



Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Jan 31, 2024 1:00pm

Location: Modular

ATTENDEES PRESENT

April Tarnowski – President
Lauren Tristan – Secretary
Hailey Loncaric - Member at Large
Gwen Myles – Principal
Carla Bruce - Vice Principal

CALL TO ORDER – 1:15 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 started the meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Gwen Myles and Carla Bruce

(See below for full report.)

Discussed the need for outside PE Equipment that can be used at recess and lunch times. PAC will look into the budget to see if there is anything that might be able to come out of the Gaming Grant funds.

FINANCIAL REPORT — April Tarnowski for Danielle Bahd

Profit so far this year is \$37,966.00.

DEC MINGLE & MOVIE REPORT - April Tarnowski

December Mingle & Movie night profit was \$1422.00. (October Movie Night profit was \$1369.00.)

PAC SPONSORED PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Lauren Tristan

PAC is sponsoring our annual pancake breakfast for all the kids and staff to celebrate 100 days of school. We set the date as Tuesday, Feb 27th and coordinated start time, buffet area for the new wing, schedule, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussed the idea of doing an all school dance in the Spring as the next event/fundraiser. More details to come.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ran out of time; tabled until next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

February 21, 2024 6:30pm in the school library.

MOTION TO ADJOUR MEETING - 2:15pm

Principals' Report
January 30th, 2024
Ms. Gwen Myles, Principal
Ms. Carla Bruce, Vice Principal

Reading Challenge- Your Kids Have Read a Million Minutes!

Congratulations to our students who have read and logged one million minutes of reading! What an incredible feat!

And, yes, you guessed it- Ms. Bruce, Ms. Hurtubise and Ms. Myles got egged! It was well worth it to celebrate this great accomplishment! ☺

Sports at Morgan

There are some exciting opportunities for our Grade 6 and 7 students at Morgan this term. We give special thanks to our coaches who make this all possible!

Floor Hockey Intramurals

Mr. Taddei hosts floor hockey Wednesday mornings from 7:50am until 8:20am. There is a great turnout and lots of happy students with rosy cheeks at the end of each session.

Basketball

The Grandview Division basketball season is underway...once the snow clears! The Morgan Mustangs will be playing regular season games against Edgewood, Rosemary Heights, Pacific Heights, and Sunnyside Elementary Schools. The Celebration Playdays will be hosted by Morgan on Wednesday, February 28th for the Boys Teams and Thursday, February 29th for the Girls. Thank you to Ms. Dolan and Mr. Bakshi who will be coaching the Girls team, who will play games on Thursdays after school. Ms. Pearson and Ms. Bruce will be coaching the Boys team, who will have games after school on Wednesdays. Go Mustangs!

Inclement Weather

With winter upon us, we thank you for helping your kids dress appropriately for the weather. We go outside in rain and in snow and only stay inside in exceptional weather. Please prepare your children with boots, gloves, warm coats, hats, umbrellas and raincoats. Having a change of socks or pants on hand at school is recommended.

Weather-related closures are communicated by the district via

- Website: www.surreyschools.ca
- Twitter: [@Surrey Schools](https://twitter.com/Surrey_Schools)

- Facebook: [SurreySchools](#)
- Instagram: [surrey schools](#)

All schools and offices in the Surrey School District will remain OPEN if possible, except under extreme circumstances. Any closures and delayed openings will be communicated by 7:00 am

Crossing Guard

We are very pleased to announce that the intersection of 156 a street and 34 ave has a Frontiersmen trained crossing guard who starts this week! 😊

Sharing from our Diversity Leaders

December was a busy month as we celebrated Hannukah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. We also learned about and honoured the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women. The group has been working hard on events for January and February which bring us Tamil Heritage Month, Black Excellence Day and Black Shirt Day, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and National Day of Remembrance of Quebec Mosque Attack & Action Against Islamophobia. We are looking ahead to Black History Month in February as well as Lunar New Year Celebrations, Valentine's Day, Family Day and Pink Shirt Day. February also recognizes Heritage Week.

K Registration is Underway

Do you have some neighbours with young children getting ready to start Kindergarten? Please share the following details with them!

Children who turn five *before* Jan. 1, 2025 are eligible to start school in September 2024. Registration takes place online [HERE](#).

Check [HERE](#) for a list of documents required for registration.

If you are unsure which school is nearest to you, check [HERE](#). If you have further questions, please contact your neighbourhood school.

**Please note that parents or guardians applying for a [lottery spot](#) in one of our specialty programs (French Immersion, Intensive Fine Arts, Montessori, Traditional and EKOLogy) must still register their child in their local catchment school before Feb. 16. Online applications for the [kindergarten lottery for select programs of choice](#) open Jan. 29.*

For more information on kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year, please see our fact sheets available in [English](#), [Punjabi](#), [Chinese](#), [Arabic](#) and [Spanish](#).

Digital Citizenship

Grades 5 – 7 have embarked on a learning journey in Digital Citizenship and Digital Leadership. We will be exploring the topics of Media Balance & Well Being, Privacy & Security, Digital Footprint & Identity, and News & Media Literacy. The students are engaged in their learning and showing a keen interest.

Other Cool Learning Opportunities

Gravity Cars

The Gravity Track is coming to Morgan at end of February and into early March. This is a great ADST challenge. Students The Gravity Car and Race provides students an opportunity to model their designs, test their prototypes and amend their designs. The only source of energy is the Potential Energy from gravity as the vehicle sits at the top of the track. The vehicle can be made from any common materials found in school such as wood, metal, plastic and recycled materials from electronic devices. The vehicles must be made from scratch by the students and not be constructed in any form from any type of kits.

Joanne Howard

Thank you, PAC, for providing this wonderful art opportunity. Our students are learning about great visual art techniques and have created some beautiful pieces!

First Peoples in Residence

Starting January 29th through to February 2nd, we are welcoming First Peoples District Cultural Facilitators to Morgan. Students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops during this week-long event and will participate in a variety of topics such as Coastal Changes and Traditions, Animal Connections, Lacrosse, Medicine Wheel Teaching, Sharing Knowledge and Pow Wow Teachings.

Global Play Day

February 7 is Global Play Day

“During Global School Play Day, participants are encouraged to allow students ample time for free play without the use of screens, structured games, or adult direction. The idea is to let children explore their creativity, problem-solving skills, and social interactions in an unstructured and spontaneous environment.”

Find out more at:
<https://globalschoolplayday.com/about>

Upcoming Dates

Jan 29- Start of First Peoples in Residence (FPIR)
Feb 1 – FPIR Week Ceremony Assembly at 10:30 for students
Feb 7 – Global PLAY Day
Feb 10 – Lunar New Year
Feb 14 – Valentine's Day & 100th Day of School
Feb 19 – Family Day (no school)
Feb 21 – PAC meeting 6:30 pm
Feb 23 – Pro-D Day (no school)
Feb 27 – Pancake Breakfast
Feb 28 & 29- Basketball Play Day
Feb 28 – Pink Shirt Day