



**MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES: November 23, 2022

Date: November 23, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Attendees: T. Buys, C. Garnis, D. Allan, M. Allan, S. Thomas, G. Wright, H. Melendez, A. Walters, C. Snell, J. Gamache, C. Lee, G.Dale, Sophia

1. Call to Order – 7:32 pm
2. Establish quorum – Quorum established
3. Approval of agenda – Motion by Greer, second by Stacey, all approve
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes (from October 19th, 2022) – Motion by Greer, second by Cathie, all approve
5. Chair Update (10 min) – T. Buys
 - Provides update on projector and laptop purchase; it turns out there was alternative funding for the projector so funding for this item did not come from the PAC account.
 - Had first school meeting; C. Snell will talk more too.
 - Encourages to come forward with any questions on the playground replacement.
6. Principal Update (10 min) – C. Snell
 - Happy with the purchase of more laptops and Ipads.
 - Kids and teachers looking forward to Holiday Market on Friday.
 - Report cards are on their way; come out the week of Dec 9.
 - Thanks volunteers that came forward to help with School Planning.
 - Students have been asking for more outdoor equipment; C. Snell asks the PAC if they can make use of the athletic equipment budget? D. Allan responds that yes, there is an approved budget for athletic equipment that should be used. C. Snell has been asking teachers what they need and planning for each classroom to have a bin of equipment in their classroom that they will be responsible for.
 - D. Beveridge has been speaking with Christine Campbell on any movement on outdoor learning space (as D. Beveridge was not attendance there was no further update).
 - T. Buys asks whether there will be a request for a high jump this spring? C. Snell believes this is likely and will follow up.
7. Treasurer update (10 min) – D. Allan



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- Ahead of fundraising goal due to Hot Lunch revenue.
 - Have ~\$15K of gaming funds that needs to be spent within the specified timeframe.
 - Encourages teachers to submit receipts for classroom enhancements.
 - H. Melendez asks if it is possible to spend some of the gaming budget on getting Gord Dick back into the school to talk about the artwork or do a follow-up program after the artwork is completed? C. Snell will speak to D. Beveridge about this.
8. Other PAC Executive updates (5 min)
- Events – C. Garnis and M. Allan
 - Created by Kids - deadline is tonight at midnight; on Monday we had a similar number of orders as last year so similar funds raised; items will arrive last week before break. Michelle asks if C. Snell can remind the teachers bring their submission to the office.
 - Holiday Market – Everything is coming together, all tables sold, need to remind parents to bring cash.
 - Movie Night – Haven't pushed too much until after market but posters have been put up. Dec 13th, starts at 5 pm, \$20/person, more information coming out in this Sundays e-mail, will need lots of volunteers.
 - Communications – G. Wright
 - Has been working on website, adding more general information as well as information on spending, fundraising and events.
 - Will be asking parents through communications 'what types of programs they would like to see at the school' and forwarding feedback to programs.
 - Reports that one parent came back and indicated that they would like to see 2 cultural holidays; will pass this information on to D. Beveridge and hopefully there will be support and volunteers to make this happen.
 - T. Buys asks if anyone came back about the playground committee and G. Wright responds that no one has come forward yet.
9. Committees Update (if present) (5 min)
- Programs – J. Gamache
 - Have been running Chess club at lunch and may run again in January. The challenge has been the rental fee for the Multi Purpose room. The vendor wonders whether the Chess Club can move to the library? D. Allan indicates that there is a line item in the budget that may help support these costs. C. Snell to look into possibility of moving to library.



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- Would like to continue Basketball and Sportball in January; more information to come.
- Other programs they are considering are babysitting and yoga.
- M. Allan indicated that while no one got back to her from the Field Hockey Association, she was wondering if this is something that Programs will investigate? J. Gamache indicates that she would like to follow up.
- J. Gamache asks whether the program called Gym Sense is something that could be done at Montroyal? C. Snell indicated that she would look into it.
- Ski Club is up and running; 4 Fridays in Jan and Feb.

10. General Questions (10 min)

- Sophia asks whether it is possible to get small soccer nets for the lower playground? C. Snell indicates that they should have some that can be taken out and she will investigate it. Sophia also asks if there is an option for the kids on the uppers to get some coverage on the rainy days? C. Snell indicates that there is never budget from the district to build structures for coverage unfortunately. They encourage all kids to dress weather appropriate. Also, when the gym is available the grade 6 and 7's have been able to use the gym.
- T. Buys asks G. Dale if she has had any traction on the yearbook? G. Dale indicates that she has asked for Jessica Wangs contact details as well as has plans to reach out to teachers/parents of grade 7 students to gauge interest.

11. Adjourn – 8:21 pm

Next Meeting: February 22, 2023