



Montroyal Elementary

2018 Chair Report

The Chair Person of the MPAC is the voice of the parent community as it pertains to providing Montroyal students the best public school education. This is done through managing the executive team and committees. Our executive mandate for this term was safe, healthy and happy students.

This term showed that our school community has changed and we no longer have an abundance of volunteers as we once did. Our slim-ed down executive pushed back on roles that were being done by parents that should be housed within the school, for example, the phone tree replaced with Text Alerts. We pushed the school district's communication team to improve their website and make it an easier resource for parents. Likewise, we asked the District PAC to take a leadership role on parent education and allowing us to use more of our hard earned fundraising dollars for our students. We also built stronger relationships with in the Handsworth Schools to share ideas, resources and events.

Our PAC Executive were a voice on the Handsworth rebuild, Emergency Preparedness Procedures, Budget Priorities and Curriculum support for teachers. As the school year is coming to a close we continue our advocacy role for maintaining Counselor hours.

We began the year with our new principal Joe Campbell, 2 Kindergarten Play-dates, the creation of MPAC collateral and an Ice Cream Social. We were please the After School Club Kindergarten pilot was made a permanent which will assist working families and maintain our enrollement.

Our fundraising efforts purchased a new emergency bin and due to new safety regulations is being modified with air vents and will be installed over the summer. The PAC funds also purchased a new projector for our outstanding musical productions. This is a great achievement as our executive has not had a Fundraising Coordinator for 3 years.

The Montroyal special traditions, Holiday Market, Winter and Spring Plays, and the Staff Appreciation Lunch never disappoint.

We were disappointed with the participation in our donation drive to build outdoor learning spaces, a teachers' request and would have been helpful as we transitioned through the addition of a new division due to the reduction of class sizes. This maybe as a result of the NDP's announcements of 50 million dollars towards playgrounds, however if parents attended the PAC meetings they would have learned that this money would not be allocated to Montroyal.

We had the grade 1 and 2 classes host a Bingo Night and the students had a great time being so involved in the planning process. These grade events, as we see with grade 7 events are very successful. However, as we tried to engage other grades to host events, we received push back. Our school community needs to understand that spirit starts within. The events can be arranged but if people do not participate than the community will not strengthen.



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We have been fortunate to have some very strong volunteers, who by providing the gift of their time make Montroyal a special place. Hot lunch continues to generate great revenue due to Annie Kellaway , Cat Cantas and their amazing team. Nicole Sciamanna as our library coordinator, Cathy Mount maintain our parent resource library, Shannon Harris and Pearl Vandyke stocking our emergency preparedness kits, Jen Roberts organizing our community outreach with the giving tree, Signe Hougaard for designing our PAC collateral and the Programs Committee for the great vendors they provide our students. We have some parents that are graduating this year and their contributions to the school must be recognized: The Christmas Market and School Plays have been amazing and we will miss the dedication of Yvette Scott , the artistic stylings of Lorna Moffat, Maura Rabiner with the elegant Staff Luncheon, The MacKay parents Claire and Kevin – she for being the Hot Lunch Lady for many years and he for building sets not to mention gallons of free coffee, Jana Madill for being a past PAC Chair, Carrie Davies for her years on the PAC, and Ryan Lui for being our system go to guy.

I would like to thank the staff, who have been through many changes during my time within the PAC, and because they teach from the heart Montroyal maintains to be is a well ranked school. The administration, we tossed a lot at you and we appreciate the efforts to accomidate our requests and as our relationship stregthens tons can be achieved. Lastly, the executive team, thank you for providing your time, dedication and passion to making our school better.

Many have expectations of what the PAC “should be doing” and the only way to get what you want is to get involved.