

Maillard Middle School
PAC Meeting and AGM - MINUTES
September 27, 2016 7:00 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Mark Clay (Principal), Theresa Roberts (Vice Principal), Julio Pastora (President), Jennifer Martin (Secretary), Carmela Piluso (Treasurer), Sally Chow, Brenda Beck, Anna Driedger, Bethenny Butler-Wong, Rosemary Brode, Danny Revelant

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 26, 2016

Motion to Approve: Bethenny Butler-Wong

Seconded: Sally Chow

Motion Passed

2. Old Business

1. Discussion of last year's fundraisers and expenditures in brief

3. Chair's Report: Julio Pastora

1. We have decided to give funds to classroom teachers, rather than accounting it and having them submit reports. The school will provide an invoice for the amount supplied for our records.
2. Painting the Gymnasium: The PAC wanted to know if there is some way they could assist with this or speed up the current project. Mr. Clay informed that the plan is to have it done at Christmas break by the district.
3. Wish List: The PAC needs an updated list from the faculty to determine our fundraising targets for this year.
 1. Mark: Sound system with mounted speakers \$9000 - \$12,000
 2. Score Clock - Maillard is the recipient of Pitt River Middle's old score clock and it was installed at the end of summer
 3. Mechanisms for lowering/raising the backboards
 4. Band vests – we have an ever-growing band program and they need new vests for the additional students.
 1. Anna Driedger: has contacted Mr. Seah to discuss using bake sales at the concert to raise money for the band directly. No objection from administration, other than a general caution about Nutritional Guidelines.
 1. Sally Chow would be willing to help with a Bake Sale
5. **Emergency Supplies:** Mark Clay- Choose \$5 per student as a budget in previous years, but everything will need to be renewed this year, so it will need to be a larger budget. Possibly purchasing a storage bin for outside storage, or we should look into smaller storage bins. Mark put out there the point that the district is considering the centralization of the supplies and emergency command - moving all the supplies and students to Centennial High School.
6. Is there an issue for asking for funds directly from parents as an emergency request? Mr. Clay informed us that monies can be spent by the PAC out of the Gaming Funds to pay for Emergency Supplies

4. Principal's Report:

1. Very nice feeling amongst the teachers, in terms of optimism about the year and discussion of the curriculum. 'Under the Same Sun' - this year's novel, plight of the albino children in

Tanzania. The theme of global citizens is really working. Kids are excited about Me to We and the Leadership Team in this school.

2. Numeracy is the focus this year, and the school is looking for improvement. As part of the plan, all the school is doing math at the same time every day. Some of the classes are smaller - using all the school's resources, they are able to create classes of 20 students in some situations, and putting students into groups to balance and needs. Skill and Drill and Math facts are important as well as Numeracy - teachers are working with the new curriculum to balance student needs.
 3. New curriculum meeting is coming up on Thursday - well over a 100 people are registered, not all from this immediate area. The whole new curriculum can't be covered in one evening, but presenters will be able to give highlights. Parents will be able to possibly come to another night where we focus on topics of interest.
 1. Much better response than last year! had to cancel last year's meeting.
 2. Hoping to get feedback from post-secondary schools, as when there was a change from Provincials to classroom marks. Now there may be a shift towards accepting portfolio applications, but this is unclear and not a formal destination or arrangement.
 3. Biggest fear of parents is throwing out the rigor, then are the kids earning to understand working hard, and picking up useful skills. Will continue to build conversations with parents and see if we can stay on the right track.
 4. Student Engagement and Community: Spent a lot of time in the last few years on self-awareness, need to shift focus to community and on taking care of others.
 5. Staff Changes: Karen Exley has moved on, Lisa Haines has replaced her as Youth Worker.
 6. Theresa Roberts: Friday is Orange Shirt Day (Every Child Matters) to acknowledge the experiences of children in Residential Schools. We have an AB worker who will come in on Thursday afternoons, who will be giving some input into the discussion surrounding the day. We are starting with the theme of global citizenship and discussing the injustices to peoples, as well as starting a Book Club for teachers, to work out the questions that may come out surrounding this issue. The teachers have some Pro-D Days where the issues were discussed and the teachers are feeling a little more knowledgeable about this topic.
- 5. Treasurer's Report: Carmela Piluso**
- 1) Previous Year's Report:
 - 2) Application for the Gaming Grant for this year has been filed
 - 3) Figure out what didn't happen last year that can happen this year
 - 4) Munch-a-Lunch for \$300 has already been booked
- 6. New Business.**
1. Syncing up some our PAC events and parent events, as we did last year with Scholastic. Administration thinks this will be possible, though the conversation will have to be ongoing. We also need to avoid conflicting with possible Quebec trip fundraisers, and we should continue to co-ordinate with them to make sure that we are not.
 1. Quebec trip - Madame O'Brien and Mme. Lavoisier are going. As always, any fundraiser is going to be collective or not at all. As yet, there is no parent committee for fundraiser. Poinsettia sales at Christmas were the main fundraiser last year.

2. PAC Taking on School Dances (Carmela Piluso) Possible Ideas:

1. **Father-Daughter/Mother-Son Dances** - having dances that include parents is a great idea to have more people involved. They have also been big money makers at other schools, as well as a great involvement.
 1. Discussion was that most parents at the meeting felt that their children would be uninterested at the middle school level in having a parent attend the dance.
 2. **Mark Clay:** Attendance at dances is typically between 140 and 225 - great to see lots of kids. There is a great deal of interest in dances in general, and kids prefer night time dances.
 3. **Bollycise** – Bollywood style dancing as an exercise like Zumba, as an event to have outdoors in the Spring.
 4. **Halloween Dance** – the expenses would be fairly small with parent involvement, including a DJ. Danny Relevant and Julio Pastora to meet to discuss this further and recruit volunteers. *Update: Confirmation received that at this time Halloween Dance is going forward.*
 1. Mark Clay : The week before Halloween is busy, and every night is booked. Cadets are really good about last minute scheduling changes, and are flexible about sharing space. Wednesday the 26th is Harvest Moon Dinner, Thursday the 27th is the only day that is available for a dance.
 5. **Air Band - Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser:** An event during the school day with the kids, and then an evening with teachers and parents. Danny and Julio on the committee to discuss the future of the event. Need to be mindful of the timing of the year.
 6. **Trivia Night:** Carmela Piluso - At a pub where parents can be served alcohol, and can have other fundraising options as well. Is this a thing we want to do? When should we do a pub night? Carm will pursue this and look for additional parent volunteers.
3. **Cross walk** - Sally Chow asked why we can't have one right in front of the school?
Theresa: Mark calls and contacts the city, the police and the planning department to discuss this issue on a regular basis. They reject it every year because it's too close to the one at Rochester and not at the end of a road. There is a bus stop directly across the road from the school. Can we put out pylons? The suggestion from Cool Routes to School was to put in bumps, but this has not been actioned by the city at this time.
 4. **Trans Student Policy:** The school administration have had a lot of conversation around how we are going to support our Trans and other LGBTQT students. Signs from the BCTF indicate that classrooms are a safe space. A unisex bathroom is available, located behind the Strongstart program room - right now there is no firm policy surrounding it. No co-ordination yet of practical plan for how that will work.

Move to Adjourn: Jennifer Martin

Seconded: Sally Chow

Adjourned at 8:20