



## **Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023 1:00pm

Location: Modular

### **ATTENDEES PRESENT**

April Tarnowski – President  
Christine Lam - Vice President  
Danielle Bahd - Treasurer  
Lauren Tristan – Secretary  
Russ Kozub — DPAC Rep  
Gwen Myles – Principal  
Joyce Buchanan  
Marlies Henny  
Adina Rojibally  
Sha Bhalwani  
Juliet Yu  
Sonia Sun

### **CALL TO ORDER** – 1:00 PM

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

CARRIED

### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

CARRIED

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT - Gwen Myles**

(See below for full report.)

Discussed parents' questions regarding why there is no Grade 7 Camp this year. Ms. Myles explained that it is up to the Teachers to choose whether they would like to volunteer their personal time towards extended field studies, such as a 2-night, sleep-away camp. The staff didn't choose the Camp this year, but are planning other fun activities for the Grade 7's, such as a Cultus Lake Trip. There is a District Policy they reviewed last year after Covid, and a recent policy change requires 1 adult for every 2 children for any sleeping arrangements for safety. Last year, even with all the parents who volunteered, there were still not enough to cover the requirement.

### **PAC PRESIDENT WELCOME - April Tarnowski**

Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Discussed that there are Committees where we are looking for new helpers to pass the torch to, such as Book Fair.

### **SPORTS JERSEYS — April Tarnowski**

Discussed that many of the sports jerseys are starting to fall apart and recommended these need replacing. The quote is \$20/jersey and approximately 75 new jersey's are needed.

**Motion: Add \$1500 to the Budget to cover the cost of replacing sports jerseys.**

**VOTE: ALL IN FAVOUR 10/10. (Note: one meeting attendee arrived after this vote.)**

### **OCTOBER MOVIE NIGHT - April Tarnowski**

Discussed the event coming up Friday, Oct 27th. Doors open at 5:45pm. Ms. Myles will assist with help for AV. Pizza pre-ordering closes evening of Oct 18. Tickets on sale up until event date.

### **OCTOBER BOOK FAIR - April Tarnowski**

Discussed the event coming next week Oct 23 - 25. Set-up Monday; event starts Tuesday. Early morning and after school time slots available for all. Lunchtime visiting open to the following grades as follows:

Tuesday: Grade 2 & 3

Wednesday: Grade 4 & 5

Thursday: Grade 6 & 7

Friday: K & Grade 1, 8:00 - 8:30am

The Teachers' Classroom Wish Lists will be posted for any who wish to help buy books for their child's classroom.

### **NOVEMBER PURDY'S FUNDRAISER - April Tarnowski**

Discussed the fundraiser and the need for a person to head it up in November.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **Hot Lunch - Joyce Buchanan**

All going well so far. Winter term ordering will open late November and the same vendors are confirmed.

#### **DPAC - Russ Kozub**

Nothing to report yet. The first DPAC meeting is taking place Nov 14th.

#### **Health & Safety— April Tarnowski and Gwen Myles, on behalf of Janine Bozanin.**

Still working with the City to get the crosswalks painted, and will be doing litter clean up on the city's soccer field next to the school on Sunday's after soccer. A

couple of people have come forward interested in the crossing guard position. One will not be going forward.

### **PARENT EDUCATION REQUESTS**

In the past PAC helped facilitate a parent education seminar on different topics. If there are any topics parents are interested in, please email them to the [pac.morgan.elementary@gmail.com](mailto:pac.morgan.elementary@gmail.com).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Financial Update - Danielle Bahd**

Setting up the books in a free accounting program, which will give us a proper Profit and Loss, etc. With Hot Lunch sales being on target, we were able to give the teachers the full \$250 discretionary funds as budgeted.

#### **Community Outreach — Still need a Committee Head for this.**

Not planning to do Christmas Baskets this year. There will be an option to purchase gift cards which will be donated to our sister school's families in-need. To make it easier, this will be an option included with Winter Hot Lunch ordering. Planning to still do an under the tree Toy Drive; however need a volunteer to head this up. Email [pac.morgan.elementary@gmail.com](mailto:pac.morgan.elementary@gmail.com) if interested.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Nov 29, 2023 6:30pm in the Library.

### **MOTION TO ADJOUR MEETING** - 1:57pm

**Principals' Report**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Ms. Gwen Myles, Principal**  
**Ms. Carla Bruce, VP**

**Thank you for the Hip Hop!**

Yesterday was the culminating event of our Hip Hop lessons with an incredible show! What a successful and enriching opportunity this was. Students showcased their learning and their skills in exciting performances, and boy did they shine!

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Reminder of Parent-Teacher Interviews and Early Dismissal on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet had a chance to connect with your child's teacher, please reach out to them. Appointments are always welcome, even outside of designated interview days.

**Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Bookfair is underway October 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. ☺  
Please see the attached flyer for further details.

**Equity, Diversity and Belonging**

Our school district has a new department *Equity, Diversity and Belonging*, and an increased focus on how we can ensure that all students and community members feel welcome and positively included.

Please see the attached Calendar to learn more about what is happening in your community. Parents and PACs may use this calendar to support events and create greater awareness.

Our Diversity Student Leaders shared an important announcement about Person's Day (Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>) over the PA system with students and at the PAC meeting with parents. Way to go, girls! You have helped us all understand more about why this is such an important day. (Please see attached poster for more information).

**Extra Curricular Athletics at Morgan this Month**

*HUB Cycling* happened for Grade 4 and 5 students today. It was wet, it was cold, but our students did great and learned valuable safety and riding skills- great job, kids!

*Cross Country* continues to go strong with our last run at Crescent Park on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Way to go, runners!

Volleyball practices and games are underway for Grade 6 and 7 girls and boys. Games go from October 26 through to November 30. Thank you to all our volunteer teachers for making these opportunities possible.

### **Halloween Parade Reminder**

We will hold our annual Halloween Costume Parade on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00. Participating students must come in their costumes ready to go. There will not be time to change or prepare before the parade. Please send an extra set of clothing your child can change into for comfort afterwards. Please choose costumes carefully to ensure that cultures are not appropriated. Gory costumes are not appropriate. All costumes need to be suitable for viewing by our K-7 students. No weapons or replicas of any kind are permitted. Thank you!

There will be viewing areas available for interested families in the foyer and on the stage.

### **Inclement Weather Reminder**

We are seeing more of our students dressed for the weather, and we appreciate that! We also continue to need your assistance with helping our students be fully prepared. Please see below for an excerpt from our last newsletter.

#### **Dress for rain**



We know that our children benefit from fresh air and exercise, and so, on most rainy days, students will be outside at recess and lunch. Please have your child prepared for outside days with appropriate clothing for the wet weather such as umbrellas, boots, and jackets that repel moisture.


Please know we use the following general criteria when deciding to go outside or stay inside:

Above 5 degrees and raining	– outside
5 degrees or below and raining hard	– inside
Raining <i>and</i> so windy umbrellas will turn inside out	– inside
Snow days	– outside

### **Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 27- PAC Movie Night in the Gym  
Oct. 31- Halloween Parade at 9:00  
November- Hindu Heritage Month  
Nov. 1- Photo Retakes  
Nov. 5- Daylight Savings  
Nov. 8- Indigenous Veterans Day  
Nov. 9- Remembrance Day Assembly  
Nov. 10- Professional Development Day (no school for students)  
Nov. 11- Remembrance Day

Nov. 12- Diwali  
Nov. 13- Remembrance Day Holiday (no school)  
Nov. 16- Louis Riel Day  
Nov. 20 World/National Child's Day




MORGAN ELEMENTARY

# BOOK FAIR

*Special Time for gr 1  
and Ks on Friday  
before school*

OPEN AT LUNCH  
Tuesday for gr 2 & 3  
Wednesday for gr 4 & 5  
Thursday for gr 6 & 7



**TUES, OCT 24 TO  
THURS, OCT 26  
IN THE LIBRARY**

**NEVER STOP  
READING**

**Thank you to the PAC volunteers!**

# EQUITY, DIVERSITY, & BELONGING CALENDAR 2023–2024



<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b> <b>4</b> Labour Day <b>24/25</b> Yom Kippur <b>29</b> Orange Shirt Day (Truth and Reconciliation) <b>30</b> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	<b>OCTOBER 2023</b> Canadian Islamic History Month German Heritage Month Latin American Heritage Month LGBTQ2+ History Month Women's History Month <b>5</b> World Teacher's Day <b>9</b> Thanksgiving Day <b>11</b> International Day of the Girl Child <b>18</b> Person's Day <b>31</b> Halloween	<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b> Hindu Heritage Month <b>8</b> Indigenous Veterans Day <b>11</b> Remembrance Day <b>12</b> Diwali <b>16</b> Louis Riel Day <b>20</b> World/National Child Day
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b> <b>3</b> International Day of Persons with Disabilities <b>6</b> National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women <b>7–15</b> Hanukkah <b>10</b> Human Rights Day <b>25</b> Christmas Day <b>26</b> Boxing Day <b>26–Jan 1</b> Kwanzaa	<b>JANUARY 2024</b> Tamil Heritage Month <b>1</b> New Year's Day <b>4</b> International World Braille Day <b>15</b> Black Excellence Day <b>17</b> International Holocaust Remembrance Day <b>29</b> National Day of Remembrance of Quebec Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia	<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b> Black History Month <b>10</b> Lunar New Year <b>14</b> Valentine's Day <b>19</b> Family Day <b>19–23</b> Heritage Week <b>28</b> Pink Shirt Day
<b>MARCH 2024</b> Irish Heritage Month <b>8</b> International Women's Day <b>10–Apr 8</b> Ramadan <b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day <b>21</b> International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination <b>21</b> World Down Syndrome Day <b>25</b> Holi <b>29</b> Good Friday <b>31</b> Indigenous Languages Day <b>31</b> Transgender Day of Visibility <b>31</b> Easter	<b>APRIL 2024</b> Autism Acceptance Month Sikh Heritage Month <b>1</b> Easter Monday <b>2</b> World Autism Awareness Day <b>5–13</b> Passover <b>7</b> World Health Day <b>9–10</b> Eid al-Fitr <b>13</b> Vaisakhi <b>22</b> Earth Day <b>24</b> Administrative Assistant's Day <b>28</b> Day of Mourning for Lost Workers	<b>MAY 2024</b> Asian Heritage Month Canadian Jewish Heritage Month <b>1</b> Principal and Vice-Principal Appreciation Day <b>1–7</b> Mental Health Week <b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo <b>5</b> National Day of Awareness of MMIWG (Red Dress Day) <b>7</b> National Child and Youth Mental Health Day <b>12</b> Mother's Day <b>17</b> International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia <b>20</b> Victoria Day <b>26–Jun 1</b> National AccessAbility Week
<b>JUNE 2024</b> Filipino Heritage Month Italian Heritage Month National Indigenous History Month Portuguese Heritage Month Pride Month <b>16</b> Father's Day <b>21</b> National Indigenous People's Day	<b>JULY 2024</b> <b>1</b> Canada Day <b>AUGUST 2024</b> <b>5</b> British Columbia Day <b>9</b> International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples <b>19</b> World Humanitarian Day	



October 18

## PERSONS DAY IN CANADA

In 1929, this day marks when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of "persons" was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal.



This day gave some women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life.



It marks critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada.



This decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent.



RACIAL EQUITY DEPARTMENT - SURREY SCHOOLS

