**MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
MPAC MEETING**

**Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
 Location: Multi-purpose Room**

1. Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. Quorum achieved with 8 people in attendance.
2. **Approval of Agenda for April 20 Meeting**:

With no other modifications other than Principal Reports to follow What’s New, Motion to approve Agenda forwarded by Yvonne Smith; seconded by Sandy Milone.
3. A**pproval of February 15, 2017 MPAC Meeting Minutes**:

With no changes or modifications noted to the Draft February 15, 2017 MPAC Meeting Minutes, motion to approve Meeting Minutes forwarded by Sandy Milone; seconded by Yvonne Smith.
4. **Montroyal What’s New Update - from PAC Chair, Carol Sartor**

What’s New:
- This fall, will have an ice cream social
- Looking at Grade run events
- Green/value add opportunities for the school
- Changing Class Representative to be Social & Fundraising Coordinator
- Staff Treats – changing to 3 times a year and PAC will provide.

Volunteers:
- Outstanding: Hot lunch coordinator. If none shortly, will have to cancel or reduce; i.e.
 no one by May will need to reduce to 1x per week.
- Outstanding: Play Coordinator for Grade 4 Play/Grade 7 Play
- Outstanding: Treasurer; interested candidate for Secretary

Discussion and questions around what the Play Coordinator role involved; discussion on creating a committee for plays; simplify – get Janet to make decisions early.

Donation Drive:
- April 18 – May - move back up 22nd/post Earth Day.
- can donate via cash online; over $20 will get a tax receipt
- have received a few cheques in; will check with District re donations via cash online
- Budgeted for $5000 brings us closer to goal. Possibilities for Outdoor Learning Space or upgrade of emergency bin.

Outdoor Learning Space:
- Pointed out the three locations as possibilities – ‘mud pit’, flat space by ramp, in field by ravine

Emergency bin:
- Bigger bin with proper food/storage insulation; emergency electrical power

Jog-A-Thon
Will be on June 9.

Saleema Noon
– Parent Sessions Tuesday May 16 6:30-8:00 pm.
- Student sessions W/Th May 17/18

Outdoor School
- Open House May 7 at 10:30 a.m. This is a great event! Do go check it out.

Food that Fits
May 10 at 5:00 p.m. Put on by dietician. Open to all, not just coordinators/vendors for hot lunch.

Physical Literacy
At School district April 26 at 7:00 p.m. Note: our catchment is trending down on physical literacy.

Programs
Current programs are now in progress.
Grade 6 First Aid Training is April 28.
Babysitting is on May 8th.
Not pursuing Home Alone program for now.

May 9 Election Vote
Please note that Montroyal will be a voting centre on May 9. Expect more foot traffic and cars.
5. **Principal Reports – Tracey Todd**
Started off by saying that this year’s play was great!

Weather is currently a challenge – students often not appropriately dressed for the sudden changes and downpours. Interestingly, the younger students are handling better and seem appropriately equipped.
**Recent power outage** – overall, it went well at Montroyal. Opted NOT to dismiss as all students and staff were safe, well, and having a good time. Kids are troopers, and had fun. *Comment from Carol S. – play was still prepping and all were practicing/set up in the halls.* The day and outage was successful overall with the parent education via the PAC.

Feedback on outage/comment: why Twitter first? Answer: it is simply faster in getting a message out.

**New Staffing at school**: As a result of the recent Supreme Court settlement, will put in new teachers in the new school year – Grade 4 and 6/7. Scheduling to be divided out. Doing well for this year. Get first glance at allotments in May/early June.

**Newsletter:** Going out next week – note that the education request will be in there, and MUST be in by June 1.

**Other:** Lots of field trips on the go right now; jog-a-thon coming up; Global Learner; “Out” In Schools for grade 6/7 coming – about being more open/inclusive; May 3 is panorama photo day; track and field info can be found on the board and on the website; horse day is being set up; also on list for new boiler for the schools – means next year will be better – contractors coming through this week; Gym Sense was cancelled due to lack of instructors; May 30 will see Jackie Osombe singing group at the school.

**Kindergarten Day** – approximately 26 attended.

**Sports/Fun Day** – as Gym Sense was cancelled – have a bit of extra funding to create some more ‘challenge’ for the older kids at S/F Day. Carol and Tracey working together to coordinate this.

**Standard Testing** – Montroyal has gone from #5 to #1; note that they post LAST year in our current year; multiple choice format test; guided reading has helped; will be changing the test next year and piloting a new one.

Parent Question: what about IEP students? Tests are adapted to assist and meet student needs. Is for all kids at all abilities.

Tracey concluded Principal update – thank you Tracey!
6. **MPAC Financials – Treasurer: Scott Taylor**

Revenues – was a nice bonus to be able to have the ski program run this year. Hot lunch was over budget for first session – under for 2nd; seems there are challenges with food quality. Measurable drop in participation.

Jog-a-Thon – last year 7,000 raised; this year budgeted for $5,000.

Expenses – Not much spent yet. 12,000 vs 35,000. *Tracey noted this has been added to staff meeting and teachers are starting to work on receipts.*

Tracey also noted that 2 new projectors have been added and were provided by PAC funding – thank you from all it is much appreciated.

Likely a surplus at 4,000 in May.

Scott discussed role of Treasurer – is a great role for two people; don’t need to be an accountant, just need to be organized. PAC Exec is looking for someone with a bit of energy to contribute to the group.

Tracey queried if people really know what PAC does for the school. Dave S. remarked that really need the K-2 parents to come out. Layla remarked that Tracey did a great job at the orientation; still need to get message out there to the parents. Lianne – lots of people don’t know what PAC does; assume that if PAC doesn’t do it, the District will etc. But if PAC doesn’t do something for the school, it is possible it won’t get done.
7. **Director & Committee Reports**:

Brief update from DPAC. AGM is on May 9. DPAC meeting is on April 26 at 7:00.
8. **Other:**
Advocacy for all inclusive washroom including change room – note there will be new signs on the current neutral washrooms on each floor.

Discussion and some focus on what it means with no hot lunch coordinator. If no one steps up, the days will be reduced from 2 to 1; a 2nd day can be re-introduced if someone volunteers to be the lead for this.

Discussion on PAC without a Treasurer – without a Treasurer, the final end result would be that the PAC must dissolve and monies/funds raised would ultimately get absorbed by DPAC. Volunteers are priceless in our school community.

With no other business or concerns raised, meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**REMINDER NEXT MEETING IN MAY IS OUR AGM – SEE YOU THERE ON THE 25TH!**

**In attendance:**
Carol Sartor Scott Taylor Yvonne Smith Dave Smail

Sandy Milone Lianne Jensen Layla Tracey Todd