



**MONTROYAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES: October 19, 2022 - 7:30 PM

Date: October 19, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Remotely via the Link Below:

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Parent Attendees: C. Garnis, S. Thomas, C. Lee, D. Allan, M. Allan, H. Hernandez, T. Buys, G. Wright (formerly G. Thomas), Gamache, J., L. Zhang, R. Dale, Gillian (?), N. Sadafi, H. Melendez.

Administration Attendees: D. Beveridge

1. Call to Order – 7:36 pm
2. Establish quorum – Quorum established
3. Approval of agenda
 - T. Buys asks for motion to approve Agenda
 - D. Allan makes motion
 - G. Thomas Seconds
 - All in favor, passed
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes (from Sept 21, 2022)
 - T. Buys asks for motion to approve Minutes from previous meeting
 - D. Allan makes motion
 - M. Allan Seconds
 - All in favor, passed
5. IXL Subscription Vote:
 - T. Buys asks for motion to vote on IXL Budget request of \$2,188 CAD for the year
 - D. Allan makes motion
 - G. Wright seconds
 - All in favour, passed
6. Holiday Events Vote:



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- Events team requests a vote on do not exceed budgets for the 2022/2023 school year
- D. Allan asks for confirmation of purpose of proposed spend for events, as fundraising effort or 1 time event expense
- C. Garnis clarifies events intend to be net positive for the MPAC budget
 - Holiday Market (formerly Christmas Market) - \$500
 - T. Buys asks for motion to vote on Holiday Market budget
 - D. Allan makes motion
 - G. Wright seconds
 - All in favour, passed
 - Christmas Movie Night - \$500
 - T. Buys asks for motion to vote on Christmas Movie Night budget
 - D. Allan makes motion
 - C. Garnis seconds
 - All in favour, passed
 - Winter Carnival - \$1,500
 - T. Buys asks for motion to vote on Winter Carnival budget
 - G. Wright makes motion
 - M. Allan seconds
 - All in favour, passed
 - Spring Family Dance = \$1,500
 - T. Buys asks for motion to vote on Spring Family Dance
 - C. Garnis makes motion
 - M. Allan seconds
 - All in favour, passed

7. Chair Update (10 min)

- T. Buys updates on removal of lower wooden playground, based on third party engineering report from District



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- T. Buys states PAC will support school in replacement effort
- PAC member to follow up with Doug B. to discuss replacement options, timelines, interim uses of the space
- PAC will form a committee for playground replacement
- T. Buys asks parents to spread word about Holiday Market and events

8. Principal Update (10 min)

- D. Beveridge confirms playground was removed for safety concerns, acknowledges parent concern
 - District engineer confirmed numerous safety concerns requiring immediate removal on a PD day
 - D. Beveridge says PAC meeting to discuss options desired, confirms District support acknowledging high costs
- D. Beveridge highlights Family Affordability Fund for any families with need, asks them to reach out to him directly.
- D. Beveridge thanks parents for Parent Teacher interviews, asks to connect with teacher if incompleated
- D. Beveridge shares earthquake drill scheduled for October 20, 2022, shares first fire drill: <2min school evacuation, <7min complete headcount
- Looking for PAC members to assist with School Plan; asking for PAC to identify parents and students to assist; interested parents should speak with D. Beveridge
 - D. Beveridge asks for 3 PAC members for School Plan Meetings (2 between now and April) 3:45-6:30pm
- D. Beveridge confirms D. Palgova's absence from office, email unanswered emails forward to him
- D. Beveridge reminds of early release next week, report cards in December

9. Treasurer update (10 min)

- D. Allan shares hot lunch COVID refund update, \$7000 donated, \$3000 refunded
 - D. Allan thanks parents for donations as they pay for events
- \$117,000 cash on hand for improvements



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- D. Allan reminds of Indigenous art being added to school using Gaming Funds, asks D. Beveridge for more information on artist and son for student education opportunity
- D. Allan thanks group for IXL and Events votes

10. Other PAC Executive updates (5 min)

- M. Allan updates on Holiday Market, asks parents to read emails and for communication of invitations
 - M. Allan asks parents to set up craft table, encourage children to participate
 - M. Allan repeats request for volunteers for this event and others
 - M. Allan asks for photographer for paid Holiday event booking

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

12. General Questions (10 min)

- Parent H. Melendez asks for neutral language for holiday events (Holiday Market, formerly Christmas Market)
 - Parent N. Salafi responds to confirm current communication reflects Holiday Market language
 - H. Melendez asks for information about playground, D. Beveridge responds with earlier shared information
- Parent J. Gamache shares resurrection of programs committee, puts call out for volunteers
 - Review of ongoing and upcoming programs (Basketball, Chess, Ski, Afterschool care)
 - J. Gamache sites space a challenge, asks if library is available
 - D. Beveridge responds library often in use for learning purposes
 - J. Gamache asks if afterschool library use is possible, D. Beveridge answers depending on the purpose
 - J. Gamache asks if babysitters certification, mountain biking, sex education, STEM camps for PD days can run again
 - D. Beveridge responds insurance needed, cost can be high



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- H. Melendez asks that Zen Maker lab be investigated as a club/PD day program
- M. Allan asks for return to higher frequency of field trips, cites apple farm, theatre visits
 - D. Beveridge responds classroom teachers organize field trips, COVID and new volunteer requirements
 - G. Wright asks if class reps can help plan field trips/volunteers
 - **M. Allan will reach out to class reps**
- D. Beveridge asks for holiday inclusivity initiative in PAC display box in foyer
 - Sees appetite for inclusivity, cites 14+ home languages at Montroyal
 - T. Buys supports initiative as wonderful educational and community building opportunity
 - **G. Wright will include call for parent holiday volunteers in newsletter**
 - **D. Beveridge commits to clearing space inside front doors**

13. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Next Meeting: November 23, 2022