



Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 1:00pm

Location: Room 202

ATTENDEES PRESENT

April Tarnowski – President
Christine Lam - Vice President
Lauren Tristan – Secretary
Russell Kozub — DPAC
Hailey Loncaric - Member at Large
Gwen Myles – Principal
Carla Bruce - Vice Principal

CALL TO ORDER – 1:01 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

CARRIED

PAC PRESIDENT WELCOME - April Tarnowski

Welcomed all and excited to discuss the coming event.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Gwen Myles and Carla Bruce

(See below for full report.)

FINANCIAL REPORT — April Tarnowski on behalf of Danielle Bahd

We are on target to end the year with a net profit of \$15,000. Hot lunch did better this year than we expected.

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

Family Neon Dance April 19th: DJ/Emcee Rock'N'Beau has been booked for 2 hours. We need to promote this event more as we need 85 kids min to cover the cost of DJ. April posting signs with QR codes around the school. Lauren creating a volunteer sign-up for help needed day-of the event. Volunteer link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAEA92FA0F8C25-49034391-neon#/>

Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon May 7th: The vendor has been booked for another Greek feast. Prices have gone up \$2/person, so we estimate going over budget a little for the food. Estimated to need lunch for 55 staff. We will send out the donation/volunteer sign-up link for the event after the Dance, as we need many items donated such as plates, napkins, drinks, gifts, etc to pull off this event in for our wonderful Morgan Teachers and Staff. Donation link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44AFAD2AABFE3-teacher2#/>

Discussed the Library schedule on Tuesday, May 7th and decided to relocate the luncheon to Room 202 this year.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Hot Lunch: Hailey Loncaric — Booster Juice treat day coming up on Friday at end of day. Hot lunch insulated bags discussed. Will be ordered this week.

DPAC: Russel Kozub — January 15th, 2025 will be Black Shirt Day to help promote inclusivity. This is a new thing the District will be promoting.

Health & Safety: Gwen Miles — There was a mice blitz done over the Spring Break to help tackle any mice in the school. No news of sightings as of Wednesday.

This week there was a homeless person who was asked to relocate from the Modular area one morning. This person is not foreseen to come back.

Discussion about the exterior washrooms which are not open during school hours due to the un-safe doors for little people to use. The children have access to the school for a washroom during recess or lunch by entering the front door; public from the park are not allowed to use the washrooms in the school.

Additionally, for any families reaching out with wonders for the City regarding washroom access, the Facility Rentals department recommends referring them to bookafield@surrey.ca to voice their concerns from a park user perspective.

Community Outreach: no updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Lauren to book M&M Meats for the 2024-2025 Welcome Back BBQ in September.

NEXT MEETING

May 8, 2024 6:30pm in the Library.

MOTION TO ADJOUR MEETING - 1:43pm

Principals' Report
April 10, 2024
Ms. Gwen Myles, Principal
Ms. Carla Bruce, Vice Principal



Active Transportation and Walk to School Wednesdays

Today, we had our kick-off assembly for our Active Transportation initiatives. Students learned

that active transportation is human-powered transportation that connects your destinations. You might:

- Walk to the grocery store
- Cycle to your friend's house
- Kayak to a picnic
- Scoot to school

If you get to your destination under your own power, that's active transportation!

Our student assembly emcees shared some information (from ministry websites) such as:

- Only 21% of Canadian children and youth, aged 5 to 19, typically walk or wheel to and from school, while 63% use inactive modes like a car or bus.
- Increased car use makes school zones congested and less safe. Congestion and unsafe driver behaviours are common around schools during bell times.
- The increased physical activity specifically associated with the school journey has been found to increase alertness and attention during the school day and better academic performance.

- When kids walk, bike, or roll to school, they improve their physical and mental health, reduce carbon emissions, and increase road safety in their neighbourhoods.

And we shared this helpful video:

<https://youtu.be/QK2VV4zU5HE?si=i543AjoyKtbjPzD>

Students are encouraged to plan for Active Transportation to and from school as much as possible, and they will need your help! Walk, roll, or scoot to school! Please help your child plan for active transportation. If you are driving from far away, a great suggestion is to park some distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way. This will provide opportunities for fitness and fresh air as well as reduce traffic and congestion in front of the school.

On Wednesdays, teachers will survey their students, and each week, the class with the most active transportation will be the proud recipients of the Golden Shoe Award.



Badminton

Badminton season is in full swing. The Grade 6's have lunch time intermurals going on twice a week with Coaches Ms. Yang and Ms. Porpaczy. The Grade 7's have their season underway and they are playing against Grandview Family schools. Coaches Ms. Bagai and Ms. Kohut are excited with how well the team is progressing and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. The season will wrap up in early May.

Track Attack

Our Grade 3 – 7 students will be taking part in Track Attack starting on Monday, April 15th, from 1:35-2:20. It will run for 4 sessions, April 15th, 18th, 22nd and 25th. There will be Grade 7 leaders helping out with running the track stations. Events are long jump, triple jump, discus, shot put, high jump, relays, sprints, and long distance. This is an excellent way for the younger students to experience all the track and field events and for the older students to get more practice. More information about the Mini Track Meet on June 11 at SSAP will be coming out soon.

Thank you for your help with fieldtrips, and no “detours”, please

Thank you for your help with driving and supervising fieldtrips. We could not do these without you! Please be aware that we require drivers to stay with the expected route. We

do not have permission from other families to make stops (such as drive-throughs, etc), along the way. Additionally, such stops interrupt programing and learning time, create inequities, and are very much a safety worry when students have not arrived at expected times. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A message from our Diversity Student Leaders

April is a busy month! April is Autism Acceptance Month as well as Sikh Heritage Month. The Diversity Leaders have prepared messages that they shared on the morning announcements. Information will be shared about Eid al-Fatr, Vaisakhi, and Passover. The Diversity Leaders have been hard at work creating bulletin boards around Earth Day and they have also created a Compliment Tree that has really started to grow and bloom with positive messages from students.

Grandview News

- Grandview staff are here at Morgan this week for articulation
- Grade 7 Parent Night at Grandview Secondary May 16th at 6:30

Upcoming Dates

April 15- Track Attack starts!

April 19- PAC Family Dance 5:00-7:30

April 29- Track Practice Starts

May 3- Professional Development Day (no school for students)

May 8 – Grandview Concert Band performs for students

May 8- PAC meeting in the library at 6:30

May 13- Interim Report #2 goes home

May 14- Early Dismissal for Teacher Collaboration

May 20- Victoria Day (no school)

May 27- Professional Development Day (no school for students)