



MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

GENERAL MPAC AGENDA

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Virtually via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 822 6333 6237

Passcode: 393697

Parent Attendees: T. Buys, C. Garnis, A. Darlington, E. Earl, R. Dale, G. Dale, H. Melendez, D. Allan, M. Allan, B. Djurdjevic, J. Leung, L. Paone-Vunic, S. da Silva, Cayden, Faezeh,

Administration Attendees: D. Beveridge and C. Snell

1. Call to Order – 7:30pm
2. Establish Quorum – Quorum Established
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. T. Buys asks for motion to approve agenda
 - b. C. Garnis makes motion
 - c. A. Kellaway seconds
 - d. All in favour, passed
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a. T. Buys asks for motion to approve previous meeting minutes
 - b. A. Kellaway makes motion
 - c. E. Earl seconds
 - d. All in favour, passed
5. Vote Rob Dale into the role of Safety Coordinator
 - a. Update from Rob re: traffic safety
 - i. Bylaw enforcements were at school around 3pm on February 28. They said that they will come out and do spot checks. They will also connect us with DNV engineering to see if they can provide new signage, cones, etc. Bylaw enforcements will start a file for Montroyal traffic
 - ii. Next steps: Continue to finalize proposal to permanently address the ongoing issues with drop off and pick up at school.



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6. Chair Update

- a. T. Buys mentions that the Winter Carnival event was a success. Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in the event.

7. Treasurer Update

- Ellie provided a quick summary, approximately \$51,000 in assets, \$40k in liabilities.
- Revenue – \$8,500 (this includes hot lunch and some events but does not include the winter carnival)
- Expenses - \$22.7k (primarily spent on technology, lap tops, playground equipment, outdoor spaces)

8. Budget Amendments

- a. Stop our technology spend
 - i. Motion, Susie da Silva
 - ii. Seconded, T. Buys
 - iii. All in favour, approved
- b. Pause our playground spend
 - i. Motion, Susie da Silva
 - ii. Seconded, T. Buys
 - iii. All in favour, approved
- c. D. Beveridge wanted to assure everyone that the budget amendments/pauses will not affect the school
- d. However, Anne-Marie wants to highlight that it is all about the jog-a-thon to meet our fundraising goal this year

9. Principal/Vice Principal Update (if any)

- a. Engaging students regarding the new code of conduct
- b. C. Snell says the NVSD is working on a new code of conduct. C. Snell felt it was important that the students have a voice and input regarding the new conduct
- c. D. Beveridge says there will be an adaptive version for the younger students to read. We want the kids to have a say and a voice in the school
- d. The use of technology is also a part of the code of conduct
- e. Province is possibly coming out with new rules regarding phones (ie. no phones in possession during the school day, etc.)
- f. C. Snell mentioned that phone use during after school hours is a major issue that they're dealing with
- g. D. Beveridge and C. Snell to provide a preliminary wish list to the Treasurer for year 2024/25



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10. Programs Update – Janice

- a. J. Leung and H. Melendez have been working hard to secure lunch hour and after school programs for our students. They have secured the following:
 - i. Mondays afterschool – Art Mania
 - ii. Wednesdays and Thursdays afterschool – North Shore Basketball Academy
 - iii. Fridays – Lights Up
- b. H. Melendez says they're looking at Grit for Wednesdays at lunch for Grades 3, 4 and 5
- c. Fresh Air Learning may not return due to the lack of registrations
- d. Chess on Mondays is not returning next term
- e. Sea 2 Sky Safety Training will be providing a full-day course for \$23/day. It will be on May 3rd - Pro D Day

11. Hot Lunch

- a. We discussed results from the hot lunch survey
- b. Presto Catering is available for either Tuesday or Thursday
 - i. Cathie will provide contact to Chuck (he is currently the hot lunch coordinator)
- c. Lisa Paone has volunteered to assist with hot lunch on Mondays (if we are able to find a vendor for Mondays)
- d. We will start a hot lunch committee, the following have volunteered:
 - i. Amanda Darlington
 - ii. Anne-Marie Kellaway
 - iii. Timon Buys
 - iv. Chuck
 - v. Tina
- e. Susie will connect everyone over email

12. PAC Roles

- a. We will have two PAC roles vacant in the new school year:
 - i. Events/Fundraiser Coordinator (x2)
 - 1. How do we divide the labour
 - a. Two Events Coordinator
 - i. A. Bell has volunteered to fill one of the two vacancies for Events Coordinator
 - b. One Fundraiser Coordinator
 - c. Or form an events/fundraiser sub-committee to assist with the exec team
 - d. Class Rep



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- ii. Communications
- iii. Hot Lunch Coordinator

13. Other PAC Executive Updates

a. Some of the topics discussed were:

- i. Field Trips
 - 1. PAC has budget for field trips but the students have not been on one in the last four years. Why is our school not going on field trips? What sort of field trips (ie. Science World, The Aquarium, shows and performances?)
 - 2. Do the teachers initiate the field trips?
- ii. Engagement
 - 1. Utilizing class reps to engage more people
 - 2. Assigning class reps/division to find volunteers for each event (ie. Div. 11 is responsible for the Winter Carnival, Div. 12 is responsible for the Spring Dance, etc.)
- iii. Jog-a-Thon
 - 1. Team effort to promote jog-a-thon
 - 2. Need to hype up the event
 - 3. We need ideas on how to promote the event
 - 4. Happening at the end of April and our fundraising target is \$50/student
 - 5. Pizza party for the class that raises the most funds
 - 6. There will be music and freezies
- iv. Fundraising
 - 1. Do we need to create an infographic to detail where the funds go towards (ie. technology, playgrounds, new equipment, cultural performances, etc.)
 - 2. Was Cari still going to do a video regarding where the funds were being spent (ie. technology and iPads)

14. General Questions/Open Discussion

- a. Nadia – Ski club didn't work out very well this year due to the weather and Grouse Mountain did not make it easier either. Twenty-four families signed up and ended up with two lessons
- b. Please reach out to T. Buys if you are interested in school planning with D. Beveridge

15. Adjourn – 8:47pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2024