MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY
MPAC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Held May 26, 2016 in Montroyal Library

Meeting commenced at: 8:30 pm (immediately followed the Montroyal AGM & brief break)

Jana Madill declared quorum; reminder to all this is the last regular monthly MPAC meeting for this school year.

Approval of Agenda for the MPAC Meeting May 26, 2016

Motion to approve by Shannon Harris and seconded by Carol Sartor. All in favour. So approved.

Minutes of April 28 meeting

Motion to approve by Janet Carswell and seconded by Rebecca Rutter. All in favour. So approved.

Treasurer Reports:

Vote: to approve the transfer of reserve funds

Unallocated from last year and estimated from this year. Proposing to move those and the $17,000 from Gala be pushed into the technology reserve. Reason for the reserve transfer is because the promise to replace one cart (1/2 set) – one of the sets is non-useable so only have one useable. When we went to look further, 2nd set is also in pretty bad shape and will need replacement within 12 motnhs. Thought it may be prudent for PAC to replace full 30 laptops. Stationary room all updated.

Would like to vote to transfer to tech rather than straight laptop replacement – need to further review what the tech needs are, is it better to stagger; will review with Mr. Teed/ administration; need to make sure we are spending the $40,000 in the right way for technology. Definitely needed in technology.

Proposing to move reserve funds and Gala funds into technology reserve. Tracey added that they with a bit more time but can meet to come up with the options of how best to utilize these funds in technology.

Motion to move 2015 surplus final amount, the estimated 2016 surplus and Gala estimate into the technology reserve.

Motion to approve by Helen Casey, and seconded by David Smail; all in favour? All in favour. So approved.

Vote: to approve the 2016/2017 Budget –

Floor opened to questions/comments: none noted at this time.

Motion to approve the 2016/2017 Budget.

Motion approved by Lorna Moffatt and seconded by Ilona Kuligowska. All in favour? MPAC voted, all in favour. So approved.

One point of note mentioned by Shannon Harris re the wish list from administration/teachers – have requested the noise-reducing headphones and a 2nd in-class speaker system.

Committee Leaders

Committee leaders discussed on previous agenda (AGM OF MAY 26, 2016)

Principal Report – Mrs. Tracey Todd

First and foremost a very special thank you to Jana for all her hard work and all that she has done for everyone in Chair role! Big thanks to Jana!

Some of the recent school highlights and events have been:

- Playland, i-girl/guy; staff appreciation lunch; horses annual visit; track and field; rugby demo
- Track and field – Susan provided update; organized chaos, so impressed with the encouragement from the kids, no matter what school. Huge level of coordination. Swanguard June 7; it is our one last competitive event, Tracey talked about how kids love it, and is more competitive than basketball/volleyball.
- Two big ideas – Communication – writing, speech, math ideas/language; from all the boards, parent feedback, although good communicating, still want more; 2nd social emotional learning – can't learn due to emotional/anxiety etc.
- Volunteer tea next week – just making sure everyone got their email from class reps. Several parents indicated they had not received (seemed senior level classes).
- One teacher retiring – Cyndy Power. Also losing Strong Start instructor – will be getting new instructor from Seymour Heights.
- Big project – far wall project is on higher priority list (facing the creek) re-clad and new windows. 220000 project.
- Project on end walls; near gym; opened up and now re-cladding. Doing something with stairwell due to rust, slippery – will be done with wall. Said they would be done over summer, but likely not. Happy it is being done.
- Lead in water at school – have had water tested and within the guidelines, do not have high lead. Did recommend flushing system in the morning. Custodian doing every a.m.
- One test done, but Coastal Health coming in to do different testing.
- Splits for next year – will have have quite a few splits, but will have more straight classes in upper grades. Can't say for sure until we know for sure about who's moving, etc. A bit more in and out going on.

- K orientation yesterday – 25 registered. Lorna – said has friend whose child super excited. Tears? All good save with exception of a parent or two.
- Year end assembly on 29th for school.
- Parent Question re 28th / Grad – how long is presentation? One hour, tea 1.5 hour.

Chair Update – Jana Madill

- Monday 6th – first aid training all day for grade 6's
- Friday 17th – Sports day; same format as last year; Q – t-shirts/theme – grade 7 working on theme; they are all on teams, will do cheers like last year (still have same exact cheer). Suggested to recycle small ones. Certainly are still using colours, but will be a decision for next year, along with house names.

What's coming up?

- Tues September 6, welcome back - coffee on both 6 and 7
- Welcome back bbq – sept 22
- Hotlunch.net – down over summer, re-entry needed in sept.
- Traffic safety - as discussed on other Agenda.
- Program committee – looking at new options for lunch and afternoon /afterschool programs; working again with NVREC, programming for Friday by PAC; a lot of plus plus programs; what opportunity for additional program or change in the lunch time hours. Also looking at parent speaker series as part of outreach to parents. Looking at Sept/ Oct programs in place for registering. If parents need Friday programming, get the word out there will be great options.
- NVREC also looking at introducing K to the program M-Th – testing at Carisbrooke, Montroyal high contender on their list for this. Used to be licencing issue, but seem there have been changes that allow this now.

That is the year, almost over, setting up for next year.

Open floor. Asked if any questions - No questions.

9:08 adjourned.

In attendance:

Sandy Milone	Michelle Allison	Rebecca Rutter
Nina Velasquez	Jana Madill	Ilona Kuligowska
Lorna Moffatt	Janet Carswell	Carol Sartor
David Smail	Helen Casey	Shannon Harris
Tracey Todd	Susan Teegan	Hardish Garson
Judith Brain		