

PAC Minutes

October 8, 2024



McMillan
Elementary School

Attendees:

President: Paula Hamilton

Vice President: Braylee de Blieck

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: Cathy Quinton, Rayne Balazs-Carlson, Amanda DesLauriers, Heather Jensen

Meeting Called to order: 6:34C

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

Presentation and sampling from Ocean Pizza Planet for proposed Hot Lunch

- Dropped off lasagna, samosas, Greek salad, butter chicken for potential hot lunch
- If we like it, we could look at using them for the January hot lunch

Principal's Report – Christine Jordan and Suzi McLelland

- Upcoming dates
 - Parent Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal – October 23/24 at 11:45
 - Both afternoons and Wednesday evening (4 – 7)
 - Link to book coming out to families by Friday
 - Diwali Assembly – October 29th
 - Spirit Week – November 11 – 15 (organized by Joy and Kindness Club)
 - Tues – wear your favourite colour
 - Wed – anything but a backpack
 - Thursday – Hat Day

- Friday – wear your fitness outfit
 - Class that has the most participation for the week wins a photo session with Silver the Mascot
- Joy and Kindness Dance – no date set but similar to last year; want the money to go to books for the library (McMillan and Fraser Valley related to Joy and Kindness)
- Christmas concert – December 17 – 18
 - Even grades on Tuesday the 17th
 - Odd grades on Wednesday the 18th
 - Evening time is 6:00
- Student Teachers
 - We have 4 who started today doing their short practicum
 - We also have an EA practicum student at the school right now
- Shelter In Place from Last Friday
 - It can occur due to many things but does not involve imminent danger to students (that would be a lockdown)
 - It is usually happening outside the school
 - Sometimes the police will call and have a school put themselves in Shelter in Place due to something occurring in the neighbourhood
 - Sometimes its about protecting dignity and privacy of students or staff
- Meet The Teacher night was a great success
 - Carnival games were such a hit!
- Terry Fox/Cops For Cancer
 - Made around \$1100
 - Grade 5s raised the most and got an extra recess
- Joy and Kindness Club
 - Got a donation from a family that we'll use for candy canes
 - Another family gave freezies so we'll use those at some point in the spring
 - Last week we had our first event Kids had a coffee cart for staff
- Money for Classroom/Library Books
 - This is an ask from the teachers
 - PAC needs to think about it
 - Dependent on the gaming grant appeal

Fraser Liaison – Jackie

- Not here

Financial Report - Caitlyn

- Gaming Account: \$9550.89
- General Account: \$29,338.35
- Cheques have not been cashed for spirit wear pre-purchase yet
- There are also a few outstanding cheques from spring not cashed yet
- We have a gaming grant issue
 - We missed some reports over the past couple years
 - Due to this, our grant has been declined for this year

- We are appealing and hoping this decision will be changed
- We will have to review how we are doing money (based on our PAC policies)

Fundraising – Cora/Stephanie

- Movie Night – Feb 28th
- Fun Fair – May 30th
- DFS – October 30th – extend date due to conflicting with coupon books
- Art Cards – classes are starting
 - Teachers will have them done by the end of next week.
- Community Books – sold roughly 655 so far
 - We may have about 15 more from this morning
 - We will deposit the money into the bank on Friday
 - Coupon rep will come do a close out with Caitlyn and then cut us a cheque for what we made
 - We have the signing rights for next year already ... Caitlyn will spear head this again
- Spirit Wear – have sold roughly 1,268 so far ... running until October 30th
- Treasure Chest -
 - Last year we donated money to the McMillan Food Pantry (as gift cards)
 - We will do the same thing this year
 - We are going to up the price from \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Popcorn Day
 - If teachers have kids that want popcorn but don't bring money teacher do not need to pay ... PAC will cover it
- Grade 5 Fundraisers
 - Raise some money for their year-end events
 - Tap into the grade 5s who want to volunteer
 - Maybe once a month or once every other month
 - Maybe sell candy bags/chips, etc
 - Admin is in support of this

Hot Lunch - Natasha

- Upcoming Hot Lunches
 - November 13 – Red Robin
 - December 11th – Papa Johns
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Fun Fair – Stephanie

- Starting to contact vendors from last year
- If anyone has ideas they've seen or thought of, please let Stephanie know
 - Need something to replace horses ... need a big idea
 - Also need to consider the number of volunteers needed ... helpful if it's not volunteer dependent
- Admin would like us not to bring the dunk tank back

- Was not a plan to bring it back anyway

Voting

- Nothing to vote on

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46

Next PAC Meeting is November 12th 6:30pm