



**MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**  
October 25, 2023 – 7:30 pm

**Date:** October 25, 2023

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Location:** Remotely via Zoom

Parent Attendees: G. Wright, S. da Silva, T. Buys, C. Garnis, R. Dale, Faezeh, M. Allan, H. Melendez, A. Walters, A. Kellaway, R. Moghtadaei, N. Elnewehi, B. Kelleher Djurdjevic

Administration Attendees: D. Beveridge and C. Snell

1. Call to Order – 7:32 pm
2. Establish quorum – Quorum established
3. Approval of agenda
  - T. Buys asks for motion to approve agenda
  - G. Wright makes motion
  - C. Garnis seconds
  - All in favour, passed
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - T. Buys asks for motion to approve previous meeting minutes
  - C. Garnis makes motion
  - G. Wright seconds
  - All in favour, passed
5. Chair Update (10 min)
  - T. Buys wants to thank R. Dale for joining the team as Safety Coordinator
6. Hot Lunch Volunteers
  - T. Yiu says Hot Lunch has been smooth so far and wants to thank Fahimeh for her help through the transition. T. Yiu would like to split the role with someone else. One person would be responsible for vendor selection and vendor relations while one person would focus on the Munchalunch website and backend organization.
  - Hot Lunch is a huge money maker for us so these roles are crucial. We need to
7. Treasurer update (10 min)



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- E. Earl mentions that not much to update between September and October in terms financial update. So far it has been quiet.
- Our biggest spend this year will be technology. Around \$5,000 for playground and outdoor enhancements.
- Jogathon will be one of our biggest fundraisers

### 8. Principal Update (added to the agenda)

- D. Beveridge mentioned that there has been a lot of technical difficulties regarding tech in school and both him and C. Snell invited the school district to see if they could replace the school's existing laptops. The school district has agreed to giving us 30 brand new DELL laptops.
- D. Beveridge says the 10 new laptops provided by PAC can go towards the intermediate students. The iPads are being used daily in all classes and are essential for our ELL classes.
- D. Beveridge said that today (October 25) was the first potential weird start to a school day due to power outages. Luckily, power was up and running by the time school started. D. Beveridge wants to remind parents to check online or School Messenger regarding school closure updates.
- D. Beveridge mentions that new staff has been added. There are new EAs and a new teacher for Grade 5. We have added two Gr. 1s and Gr. 2 students. We are now at 274 students. School is gradually growing and very nice to see.
- D. Beveridge wants to thank parents for volunteering with sports such as basketball and cross country. Also, lots of our students are also stepping up and volunteering.

### 9. Other PAC Executive updates, if any (5 min)

- R. Dale will be our new Safety Coordinator
- R. Dale says traffic has always been an issue at our school and is becoming increasingly problematic. R. Dale has a list started on volunteers and they are ready to deploy cones and signage.
- R. Dale will be ready to start early next week if not this week. He will be setting up cones and hoping to change some traffic behaviour. If problems continue to occur, we can get the RCMP on site to do their part
- C. Garnis wants to remind parents that we have our Holiday Photoshoot on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We still have plenty of space left for Thursday. Also, our Holiday Market will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> and we will need volunteers. A Google Doc will be made available closer to the date for volunteer sign up.
- C. Garnis asked D. Beveridge if there are other areas we should focus spending our money on now that technology have been somewhat resolved by the school district. D.



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Beveridge responds and says there may still be an appetite for tech. He also mentioned that the costs of art supplies have increased.

- A. Walters from DPAC mentioned that Handsworth PAC is trying to advocate for an artificial field. Would like to get the parents involved from the elementary schools. Encourage parents and community to write emails to the district.
- G. Wright says one of our goals this year is spread our reach to the parent community and it seems like our hard work has been paying off as

10. General Questions (10 min)

- H. Melendez mentions that most of the afterschool programs are keen to continue into the new year. G. Wright mentions that the overall feedback from parents have been positive.

11. Adjourn – 8:28 pm

**Next Meeting:** November 29, 2023