

PAC Minutes

September 17, 2024



McMillan
Elementary School

Attendees:

President: Paula Hamilton

Vice President: Braylee de Blicck

Secretary: Shawn Davids

Fraser Liaison: Jackie Sovick (Absent)

Treasurer: Caitlyn Wilson

Fundraising Coordinator: Cora Giles (Absent)

Fun Fair Coordinator: Stephanie Pankratz

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Natasha MacLeay

Principal: Christine Jordan

Vice Principal: Suzi McClelland

Other Attendees: Alannah Smith, Cathy Quinton, Rayne Balazs-Carlson, Allison Danre, Jessica Bernier, Kelly Matthews, Heather Jensen, David MacMahon, Amanda Sutherland

Meeting Called to order: 6:32

Approval – minutes reviewed and approved by Rayne first; seconded by Stephanie

Presentation and sampling from Papa John for proposed Hot Lunch

- He had to leave but offered for us to call at our convenience
- We can use them for hot lunch if we want
 - Was pretty delicious
- Ocean Pizza is coming next month for us to try

Principal's Report – Christine Jordan and Suzi McLelland

- Opening weeks
 - Can't remember a time when it went to smoothly
 - Thank you to everyone for that
 - We had an insane number of parent requests
 - Last year we had 23 requests and this year we had more than 50
 - We were able to honour most of the requests

- They can be very complex
 - We want to be thoughtful about what the requests are that we're going to accept for next year
 - As parents let's try spread the word that we are a great place and all the teachers are great ... you don't have to make all the requests
- School Code of Conduct
 - It is up on the website
- Cancer Fundraiser
 - Cops for Cancer came through this morning
 - Terry Fox run is on the 25th
 - Fundraising blitz ... whatever cash they can bring
 - Twoonie drive ... prize for grade that brings the most
 - Split it between the two causes
- Bringing Parents Into The School
 - Looking for ways to bring parents into the school around hot topics
 - Maybe a certain kind of struggle students have
 - Maybe November, February, Spring
 - Wondering from the PAC what those topics could be
 - Look to survey parents
- Hot Lunches
 - November is Red Robin
 - December is Papa Johns
- Joy and Kindness
 - Grade 5 leadership team
 - Put together activities for students and staff that bring joy and rooted in kindness
 - They had 40 last year and this year almost every grade 5 applied
 - Kids are broken into each term
 - About 20 in each group
 - Last year the PAC gave \$150 per term
 - Try to be frugal with the money
 - Asking for \$200 each term for the club (total \$600)
- Teacher Class Funds
 - Will it be the same as last year for each teacher
 - We split it last year ... Christine liked that
- Upcoming Dates
 - Picture Day - Oct 3rd
 - Popcorn Day – Oct 1st
 - Treasure Chest – December 13th

Fraser Liaison – Jackie

- No report (PAC meeting is going on right now)

Financial Report - Caitlyn

- Gaming Account: \$9550.89

- General Account: 33,193.08
- Petty Cash: \$100.00
- We've applied for the Gaming Grant
 - Usually gets deposited around end of October
- Planning Budget (see attachment)
- We try to have a \$30,000 buffer to start the year

Fundraising – Cora/Stephanie

- There is a folder with all the different fundraising opportunities available to us
- Looking for least effort, most profit for us
- Christmas Market
 - Cora mentioned there is a lot going on at Christmas so school may not let us do it
 - Can be decently easy money
 - Charge for the tables
 - Charge for entry
 - We have the gym for the 30th since Lions Club can't come for the Santa Breakfast
 - Someone will need to call the Santa to cancel them
- Coupon Book
 - If every child sells 2, we would make \$10,000
 - If a child loses a book, it is a cost of \$14 per book
 - Expectation is that parents will pay full price (\$35) for any books that are not returned
 - We will be sending them home with each child
 - These are samples
 - There is an order form
- Art Christmas Cards
 - We are doing it every other year (this is the year)
- DFS (Dielmans)
 - Starting on September 30th – October 25th
 - Ship out November 4th – 8th for delivery
- Movie Night
 - Booked for Feb 28th
- Spirit Wear is ready to be shipped

Hot Lunch - Natasha

- Upcoming Hot Lunches
 - October 9 – Dominos Pizza
 - November 13 – Red Robin
 - December 11th – Papa Johns
- Papa Johns wants to get their food into the schools
 - Currently in 5 schools
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Fun Fair – Stephanie

- No report

Voting

- **Teacher Top Up**
 - Approved \$300 for beginning of the year and \$150 later in the year
 - We will add more if fundraising goes as planned
- **Joy and Kindness Club**
 - Approved \$200 per term (total \$600)
- **Chess Club**
 - School already bought these
- **Christmas GC for Admin/Custodians/Crossing Guard**
 - Approved \$75 each for admin and \$25 each for custodian and crossing guard
- **Kindergarten Shirts**
 - Approved (amount to be determined once order is placed)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56

Next PAC Meeting is October 8th 6:30pm