



Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023 6:30pm

Location: School Library

ATTENDEES PRESENT

April Tarnowski – President
Christine Lam - Vice President
Danielle Bahd - Treasurer
Lauren Tristan – Secretary
Gwen Myles – Principal
Carla Bruce - Vice Principal
Hailey Loncaric - Member at Large
Sha Bhalwani
Breanne McLeavy
Janine Bozanin

CALL TO ORDER – 6:36 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Community Outreach

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

CARRIED

PAC PRESIDENT WELCOME - April Tarnowski

Welcomed all to the meeting. The Fall Bookfair gave back \$2654.00 to the Library, enabling Ms. Hurtubise to buy many new books for the school library. Plan to do another one in the Spring.

DECEMBER 8th MINGLE & MOVIE NIGHT — April Tarnowski

Discussed the event coming up on Friday, Dec 8th. A \$12 child ticket includes entry, activities, slice of pizza and a hot chocolate. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Schedule of events:

5pm start

5:15 - 6:15pm Santa will be there

We will have activities such as a Cake Walk, Crafts, Cookie Decorating

The cash only Concession will be open 5-8pm selling drinks, treats and popcorn

6pm - 6:30pm Pizza and Hot Chocolate

6:30pm Polar Express Movie

We need help with donations of items and volunteers. Please go her to sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44AFAD2AABFE3-46332255-polar#/>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - April Tarnowski

Over the next few weeks there will be options to buy gift cards through MunchaLunch or School Cash Online to help families in need at Morgan Elementary.

When Hot Lunch opens later this week for Winter Term ordering, there will be an option to donate to the Helping Hands Fund to help families in need buy hot lunch.

Still need a volunteer to take on the Toy Drive and communication to the community about it. The PAC Christmas Tree will go up in the foyer on Friday.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Gwen Myles

(See below for full report.)

FINANCIAL REPORT - Danielle Bahd

We have profited about \$10,000 so far.

NOVEMBER PURDY'S FUNDRAISER REPORT - Christine Lam

We came very close to making our target of \$5000 in sales. We sold \$4370, and raised \$1147.13; about 30 parents ordered. Orders will be ready for pick-up sometime before Dec 12.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Hot Lunch - Hailey Loncaric for Joyce Buchanan

Winter term ordering will open Friday, Dec 1 and go until Dec 11. We are trying a few new vendors such as Chopped Leaf and A&W in the Winter Term.

DPAC

Health & Safety— Janine Bozanin.

Did a big litter clean up after Halloween around the school grounds. Proposed next year getting some more volunteers to help clean up the school and city grounds after Halloween. Still working to get the crosswalk painted by the city, and discussed the 5 minute parking areas, and neighbours walking dogs through city/school areas.

CROSSING GUARD

See Principal's Report below.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

January 17, 2024 1:00pm in Room 104.

MOTION TO ADJOUR MEETING - 7:30pm

**Principals' Report
November 29, 2023
Ms. Gwen Myles, Principal
Ms. Carla Bruce, Vice Principal**

Reading Challenge- a Million Minutes!

Our students are busy reading!!

Morgan students (and staff!) have been challenged to read one million minutes. If our school manages this incredible reading feat, Ms. Myles and Ms. Hurtubise will take turns smashing eggs on our heads until we find the raw one!

The students appear to be delighted with this and JUST KEEP READING, despite our protests!

December 21st is our assembly date. If they keep up the hard work and fill out their reading logs, they just might see egg on our faces!

Winter 'Campfire' Singalong

Our December 21st assembly for our Reading Challenge will also be our Winter Campfire Singalong! Students will enjoy singing along to some popular winter songs in a cozy environment.

Lunches

As you know, Morgan staff have tried something new this year with playing first and eating second, knowing that many schools have found benefit in doing so. Although there have been some enjoyed pieces in this new routine, teachers have found smoother transitions with eat first, play second. Starting in January, Morgan will switch back to this previous practice. Eating will be 11:35- 11:50. Outside time will be from 11:50-12:30. If you find your child is not eating as much as expected after our January switch, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher.

Communicating Student Learning

On Friday, December 15th, our first formal Learning Update goes home.

Teachers have the choice of whether to provide official Learning Updates in the form of a digital portfolio, or in a written template.

If your child's teacher has chosen the written template, on December 15th, you can expect to receive an update telling you how your child is approaching the learning, and how they are doing in relation to the learning standards.

Digital portfolios provide learning updates that are intended to be ongoing throughout the year. If your child's teacher is using the Spaces digital portfolio, they will send you a letter on December 15th asking you to look at learning artifacts on Spaces and to provide feedback.

Crossing Guards

If you or a family member is interested in volunteering your time to help be a Crossing Guard, you can donate your time in a flexible manner. The school will be able to provide a vest and 'Stop' sign, as well as a Pedestrian Crossing Manual. Interested people can connect with Ms. Myles at myles_g@surreyschools.ca.

Surrey Schools Survey- Emailed to Families Nov. 20 Deadline to participate is November 30th at 11:59 pm.

Over the past decade, Surrey Schools has seen consistent annual growth of approximately 800 new students per year, a significant trend in itself. However, the past two years have presented unprecedented challenges, with more than 2,400 new students joining our district annually – a remarkable 200% increase. This surge has surpassed the available provincial funding for new schools and additions.

On November 20th, the district launched a community consultation survey to gather input from staff, students and their families on possible strategies to manage the rapid enrolment growth while maintaining the quality of our students' educational experience. Proposed changes include tri-semester schooling, school "shifts," busing students out-of-catchment, and hybrid online learning models. While some of these strategies may be new to the district, they also present an opportunity to integrate innovative learning approaches that may better prepare our students for their future careers and align with the evolving workplace landscape.

The survey closes at 11:59 p.m. on November 29th. The survey will be available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Punjabi, Spanish and Tagalog.

How can I access the survey?

The survey was emailed to all staff, parents, and caregivers in the district on November 20, 2023. If you did not receive this email, please check your email junk folder or email comm-office@surreyschools.ca.

ERASE- Expect Respect and a Safe Education

In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's *erase* strategy, due to high demand, ERASE is offering a "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30pm. This 60-minute session will be held virtually via zoom.

To register for this session please click on the link below.

[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 1-12. PAC Gift Card Collection for Community Outreach

Dec. 8- Red/Green, White/Blue Day

Dec. 8- PAC Polar Express Mingle and Movie

Dec. 15- Holiday/ Ugly Sweater Day

Dec 15 – Report #1 goes home

Dec. 21- Reading Challenge Assembly and Winter Campfire Singalong

Dec. 22- Holiday PJ Day

Dec 22 – Last day before the winter break

Jan 8 – We're back!