Project, proposals, process, work through it all
- vi. Need to be careful, how it affects, need to take time & be respectful
- vii. Don't need to name after people – lots of options
- viii. Get kids thinking. Get parents thinking.

11) Voting Items

- a. Classroom Allowances - \$350 each x 12 divisions
 - i. Motion passed, no objections
- b. Resource Teacher & Librarian Allowances - \$100 each x 3
 - i. Motion passed, no objections
- c. PAC Executive
 - i. Co-Chair
 - Shazmin nominated Yvonne (Nhi Quyen Chan)
 - Co-Chair for this school year 2021/2022 voted in: **Nhi Quyen Chan**
 - Other Co-Chair position still not filled, can revisit next meeting
 - Previous Co-Chair stepping down: Beau (Christine Bierhaus)
 - ii. Secretary
 - Yvonne nominated Shazmin Zahir
 - Secretary for this school year 2021/2022 voted in: **Shazmin Zahir**
 - Previous Secretary stepping down: Felicia Poon
 - iii. Treasurer
 - Previous Treasurer stepping down: Annie Heslup
 - Position still not filled, can revisit next meeting
 - iv. Social Media
 - Previous Social Media Amy Lam is stepping down, but will continue until someone else is voted in
 - Position still not filled, can revisit next meeting
 - v. Members at Large
 - To be revisited next meeting

12) Questions – Open Forum

- a. Question: My child is in a Grade 4/5 split class. Is there not able to have straight Grade 4 class or straight Grade 5 class?
 - i. Gail: Multi age classes – sometimes good since kids learn from each other
 - ii. Kids born at the end of the year or the beginning of the year are in the same Grade but there is a range of learning
 - iii. Teachers are able to teach project based so kids can learn at their own pace
- b. Question: The school website is not updated with a directory. Can a list be published so that parents will know who their child may be talking about? Who is who & what their role is at the school?
 - i. Gail: Yes. Once the classes are settled, she will work on it.

Next PAC Meeting – October _____

You can find the Meeting Minutes posted on the Dr H N MacCorkindale school website in the Families section under Parent Advisory Council.