

École Marlborough School
PAC General Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 21st, 2020 – 9:00 am-10:30 am
Staff Room – East Building



Attendance

Parents: Adriana, Lori, Roz, Daniel, Dora

PAC Executives: Lily Ruan (Chair), Tommy Chu (Treasurer), Sweety Rajpal (Secretary), Gadis Setiaputri (DPAC)

Marlborough Staff: Sheila Rawnsley (Vice- Principal), Diana Sakic (Head Teacher)

Guest: Louis Rusch (Bonsor Recreation Complex Program Coordinator)

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and introductions – Lily Ruan

- Land acknowledgement
- PAC Executives, Marlborough Staff and parents were welcomed.
- Parents' self-introduction.

2) Principal's Report – Presented by Sheila Rawnsley

- School thanked PAC for field trip funds. Lot of exciting trips are happening for students.
- The school is really focusing on health of all students. Activities like Tennis in east building, Golf in West and gymnastics for primary are happening in school.
- The school hosted 28 international student teachers for Japan for the first time. The teachers were impressed with the school and the social emotional learning provided by teachers.
- Parking has improved in Nelson street parking lot with signage. However, more awareness is required to be spread to ensure safety of all.
- The school carnival which is a 35-year-old tradition was a hit as usual. Kids loved the maple cookies provided by PAC.
- Socio – emotional learning is the top goal of the school and there have been many activities corresponding to it in school.
- The Head teacher carried the 5-day Gratitude Challenge in school. Every class participated in it and learnt about gratitude and kindness.
- School is also promoting the Sleep Hygiene by spreading info about minimum sleep required and its benefits. The school district is also promoting sleep to ensure children get the minimum hours of sleep.
- District Student Advisory Council will share "Quest for Rest" a book promoting good sleep habits with grade 1 students. School teachers will get to meet the author. It will be taught in school in April and May.
- Pink T-shirt day is on Feb 26th. Parents are welcomed to join for the picture assembly
- The second term school report cards will come home week before Spring Break (Wed-Fri). It was an important term of hard work; goals for rest of year. If parents have any questions about the same, they can contact the class teacher by email.

- Primary Days of Music for Gr 2/3 English classes will be hosted on March 11. Unfortunately, no room for parents to attend, but will perform at a later COL.
- Intermediate Spring's concert- Elephant's Child, will be held on April 17 & 18.
- Dance sessions, Part of PE program; will be held in May. Parents will be informed of the dates with a notice. PAC is cost-sharing (\$3000), there will be a charge for families.
- Head Teacher, Diana presented the new School Supplies program called the "School Start". Under this the teachers will prepare a list of supplies required for their class. Parents will be able to go online and choose the supplies required. The supplies packages will be delivered to the child's home.
- Parent can also donate to school via this school supplies program.
- Regarding the Coronavirus, it is important to note that the school and school district do not make any decisions. They follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health. Regular updates are shared for this. School is promoting washing of hands and maintaining sanitation.

Q: Parent volunteer for parking mentioned that the parents still need more awareness about the parking rules and drop off and requested school to promote this information for safety of all?

ANS: The school will put up more signs and also share information in the newsletter for the same.

Q: If we order the school supplies list available online in August, will it change once the new session starts?

ANS: The teachers will sit together and prepare the list before the new session starts. This way parents can pre order and the list will not change.

The GM Minutes of November 30 were approved by Rosa & Dora.

3) PAC Chair's report – Lily Ruan

- January PAC meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- Hot Lunch and Spirit Wear fundraisers are going very well. We had received good order numbers. Thank you to all parents for supporting PAC programs. Thank you to programs coordinators and parent volunteers for hard work. All funds go towards to enhance school projects that benefit every child through the year.
- PAC donated the much-loved Maple cookies for the winter carnival.
- PAC wrote a cheque of \$4500 to school for classroom supplies - \$100 for each Division and ESL class. Teachers can use this fund for supplies, books or prizes.
- PAC is willing to support school with \$3000 for the Dance program in May. All the parents present at the meeting approved this fund.
- Pink T- Shirts and other Spirit Wear were distributed in time to the classes for the Pink Shirt day assembly.
- We understand people's fears of Coronavirus; however, we should respect others. We can't force people to stay at home or stop them voicing out. Precautions like washing hands regularly, covering mouth while sneezing or coughing help a lot.

4) Treasurer's Report – Tommy Chu

At the end of Jan, the balance of PAC Income Account is \$12,711.64 (adjusted book balance is \$8211.64) and the balance of Gaming Account is \$33,795.22.

Q: For Income Account, why is there a big difference from year opening balance?

A: PAC has paid \$26719.72 for West Gym sound system that was budgeted in previous school year, and \$4500 donation for classroom supplies.

5) DPAC Report- Gadis Setiapuri

- The main focus in Nov, 2019 was Mental Health. The guidelines for mental health are available to download at district website.
- Jan, 2020 was about Reporting & Assessment and new Curriculum.
- Feb, 2020 there was presentation about community schools.

6) Louis Rusch

- The new Leisure guide will be available by March 10.
- Summer Camps registration will start from March 11 midnight.
- The Program "Active Moves, Media & Nutrition" is subsidized and is available at a very low cost. It talks about healthy food and the role of advertising. Parents are welcome to register their kids for the program.
- Space is still available for "Science in Kitchen".
- Parents are informed that they should always put their child in "waitlist" for space available. Waitlists are continuously monitored.
- Burnaby Neighborhood grant is available for individuals and communities. It promotes ideas for bringing people together. Details can be found at neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca

*** Reminder ***

Next PAC General Meeting is on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm in the library. Child-minding will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.