



**MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING AGENDA: April 6, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Date: April 6th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by T. Ross
2. Establish quorum – Meeting attendance did not meet quorum, but as there is no scheduled vote and as parents have joined the meeting specifically to ask questions of the School Administration the meeting went ahead so the answers can be captured.
3. Approval of agenda – n/a
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes - Postponed until quorum is met at next meeting.
5. Chair / Vice Chair Update (10 min)
 - T. Ross indicates that due to the 2-year term ending for many of the PAC Executive positions, the PAC needs all positions except Treasurer and Secretary.
 - PAC Communications will be advertising the available positions and the current PAC will need to review ways to involve/encourage parents, but in the meantime T. Ross asks Doug B and E. Van to mention the need for PAC positions to parents they believe may be interested in volunteering more with the school.
 - The feeling is that parents are feeling disconnected from the school so it may also help to have some sort of event.
6. Principal Update (10 min)
 - With Covid protocols changing, the school will be more open to people coming in. Expecting capacity restrictions to change as well over the next month or so. Still have daily health checks, but not required to wear masks, though many kids are still wearing them.
 - J. Hill is currently working on play with the older grades.
 - D. Beveridge thanks PAC for traffic signs and appreciates the bright colors and different languages.
 - Have a school planning meeting on April 9th; more to come on this
 - D. Beveridge may ask PAC for help with the next Kindergarten orientation; staff doing some creative thinking of what they can do; would like the PAC involved



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and this may be a good opportunity to educate new parents on what the PAC is and does.

- E. Van provides update that the play is ramping up and the jog-a-thon is also ramping up and will be asking for PAC support. E. Van adds that new this year they will be supplementing the jog-a-thon with a Kilometer club; will be getting help from older grades and will also need PAC assistance; more to come on this.
- M. Stuible has been working on developing the outside garden and has approached the PAC to assist with the purchase of the type of pots required by the district. T. Ross indicates that the information has just come forward and the first step will be for the PAC Executive to review the proposal and put together information for a vote that would take place at the next general PAC meeting as we need to give parents enough notice.
- E. Van will be providing update on School Planning at next PAC meeting.
- H. Melendez asks about the future of afterschool care? Will there be a broader availability? Will it stay at Montroyal? Will Kindergarten be included?
 - D. Beveridge indicates that the grade level is chosen by the district and depends on the staff they can get; suggests that parents provide feedback on the grades needed.
 - D. Beveridge will reach out to district to find out what is planned for next year and come back to the PAC as well as broader parent community.
- H. Melendez asks about the garbage on the playground and wanted to know if there is an initiative to get it cleaned up?
 - D. Beveridge indicates that prior to the break a few classes went out and did clean up, but there is no single person that has taken the responsibility.
 - D. Beveridge will speak with staff to see if they can find a solution
 - S. Thomas and C. Campbell reminds group about the division designations and asks if teachers can take responsibility for their space?
 - E. Van responds that the division zones did not work in the past, she is not sure why, but they are working with staff to have each division take a turn doing a clean up the grounds.

7. Treasurer update (10 min)



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- D. Allan provides updates on finances (attached) and indicates that we need to figure out how to spend grant money as we are near the maximum of what we can ask for without spending.
 - The PAC would like to understand teachers needs so that we can plan and allocate budget.
 - S. Thomas asks D. Beveridge if there is a wish list in development? D. Beveridge indicates that there is no official list but will continue to have dialogue with teachers.
 - C. Campbell adds that the outdoor learning space is still something that will be worked on and will require funding; also, a few years ago parents voted not to go ahead with a new outdoor playground, but families have come and gone so we need to go back out to parents to find out what the community wants.

8. Other PAC Executive updates (5 min)

- C. Campbell updates that the Jog-a-thon is being worked on, the fundraising goal is \$10K and the date is May 13th. Currently waiting for schedule to come from teachers for the day and will be asking for parent volunteers. As there hasn't been an event for the last few years they would like to make the event special and make it more of a celebration as this is the first event in a few years. Office staff will be sending out forms for collecting pledges in the next few weeks. E. Van will be also starting the KM club.
 - T. Ross asks if a schedule will be sent out to parents so that they can come cheer on their kids? C. Campbell responds that yes, when they get the schedule from the staff they will pass on to Class Reps to communicate to parents.
- The Fundraising and Events teams is also happy with success of hot lunch so far.

9. Committees Update (if present) (5 min) - none

10. General Questions (10 min)

- S. Thomas asks if there will be a Fun Day this year and indicates that it is typically in June?
 - D. Beveridge indicates that there is no plan for one yet but will speak with staff.

11. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm



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Next Meeting: May 25, 2022 (AGM)