



McLeod Road Traditional Elementary School PAC

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Agenda

Date: November 14, 2023 – 1:30 PM

Establishment of quorum – YES

Attendance:

Carin, Amtoj, Aman, Vandita, Tina, Madhu, Joy, Pavan, Sukhi, Annie, Arslan, Michelle

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Yes

Amendment of agenda (if any):

None

New business:

Principal's report

- Diwali celebrations will happen on November 15. Children are encouraged to wear their special outfits.
- Reminder to keep children who are ill home. During cold/flu season it is very easy to pass this on to others. Phone calls are being made to parents to pick up their child(ren) from school if they are sick.

iPads

- Replacing technology for the school was discussed at last month's meeting, however, quorum was not met therefore PAC was unable to vote on this matter.
- Today, motion to help buy iPads for the school was brought forward by Vandita. PAC will fund \$4000 and the school will fund the remainder. Motion was seconded by Joy. Motion passed.

PAC account

- Total in Coast Capital PAC account is \$4,237. Total in Coast Capital Gaming account is \$5,797.
- Awaiting for the gaming funds to come in for this school year. Once the gaming funds have been deposited and then transferred to the Vancity account, the Coast Capital PAC account will be closed.
- Aman and Michelle to connect with Vancity to be added on as signing authority.

Pancake Breakfast

- December 5 confirmed for pancake breakfast at school.
- Discussed having a Santa Claus and/or photographer for individual/group photos. Decision made to have Santa only this year. Michelle has confirmed a Santa booking for December 5. Motion made by Amtoj to pay Santa \$50 to come to the school for approximately 1 hour and visit classrooms. Second by Aman. Motion passed to use \$50 PAC funds to pay for Santa.
- Pancake breakfast will be approximately \$3. It will cover the cost of pancakes, syrup, milk, plates, utensils. Michelle will order a combination of chocolate and regular milk for the school at about \$1.05 cost per bottle. Gluten free and vegan pancakes will also be available for those students with allergies.
- Volunteers will be needed for this event. Notice to families will be sent home closer to the date.

Purdy's Fundraiser

- Purdy's link will be live soon. Ordering will close December 8th. Delivery of chocolates will be 2-3 days after order close date.

- Purdy's also offers chocolate almonds fundraiser and can be shipped directly. Possible future fundraiser?

PAC Freezer

- Current PAC Freezer is not in working condition. Deep freezer will need to be replaced at some point. This can be tabled for spring as there is no urgent need for freezer at present time. Carin will put in a work order with the district for the freezer to be removed.
- Fundraising for the school is important because it allows us to replace technology, PAC kitchen items, provide classroom funds and put on fun community building events such as pancake breakfast.
- Fundraising ideas such as Neufeld's cookie sales and World's finest chocolates have been done at other schools and have been very successful fundraisers. PAC will look into these for the new year/spring.
- Fundraising ideas can be sent to the PAC president email (president.mrtpac@gmail.com).

Extra Curricular

- Carin would like to bring in curling (January 2024) and lacrosse (after Spring Break) as an extra curricular activity for the school. Cost is \$900 and \$2000 respectively.
- Request for \$200 for each class (\$1800 total) was also made. This will go towards field trips and other supplies.
- Motion made to fund curling and lacrosse only at this time. Vandita put forward motion to pay \$2900 out of gaming fund for these activities. Motion seconded by Aman. Motion passed.

Hot Lunch Vendors

- PAC would like to hear feedback from students and parents on hot lunch vendors. What they would like to see in the future and how current vendors have been so far. Parents can email PAC president or reach out in MRT WhatsApp Chat group.

Open Forum

Before/After school care

- Carin has spoken with district principal about interest in before/afterschool care. It is a very lengthy process, however, the need has been made known. Process has been started.
- Michelle has also connected with some before/afterschool care programs and is awaiting responses.

Next PAC meeting: Date TBA. Will be via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:34 PM.