

MacCorkindale Elementary School

PAC MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2021 • 7-8pm

Online via Zoom

Principal: Ms. Gail Marlow

Teachers Liaison: Ms. Laura Carle

Chair: Yvonne Chan

Secretary: Shazmin Zahir Akbanie

Social Media: Christie Kang

Co-Chair: Position Available

Treasurer: Position Available

Members at Large: Jennifer Wineberg, Leah Kloeble, Felicia Poon

GUESTS:

15 Parents attended the meeting

1. Approval of Agenda

1.1. Agenda and Minutes approved by PAC Executive

2. Principal's Report – Ms. Gail Marlow

- 2.1. Earthquake Drill moved a day ahead due to the heavy rain fall warning, all kids are fully aware and are well prepared to be calm during an emergency. The drill was executed very smoothly
- 2.2. Covid Protocols are being followed and respected at the school, KG to Grade 3 students are all wearing masks, kids are sanitizing their hands, desks are being cleaned regularly.
- 2.3. On first Professional Day, Sept 7th, the teachers attended a workshop on anti-racism, and watched 3 very informing videos; the teachers and staff are all very passionate about this topic and will continue to ensure that everyone in the school is non-judgmental and humble with all actions and words.
- 2.4. Davina, the VP of Indigenous Studies led the drumming project, and gifted the school with the Women's Warrior song. The staff and some classes have performed this song beautifully.
- 2.5. The school's goal is to introduce performances this year in the spring. Covid protocols will be followed, the school will be divided into two parts to meet the capacity requirements in the gym. More information will be given to parents as events are scheduled.
- 2.6. Area A – the school is asking PAC support in changing the structure in Area A. Currently there are 4 classes in Area A and it's a very busy space, therefore the sound is heightened. The Director of Instructor has visited the school and is made aware of these issues concerning Area A, there was some talk about re-configuring the area and

perhaps putting up some walls. The Director took a tour of the Area B and C and noticed how well they work for the higher grades. The goal is to make Area A more productive and beneficial for the primary students.

3. Teacher's Report – Ms. Laura Carle

3.1. Lots of fun activities happening around the school; to highlight some of the creativity:

Division 1 Ms. Li's class created a Starbooks lounge;

Division 2 Ms. Ma's class is growing mold;

Division 3 Ms. Milevskaia's class is learning about Fatty Legs and writing their own poems;

Division 4 Mr. Prasad's class crafted their self-portrait with lego;

Division 5 Ms. Broderick & Ms. Mann's class made art with pastel chalk of gumball machines;

Division 6 Ms. Noel's class learned about Every Child Matters and painted fall leaves;

Division 7 Ms. Nguyen's class made turkeys in disguise;

Division 8 Ms. Au Yeung's class made pumpkin arts;

Division 9 Ms. Jeffery's class learned about the water cycle and created diagrams;

Division 10 Ms. Lee's class made thanksgiving turkeys with different expressions; Division

11 Ms. Carle's class played the Women's Warrior Song with the drums made by the students last year and is also learning about bats;

Division 12 Ms. Katz' class made self-portraits.

3.2. The teachers are asking the PAC to fundraise and perhaps keep funds aside for families in need for school supplies. The PAC will discuss this matter independently and inform the school of their decision.

3.3. Pumpkin Patch – the school is asking for a \$3.00 donation for a pumpkin, the pumpkins will be kept outside and each child will get the opportunity to walk outside and select their pumpkin. The school has ordered 400 pumpkins and only need 350, extra were ordered in case any of the pumpkins arrive rotten.

3.4. Halloween Parade will take place this year, the school will follow covid protocols, by splitting the school and having classes walk safely around the hall while others stay seated. It will take longer than usual but will be fun for the kids.

3.5. Kids will not be given a candy/goody bag this year for Halloween

4. Performance Fee

4.1. As stated in the Principal's Report, the school is planning on having performances in the school starting this Spring and are looking to book something fairly soon. All covid protocols will be followed and the children's and staff's safety will be top priority. Once performances are booked, the parents will be made aware.

5. Fundraising

5.1. Direct Donation Campaign – a letter went out to all parents. Parents donating via school cash online will receive a tax receipt immediately, if you donate \$25 or more. If you

donate by cheque, you will get a tax receipt later on in the new year. Please return the bottom part of the form with your cheque to your child's teacher.

5.2. Funds from the Direct Donation Campaign are deposited into the school's general account.

5.3. These funds are used to support programs at the school

5.4. Tru Earth – this company sells products that are better for the environment, when parents buy these products 20% of all sales will be returned to the PAC. If parents are thinking about Christmas Gifts, please look at this website as you will also be giving back to your child's School. Once the site is set up – parents will be informed via an email communication.

6. Halloween Fun

6.1. Pumpkin Patch is being done at the school, \$3.00 donation for a pumpkin 6.2. Hot Chocolate & Fall Photo – lots happening in the school at the moment – therefore this will be taken into consideration at a later date.

6.3. School Wide Costume Parade – a safe indoor parade will take place this year as mentioned in the teachers report

6.4. Each class is doing something to celebrate Halloween, and will be following covid protocols to make sure everyone is safe

7. Area A

7.1. Please read 2.6 under teachers report – a Director of Instructor has visited the school and has taken suggestions back to the district.

8. Lunch Room and Eating Times

8.1. Q. Why are kids not eating in the lunch room if cohorts are not in place? – Answer: it's still not safe putting all the kids in the lunchroom at the same time with minimum supervision and have everyone take off their masks. The kids are not mingling in the school as a whole indoors – outside is safer. The primary and intermediate kids don't go out at the same time – as the staff are still trying to limit the number of kids in the playground – especially with primary.

8.2. Eating in the classroom is actually calmer for the kids, they can eat, have conversations, and then go outside to play.

8.3. If your child is hungry or unhappy with the lunch schedule, please speak to your homeroom teacher and a plan can be made. Please also remind your child to eat their snack at recess.

9. PAC Positions

9.1. The PAC is looking for volunteers, we currently have CO- Chair and Treasurer positions vacant and always welcome parents to be Members at Large. Your voice matters in your child's education. A flyer for the positions will be sent home to parents.

9.2. Welcome Christie Kang – she was nominated and voted to be the Social Media role with no objections.

9.3. Please email the PAC at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com to volunteer

10. Treasurer’s Report (as of Oct 11, 2021)

10.1. General Account \$ 7,412.91
 Gaming Account \$ 2,023.00
 School Account \$ 2,949.48
 TOTAL \$ 12,385.39

10.2. 11) Budget Update

General Account	Gaming Account	
Fixed Costs	Fixed Costs	
Classroom Allowances <i>Pending, \$350 x 12 \$ 4,200.00</i>	Killarney scholarship <i>Pending, \$300/student *2 students</i>	\$ 600.00
Resource Teacher Allowances <i>Pending, \$100 x 3 \$ 300.00</i>	Grade 7 transition <i>Pending, \$20/student *39 students</i>	\$ 780.00
Year-End Appreciation Lunch for Teachers 2022 <i>Pending, expected June 2022 \$ 300.00</i>		
Total fixed costs \$ 4,800.00	Total fixed costs	\$ 1,380.00
Total balance after allocated costs - General Account	\$2,612.91	
Total balance after allocated costs - Gaming Account	\$643.00	

Total balance after allocated costs - School Account \$2,949.48

11. Open Discussion – Old/New Items

11.1. Question: Can PAC coordinate a safe Hot Lunch Program? – the PAC and Staff will be in

discussion to see possibilities; more information will be provided at the next meeting. 11.2.

Parents if you have suggestions for Hot Lunch please email the PAC

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11.3. PAC Website coming soon

11.4. Stay tune for upcoming PINK Shirts Fundraiser.

11.5. Fanwear site for students to purchase MacCorkindale t-shirts and hoodies – stay tuned for more information

11.6. We are looking for more fundraising opportunities. Please email the PAC with any suggestions at pac.maccorkindale@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned just after 8pm, Next PAC Meeting on November 17, 2021