

Maillard Middle School PAC Meeting Agenda Tuesday, October 26, 2018, 7:00 pm in Maillard ZOOM

Tuesday, Oct. 26th, 2019, 7 PM via Zoom

Present:

Minutes taken by: Erica Gjaltema

Introductions/ Welcome – 2 minutes

Tristan McCutcheon, Jennifer Nichols, Will Davis, Erica Gjaltema, Jane Straker Grey, Dixie, Aldemar Infante, Lauren Rotzien, Patrizia Zanotta, Victoria Amani, Marry Arce, Heather Keeping, Ida, Alison Lydell, Mina Bay, Amber Gareb

Adoption of September, 2020 Agenda – 2 minutes

Moved: Jane

Seconded : Erica and Patrizia

Propose Agenda : Lauren, Heather

Moved : Lauren

Seconded : Heather

Principal's Report – 20 minutes (Principal McCutcheon, Vice-Principal Nichols)

Tristan:

We have exposure #16 in the district. This person was probably tested on Wednesday or Thursday and then received the results. We are now a good number of days past the last exposure date so we may almost be safe from this being a transmission event. The fact that we have not seen any transmissions means that protocols are working.

Tristan received the email from Fraser Health that was to be sent to all parents. He was surprised that he had not received any information sooner, but Fraser Health doesn't give out any more information than necessary. A team was sent to Maillard to do a thorough cleaning. One that goes above the great work that our custodial staff has been doing. Our school has never been cleaner or more sterile.

If any parents have any additional questions, these should be directed to Fraser Health. Tristan wants parents to know that he will always give out any information that he is allowed to release but he will never speculate on anything. This morning staff discussed talking to the students and students were reminded of the importance of following protocols. From what Tristan sees, most students are doing a great job of following protocols. Students are outside and interacting with each other. For breaks, the students are grouped together by classroom cohort. Boys are out jumping rope, girls are out doing dance routines etc. Everyone is far more active on breaks this year.

Alison offered the idea of spreading kindness and not gossiping about who it might be. Some stories were heard going around. Tristan: staff talked about presenting to kids that we do not speculate, and they will reiterate it tomorrow that it's unacceptable.

- **Halloween:** This year the students can come in costume. There will be photos, a virtual assembly in the afternoon with costume related contests and Tristan will go around with candy for the classes (with full safety measures in place). The staff is trying to make it a fun while observing safety protocols. The office will do a lip sync challenge with some classes. These events will happen on Friday.

-**Remembrance Day Assembly:** There will be a virtual assembly with something that the district has put together for all the schools. Mr. Mak has been putting together the virtual assemblies and the kids are loving them.

Treasurer's Report

We have money in the bank and other than supporting the teachers, we have not spent any money. We do not currently have a presentable spreadsheet from last year. We are working on it and will have it for the next meeting. We have about \$17,000 left over from last year and we got our full gaming grant of over \$8,400.

We do not currently have the parent donation amount. We are hoping for something like last year of just over \$3,000 which would cover the teacher donations.

We want to focus on making mental health a priority through actions/experiences. Two priorities for this year: supporting the grade 8s and mental health.

New Business – 12 minutes Other business

- Therapy animals for every student and teacher to experience whichever animals we can bring in. Small businesses offer this. We are trying to support a small business, but they might not be equipped for the whole school. These have not been responding to Jane's inquiries. Some volunteer groups offer this so Jane will investigate this option next. Volunteer groups may be better equipped. Lauren recommended contacting the Mariner Animal Shelter. Heather suggested having something like the local animal shelter and then offering a donation. Please forward any suggestions or thoughts on this to Tristan or to the PAC executive.
- Is there a project that is a group cathartic project? A mural project for the empty cafeteria or a school wide legacy project. Something like the tree outside the Rochester office where each child coloured a circle. We could investigate funding for supplies. We need a plan or intention to generate a plan. This project does not need to break the bank but can be a project where the students work towards a common goal. Tristan thinks it is a very worthwhile project. At Jennifer's former school, the PAC hired an artist to guide the school in creating a giant mural for the outside of the school. It could involve getting inspiration from the outside.
- Theater program: We are looking into something like a long-form Tik Tok video format, stuff similar to where the stunt women looks at the camera and gets hit in the head and it moves on to the next frame of the same thing. Or the kids passing something from frame to frame. It is not acting because not everyone is into that. It is meant to be fun/light/easy for teachers. We

are on a fact-finding mission right now. We need to know if the teachers are on board. We do not want to create more stress but just present new opportunities for coming together. We really want to support teachers. If teachers have other ideas, then we are open to hearing it.

- Tristan will present these to the staff at the next staff meeting. Tristan likes all of them and hopes we can do them all.
- Traffic and crosswalk: this has been a discussion for the last 5 years. Danny added this to the agenda but he is not with us tonight. Tristan said that the city has no plan to ever add another crosswalk (one in front of Maillard). There is currently one at the corner with Rochester Elementary one at Rochester and Laval in front of the Traditional Learning Academy.
- Fundraising: what is the status of us doing stuff? Is it all online? We are not supposed to let food into the building that has been handled by outside people because we do not know where it is coming from or who has had contact. It is okay if it is all online and pickup is all off site. TruEarth is a fundraiser that is all done online for paper looking laundry detergent. It can be mailed to the house of each person who orders. We would get 20% back. It is not a time specific fundraiser. It is something that can be ongoing. It is a great product. A very green product. It is free of everything negative. It even has an unscented option. The price is decent.
- Grade 8 Leaving Assembly: normally given \$800 from the PAC. So far no one has come forward to run this group. We will have an email sent to only grade 8s looking for interest.
- So far no one is running Purdys.
- All fundraisers must be fully run offsite or virtual. No unnecessary traffic allowed at the school. The gym is being rented currently to try to keep sports groups running but it does not allow us to fundraise through the gym.

Next meeting: November 23rd

Meeting adjourned at 8:49

Moved: Jane

Seconded: Alison