

Montroyal PAC Meeting
Thursday January 14, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Members present: quorum achieved.

Approval by Agenda - Change - moving Anaheeta from GoGo Bags up as preview to hot lunch.
Motion duly made by Kat Cantas and seconded by Ilona

Approval of minutes -

All in favour: |Yes Motion duly made by Yvonne Scott and seconded by Michelle

Jana welcomed Mrs. Power as our teacher rep tonight

P/VP Reports - Mrs. Todd

Was at outdoor school, everyone having great time, eagles everywhere, have great foods, nice fresh salads, all are eating well.

Volleyball underway, 4 teams, five handsworth helpers. Mrs. Power said open gym on Monday for boys game after school; girls same but Tuesday. Wednesday practice after school boys; Thursday after school. All info being sent home and schedule should be up next week. Recruiting one more girl for grade 6.

Earthquake - noted website that did not include our school; reason being is that there are no concerns and seismic upgrades done several years ago. No release drill this year - did one last year. Is a big undertaking for both staff and parents; usually done every other year. Would like to do it in fall (November) of 2016 vs in the spring of 2017.

Changed comfort kit system - some people didn't have kits, and have found that it may be better to not ramp up worry over fgamily (discussed picture idea). Decided to build up emergency reserve kits so we have everything we need for all the kids. Worked with PAC on this. Jana noted re bars in emergency reserves - very high protein bars. We went with fruit chews as it is closer to candy. Chose this vs granola bar. Will ask parents for \$5-8 so that school keeps the fruit up to date. Mrs. Power mentioned that this was great as they deal with so many different allergies. Jana mentioned

Mrs. Todd - doing a three way funding program - fund the things their child would eat.

School reno project - windows are in over the holidays. New double-glazed/insulated windows; siding being delivered tomorrow Will match red. Insulation in. A lot better set up. Old curtains are being replaced by roller blinds as Mrs. Todd managed to get that from District. Still finishing window-sills etc but should be minimal interruption.

School planning committee - no longer have parents on the school planning council; next pac meeting Mrs. Todd will do a visioning activity with parents - what would we like our school to be like; if this component advertised likely to get parents in to Pac meeting.

Mrs. Power commented on how happy she is regarding the recycling program. We have the new heroes at school to represent the new recycling items. Video playing in the lobby at school about where to put their recyclables. Containers are too small at moment and overflowing every tues/Thursday. The environmental club/ Mr. T. Managing the program. Mrs. Todd noted that today we had code 5 recyclable fork ...

Jana mentioned that we are continually working with vendors on the recycling aspect of packaging.

Introduced Anaheeta from GoGo Bags. Jana discussed the program that is possible via fundraising opportunity for PAC via GoGo Bags.

Anaheeta - has two kids at capilano elementary; she took litterless lunch letters from kindergarten teacher very seriously. Didn't like what was out there, didn't use plastic container. Her mom sewed the bags, well received at the school; six years later it is a true business. Still using the first set she had. Stats show that average student will create 27 kilos of lunch waste. Saved 2,880 bags by using the re-usable bags. They have bread bags, produce bags, fruit bags, sandwich bags, etc. Her website has all the products listed. Usually tell parents to create bag kits, use for five days, wash on weekends. All made of cotton, washer dryer safe. Can also be washed by hand and turned inside out to dry overnight, ready to go the next day. Wash if there is meat sandwich in there.

Jana shared about international highschool student; pointed out the idea of starting them early as by the time ours get to high school it is second nature.

Meat sandwiches? Rinse out, wash with detergent, inside out and dry.

Leakproof? Tightly woven cotton that resists but not seeping...

Jana noted that link will be on our website and hope to have Anaheeta back in September.

Claudia Harrington

Introduced by Jana - took over the role and really ramped it all up. Has spent time reviewing menus, vendors, etc. Tonight she will review what's new, etc.

Claudia thanked Ilona for all the help with the new program.

Noted some prices dropped for session 2.

Some challenges with hot lunch system during first term. Fixed the big issues with the allergies noted in the system. Jana - we had a lot of people submit an allergy claim (said in broad sense) as some people have critical allergies (gluten/dairy). |Some just intolerances. WE cannot control it to level parents expected. We are parent volunteers and also at whim of vendors. There are no guarantees able to be given. \some kids did get sick, was dealt with rapidly and properly (no one deathly ill). It will be up to the parent and they will need to do the due diligence and if there are serious allergies that it is the decision of parent whether or not to participate. We can't accept responsibility. We have fantastic vendors who have

worked on this. It is up to parents. Forms available at the office too so that we have an updated list of kids to flag just in case etc. Mrs. Power pointed out that documents need to be kept in binder over privacy issue. Claudia confirmed that these forms are in a binder.

Claudia - sizing varies from vendor to vendor. They have stopped one mac and cheese from one vendor as the size was different from another vendor. Too much variance in sizing.

Have changed out some vendors.

Just make special note of what the day is called - read through session 2 - Ilona pointed out that where possible sizes by oz are noted. It is being worked ongoing.

Claudia noted that Menchies will be discontinued after February. Grade 7's doing their frosty Friday fundraiser and don't want to take away from that.

Ilona detailed some of the changes to session 2, took out a lot of extra detail.

Claudia thanked wonderful volunteers; Cat also a volunteer, thanks! Always looking and needing volunteers, and thanked Mrs. Todd for rounding up grade 7's past week when no one made it. Please if you sign up to volunteer do come to the shift!

One last thing - super size of the booster juice has been cut out from menu options. Same level of sugar as 2 litre of coke.

Thanks from Jana from all of us to Claudia, Cat and the entire hot lunch group!

Chair Report

Jana to email edited version of cheat sheet.

Call for volunteers re hot lunch - front of house, technical support person, etc.

Question - does the volunteer ops filter through all class reps? Jana said yes will come out via Sunday emails, and also class reps.

Nov meeting missed, but continuing to plan a very exciting year.

Yvonne - took three giant carloads of gifts from giving tree. So exciting to be able to drop that off.

Explained cancellation of snow program on grouse.

Discussed the parent events/speakers for elementary school.

Discussion on parent support needed at meeting at school board about Handsworth. Links will be on our website.

Next Thursday - community bingo night! Linda working tirelessly thank you! Have callers set up, ice cream orders in; remember to bring one wrapped gift donation per family. Grade 7 will be doing pre-limited ice pops, water bottles.

Our team also welcome Bernadette dunnigan and team working on parent social. First weekend in May.

Other notes - forest hills etc for baseball.

May 27 - Jog-a-Thon.

Move to officially adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

All in favour. | Carried.

Thank you and good night.

Next Meeting: Thursday February 25. No meeting in March.