



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Maillard Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7:20 pm in Maillard's Library

Present: Julio Pastora (Chair), Danny Revelant (Communications), Carmela Piluso (Treasurer), Mark Clay (Principal), Theresa Roberts (Vice-Principal), Brenda Beck (Co-Secretary), Charlene Breti, Sonia Loretan, Gwen Leighton, Annick LaFrance, Jackie Johannes, Alison Lydell

Regrets: Sally Chow (Co-Secretary)

Minutes Taken By: Brenda Beck

1. Welcome and Introductions – Julio Pastora

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: September 12th, 2017

Moved: Danny Revelant

Seconded: Jackie Johannes

3. Chair's Report – Julio Pastora

- Thanks to staff for Camp Elphinstone
- Busy year for events and fundraisers

4. Treasurer's Report – Carmela Piluso

- **Year opening report**
 - Opening with \$1,012, will receive \$7,660 from gaming this year
 - Operating account currently \$4,919
- **Munch a lunch**
 - Orders already up from last year at same time
 - Almost \$2,300 net raised last year, so will stay with once per month
 - Current year's order totals approx. \$4,700 (costs to still be subtracted).
 - Jackie to submit expenses for reimbursement

5. Principal's Report – Mark Clay

- Opportunity to incorporate new ideas in library acquisitions and environment
- Thanks to Merrin Sandilands for library report
 - New digital space for the library (Learning Commons approach), new resources
 - Social media – Twitter, Blog – teachers and students may write posts, book reviews
 - Destiny Discover – new research tool adopted by district searches books, ebooks and databases, aggregates info from many sources
 - Interactive e-books (four so far – provided by district) may be accessed by many students at once, will also support learning in classrooms to supplement textbook use
 - More titles can be ordered from vendor, price range around \$75 per
 - Plan for library is to avoid buying hard copy for non-fiction materials in future
 - French interactive e-books may be available for purchase, more will come

- Parents asked for donations of puzzles and small games for Learning Common area
- Library may also receive donated French books, if suitable
- French Book Fair
 - Potentially run concurrently with Scholastic Book Fair at time of student conferences
 - Mme. Chady has contacted Savoir Books to provide materials
 - Canadian Parents for French is enthusiastic about partnering and providing support
- Communicating Student Learning
 - New K to 8 report card template district is using will be used at Maillard
 - Maillard has been implementing similar reporting for several years, so orientation to new template may be of most interest to Grade 6 parents
 - Importance placed on ongoing assessment and student parent teacher conferences in addition to report card template
- Camp Elphinstone
 - Thanks to parent volunteers and those who stepped up at the last minute
 - 250 kids attended, all went well but may go team by team next year to manage size
 - May be easier to plan in June for earlier fall trip
- Family Donations
 - Current total stands at \$1,000 donated.

6. Update on PAC's Access to Parents' E-mails

- About 60% of emails have been returned, updating of student verification forms underway
- School office to provide PAC with email list as it currently stands, with updates coming later.

7. PAC Budget Discussion/Approval

- Maillard's 2017/18 Wish List was reviewed and specific priority items were discussed:
 - Year End and/or Winter Activity School Wide trips – transportation bus costs
 - Team T-Shirts - All logos will be incorporated onto one shirt, so that moving between teams year by year does not require new shirts
 - New Stereo System for Gym - Cannot be purchased with gaming funds
 - Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony and Activities – Typically supported by PAC
 - Classroom funds - Traditional PAC item of support, always needed and appreciated
 - First Peoples Aboriginal Art projects - Welcoming post at Pleasantside was \$5,000, but good community builder, Gwen Leighton to lead fundraising for similar project at Maillard.
 - Music Resources – Funds raised from last year's bake sale have been spent, current request is for music stands.
 - Laptop/ iPad Replacements - Only about 15% of students are bringing own devices
 - Library Resources – Supporting purchase of interactive e-books
 - Golf Lessons from EagleQuest – Issue raised whether PAC should support something like this (through PE program) rather than supporting Music programs again
 - Issue of raising funds for specific initiatives beyond PAC budget was discussed

- **Proposed\Estimated 2017/18 Budget - \$20,000 (including Gaming Funds)**

Stereo System for Gym (2016/17 Contribution)	\$ 4,000
Stereo System for Gym (This Year's Contribution)	4,000
Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony and Activities	800
Classroom Funds	3,150
Music Resources	1,000
Library Resources	1,000
Year End and/or Winter Activity School Wide Trips	2,500
Team T-shirts	<u>3,500</u>
	\$19,950

8. Upcoming Events and Initiatives

- November 7 – “Day of the Dead” Dance Update
 - Door prizes – Several have been secured
 - Freezies & TBCY frozen yogurt will be sold in the staff room in 3oz and 6oz cup options. PAC will purchase cups at \$1.25 & \$1.75 respectively and sell for \$2 & \$3, making a profit of \$0.75/\$1.25 per cup. There will also be a “pay for what you sell” consignment option and free rental of a freezer for the event thanks to TCBY Port Coquitlam.
 - Mykhila Drummond will lead decorations and DJ has been lined up.
- Trivia Night delayed from November due to conflict with Quebec Trip Pub Night fundraiser.
- No update on Crosswalk Initiative at this time

9. Fundraising Ideas

- SPC Online Sales
 - Posters to be put up, will be on web site, in school newsletter
 - Online sales or through Carmela Piluso with funds held in office
 - PAC gets \$3.50 for every \$10 card sold
- Poinsettia Sale
 - Order forms, campaign launch info can be placed in newsletter, on web site
 - Carmela Piluso investigating, further discussion at next meeting
- BC Lions Football Ticket Sales
 - \$3 to PAC for every \$30 ticket sold
 - Requires more lead time, perhaps pursue for next year
- Holiday Gift Shop
 - Similar to Scholastic for other products, kids can purchase safely through school
 - Potential for future fundraiser

10. New Business – Open Floor

- Regarding homework, some teachers are asking for hard copies to be handed in. Concern for financial burden on parents for ink, paper, etc. Other no-cost options currently available to students were discussed.
- Budget timing - request Maillard wish list in May, vote on next year's budget in June when new executive available
- Next meeting Monday November 6, 2017

11. Adjournment at 9:25 pm

Moved – Carmela Piluso
 Seconded – Annick LaFrance