

Maillard Middle School PAC Meeting

January 18, 2017 7:30 pm

Present: Julio Pastora, Diana Pastora, Danny Revelant, CARM Piluso, Mark Clay (Principal), Leslie-Jo Field, Bethany Wong, Anna Driedger, Sally Chow

Next PAC meeting: Feb 8 @ 7:30 at the Maillard Library

All were welcomed to the meeting

School Dance is the 16th of February

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Moved: Carmela Piluso
Seconded: Danny Revelant
2. Chair's Report:
 - a. Dance Meeting: Many great ideas, with lots of enthusiasm, including for the dance following this next one. Possibly with a Wizard of Oz theme.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. PayPal and Munchalunch amounts are now deposited: \$3677.75. These funds are for the last four months, since September. (Please see budget for December). Jackie Johannes was paid \$500.90 for the month of December for her costs for the lunches
 - i. The school can now deposit the cheque for the teacher's funds that did not go through previously, for \$2,700 for classroom funds
 - ii. Carm will follow up with Jennifer Brookes to make sure everything is in order
 - b. Bank charged \$126.50 for new cheques
 - c. Expenses paid out to Danny Revelant for \$713.62 for the last dance
 - d. Invoices from school to the PAC for the cultural arts presentations, the sheet music box shelf made by Glenn Ross, QSP magazines. amount discrepancy between what the school has invoiced us as the PAC and the amounts that were shown in the invoices
 - i. Mr. Clay will take the invoices back to Ms. Brookes to determine what the source of the discrepancy
 - e. Julio Pastora: At Porter Elementary, in the past, there was a committee that searched out the items that were needed and compared costs. Is that a possibility at Maillard. Mr. Clay said he has experienced several ways of purchasing items with PAC funds. Danny Revelant suggested that we decide ahead of time what items were going to be purchased by the school and what would be purchased by the PAC so we could research prices
 - i. Some things are not open to price sourcing, such as ArtStart performances, and buses
 - ii. Last year, there was a purchase of T-shirts for the entire school - the amount that was approved was \$800 over what was budgeted
4. Principal's Report: Mark Clay
 - a. Online Donation is already set up and will be available through the KEV system, and a notification can be sent out to all parents as soon as confirmation is received that the PAC is ready.
 - i. Danny Revelant: Where should the link to the KEV site go? Decision - top of the page, using a goal button or ticker to track the level of donations.

- b. The school is composed of a group of nice, polite kids who occasionally make mistakes, but overall there is a good feeling at the school
- c. Staff babies: Mr. Mak and Mr. Seah have both had babies in this last few weeks
- d. Parking drop off and pick up got better with the snow, because people were having to drop off farther away, and slowing down. People were being mindful of speed and safety, and more people were walking.
 - i. The district was over the budget for snow management in just a few days after the snowfall, but our school did fairly well with co-operation with staff, maintenance staff and help from the district
- e. Winter Activity Day: All the students and teachers go, everyone is encouraged to attend. Promoted as a community and outdoor education event. A teacher or two will stay back to supervise any students who cannot go.
 - i. There has been a change at Seymour for allowing a hard cap of students in certain events, and there was a first-come, first serve basis with a priority on Grade 8s who will not be here next year (and did not get this event for the last two years)
 - ii. There was about 45 students were informed today by Ms. Roberts that they would not get their first choice of skiing or snowboarding
 - iii. Ms. Roberts called Seymour repeatedly to discuss with Seymour alternate plans to have more students get their first choice, but they were adamant that it could not be adjusted
 - iv. Curriculum Information Night for Parents at Winslow Centre: DPAC is directly involved in the planning and organization, and the event should be a conversation between the education partners and parents - January 26th at 7:00 pm. Registration required.
 - v. The Ministry has 'relaxed' their requirements for implementation because of concerns of how the new system is going to interact at the graduation level with post-secondary institutions in other jurisdictions, but has made clear that the plan to go to portfolio based evaluation rather than letter grades will still be put in place.
- f. Passions - the teachers will lead an afternoon with activities that are interest based. The students will be sorted into groups based on their interests.
- g. Reporting conferences are March 1st and 2nd
- h. Theatrix will be putting forward the production of The Lorax, but response has not been great, with only 7 students signed up so far
 - i. possibly the change in the charge, with a no-cost event. Even last year, with a consistent presence from Ms. Copeland-Kerr, it was difficult to get the program started. Once the students were involved, there was a great deal of enthusiasm.
 - ii. Another change might be theme, which some students perceive as being too young
- i. Julio Pastora: What is the rationale of the cancellation of the band trip to Kelowna?
 - i. Mr. Clay - the cost of the band trip at \$400, per student, is quite high – creates division between the kids on who can go and who cannot
 - ii. Need to have about 75% uptake for a trip like this to be successful, and so far only 60% of parents responded positively
 - iii. Other options for locations that would be less costly, and those will be discussed with Mr. Seah and Mr. Clay together
 - iv. Sally Chow: students have been saving up an attempting to make trip a possibility and are now disappointed - is there a possibility of more parent involvement to make costs lower?
 - 1. Jennifer Martin: As parents, we can fundraise money to support the band trip, but not as a PAC, because our efforts need to support all students or the school at large, as opposed to a portion of the student body

- v. Another trip that is taking place within the school is the Camp Elphinstone trip for Grade 8s in the English stream - there has to be a balance of the number of students who can go and who can't. Fundraising will be happening for this trip as well. Mr. Clay is saying that there are a large number of parents can't pay and those students will feel excluded if they can't go.
- vi. Mr. Clay will confirm with Mr. Seah what the new costs are, and then recanvas the parents for interest.
 - 1. Mr. Clay - the advanced band trip will probably be a go, and then the advanced parents will get together to look at options for fundraising

5. Old Business

- a. Hollywood Gala Dance February 16th, 2017 (Danny Revelant)
 - i. Posters for the next dance are ready and Danny will give those to Mr. Clay for placement at the school
 - ii. After gathering feedback from students, Danny estimates that we will receive a boost of attendance of an extra 10% of students
 - 1. Added more revenue for pizzas due to popularity – we ran out and ordered more, and the parents did not get to order any
 - 2. Nixed popcorn for cost, and doubled cotton candy
 - a. Will be bringing in a tarp to cut down mess
 - 3. Order chips at a \$1.00 per bag - Nachos, popcorn twists and plain chips
 - 4. Robin is willing to allow us to buy the cotton candy at cost and then more on an ad hoc basis
 - 5. Glitter tattoos and moustaches will go on the kids, for a booth out in the hallway. Cost would be \$1.00 and would be sold at \$2.00
 - iii. Dress up event - move the check in table forward, and then have a red carpet, and velvet rope, and parents dressed up as paparazzi to snap their photos, and use a pose wall. We will have to make sure that everyone in the picture has an authorization to put the pictures out if we want to publish them online. Give the students a sheet or canvas, and have the logos of the various student groups (Orcas, Wolfpack, Ravens) which will serve as background for the pose wall.
 - iv. Food and Drink Station: Same set-up as last time, but would have to do set up after the kids were all in and red carpet is rolled up
 - v. Discussion: How to make more money during the event?
 - 1. Donations from businesses to cut down costs? How can we promote the businesses that donate to us for prizes.
 - a. Thank them on social media
 - b. Display their logos on a 'thank you' board during the dance
 - c. A letter was created from the PAC to make sure that people who were asking for donations had legitimacy
 - d. Mr. Clay will confer with Danny about the text of the letter before it is sent out
 - vi. Movie to play in the background to match the theme? Singing in the Rain
- b. Fundraising Events:
 - i. Boston Pizza - write the name of your school on the receipt and they will give a portion of the bill to the school
 - ii. Shred It Event - Rochester will let us partner with them on that event
 - iii. Scholastic Event: Sally Chow will be heading that for March 1st and 2nd

- iv. Carm Piluso: Krispy Kreme donut Sale: pre-orders and on the spot sales: will be available for the week before Easter - April the 13th will be the day for this sale. Depending on how many you order - they cost \$6/dozen, and can sell them for up to \$12/dozen. If we order more than \$250 boxes, then price drops to \$4.99.
 - 1. Can we put it on the website for advertising and possibly for ordering?
Alternative would be to use Munchalunch
- v. Parent Fundraiser Night - Carm has called the Legion - they have a hall, a bar and a kitchen.
 - 1. Cost would be \$250 Friday night and \$350 on Saturday - we can bring in our own food (caterer) and bartender - Trivia night would be very popular
 - 2. Jennifer Martin - Possibility of getting their bartender in a cost-effective way (we would have to apply for our own liquor license, find someone with Serve It Right, and the potential of liability if something goes wrong. Carm will look into cost possibilities.
- c. Crosswalk : Moving forward with the petition, by submitting it to the City Clerk by fax
 - i. City Clerk will call whoever submits the form
 - ii. We will be called in and will be allowed 5 minutes to present.
 - iii. Need to bring the petition, some children and a presentation
 - iv. Jennifer Martin will submit the petition to the City Clerk and advise the executive of the response
 - v. Mark: Travel Planning report will be helpful - Mark has passed it to Jennifer Martin to look at

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15

Move to Adjourn: Carmela Piluso

Seconded: Danny Revelant