



École Marlborough Elementary School

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PAC General Meeting

Monday, March 4th, 2024 from 6:50pm – 8:31pm

Location: Online (Zoom)

Attendance

PAC Executives: Tanja Scekic Ivkovic (Chair), Cassandra Vandusen (Vice Chair), Debby Yao (Secretary #1), Lily Sharma (DPAC Representative #2), Florence Dompas (Treasurer), Gigi Ng (Member-at-large #1)

Regrets: Akshay Shekhawat (Member-at-large #2), Emre Duygun (CPF Representative #2), Marriah Battiston (DPAC Representative #1), Ajlin Mehmedi (Secretary #2), Mill Tsang (CPF Representative)

Marlborough Staff: Bruce Cornell (Principal)

Parents: Suela, Christine, Vanessa L, Keisha K., Christine, Elija, Antara P.

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:

“We acknowledge and thank the Coast Salish Nations of the Musqueam, Tselil-Wauthuth and Squamish on whose territories we teach, learn and live.”

2. Meeting agenda motioned by Cassandra, seconded by Debby.

3. Last General Meeting Minute on January 30th, 2024 approved by Vanessa, seconded by Cassandra.

4. Principal’s Report (Bruce Cornell)

- **School Org Update**

- 1045 students
- Continue to grow and add students every week

- **Book Fair**

- Thank you to the PAC for all their hard work organizing the book fair. It was great to see so many kids and families excited to come out and purchase books.
- I’d like to thank Tanja and Cassandra who were there every day and Mr. Irwin for helping walk the classes through the book fair.

- **Basketball**

- Thank you to Mr. Diaz and Ms. Davis for coaching the boys team and Ms. Dare and Mr. Hoffard for coaching the girls
- Both rec teams had successful playdays
- Our girls competitive team finished second in the District Tournament, our boys team won their competitive tournament.



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- **Report Cards**

- In an effort to continue our sustainability as a school, Marlborough will continue to be one of eight schools in the district doing paperless report cards. (89% of Report cards have been viewed.)

- **Fine Arts**

- Watch for a notice coming soon for our upcoming Intermediate Spring Performance. Information on tickets coming soon.
- For the performance we are dealing with capacity issues so it will most likely be 1 ticket per show per child

- **Potential Lunch Program**

- We have been asked to pilot a new hot lunch program that the district is considering for the next school year. If all goes ahead as planned, we could have two hot lunch days per week from April 15 to June 15.
- I don't have more information about it yet but hope to have info by the end of the week to send out prior to spring break.

- **New Classroom Renovation**

- I have done a walk through the area of potential new classrooms/learning spaces.
- Still waiting for final drawings but the project is likely to start in late April or early May
- There will be two rooms added for sure, there is the outside possibility we there could be 3 classrooms added to the North side of the DLRC space. This would help us over the next three years as our registration is expected to be on the rise for the next three school years.

- **Updates**

- New bark mulch will be added to playgrounds in the spring. Most likely towards the end of April or early May
- We are in the process of working with the district to create a space on the top of the indigenous plant garden to mount our orange rocks. They may be doing some clean up on this area over the break.

5. Chair's Report (Tanja Scekcic Ivkovic):

- Last General Meeting was held online (Zoom) on January 30th at 6:45– 8:00
- School had 3 hot lunches in February, hosted by PAC, Grade 7 and Quebec, one per each committee
- PAC hosted Hot Lunch was on Feb 1st. Fresh Slice Pizza & Umi Sushi – it was successful, we will be removing the 3 least sold items from our sushi menu next time. Divisions 3, 5, 6 helped with the delivery - Ms Chan, Ms Davis, Ms Zaponne Thank you to all the volunteers!. Arezoo, Brad, Cassandra, Debby, Dipa, Francis, Sherry, Sunita, Yulia. Paddy took the juice boxes to Return it, and we got \$20.25 back, deposited today. Thank you, Patrick, for shopping at Costco for us. The next set will be: March 14 Grade 7 Committee (Subway), April 5 Quebec Committee (Fresh Slice) and April 22 PAC (Fresh Slice and Umi Sushi)

Fundraisers:

- Mabel's Labels update - a cheque to \$ 79.94 was reissued and deposited today



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- Easter Purdy's Campaign (launched on Feb 9, closed on Feb 26, Delivery after March 5th. Goal" \$1000 for potential profit of \$250. We match our goal, sales \$1371 our cheque will be \$359.89
 - Scholastic Book Fair:
 - Books arrived Feb 20, Teacher Preview was on Feb 23, Book Fair was Feb 26- March 1st, Family Event: Feb 27 & 28th 3pm – 4pm, "Last minute shopping" March 1st 12-1pm for all students. Amazingly successful! Kids were excited and we had \$14, 913.49 in sales!! We had a Wishing Well Draw, 5 days, \$10 certificate each day, and gummy worms Contest, one lucky division that got the number right will get a jar tomorrow. Reorders should be arriving tomorrow and will be delivered to the children in their classrooms.
 - Library got 116 books of various kinds, from information books to graphic novels to early chapter books to levelled readers to picture books. There are books in both English and in French. Each Division got one book from their Classroom Wishlist made by the teachers so 44 books from PAC.
 - THANK YOU to amazing parents and grandparents: Cassandra, Debby, Paddy, Sherry, Dipa, Sima, Sunita, Roz, Gigi, Erick, Cheryl, Karen, Arezoo, Abi, Fiona, and 2 students Ethan and Blake.
 - THANK YOU to Mr Irwin, our Teacher Librarian who's been an amazing help and a host.
 - THANK YOU to Nancy, our School Secretary for all the help with the stuff we needed and jumping in to help on the last day during the lunch break last minute shopping
 - Thank you to student volunteers who were helping with signing in and signing out the parents.
 - Created by Kids Art Fundraiser: 25 divisions are participating. Material was distributed last week. Kids will do their art in class, and will take it home before spring break, for you to look at and decide if you would like to order some products. You would need to pay online, and send back the art after spring break so the week of April 2nd. Delivery during the week of April 22.
 - Recess Sports Equipment: In the past PAC used to fund purchase of Recess Sport Equipment (balls, skipping ropes, etc). Last time this was in 2019. We decided to contribute \$50 for each division, so \$2200. Initially we thought of asking \$2 from each student but given the number of fundraisers we had and the fact that parents spent lot more money that planned at the fair, we decided to go ahead and use the funds we have.
 - Teacher Consumables: increase to \$100 per division and \$50 for ELL teachers to match las year's
 - PAC Facebook Account – ready to go. Gigi is our main administrator <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555650296691>
- 6. Treasurer's Report (Florence Dompas)
 - Monthly update
 - Consumables budget increased to \$4,400 and \$500 (approved at the general meeting)
Motedioned by Cassandra and seconded by Christine.
 - Recess sport equipment budget added \$2,200 (approved at the general meeting)
 - Upcoming hot lunch Mar 14, Apr 5 and Apr 22
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7. DPAC (District Parent Advisory Committee) Report (Mariah and Lilly)

They did a SOGI / Anti-bullying presentation which led to questions. The presentation slides should be coming out. It was a great presentation because Richard Per, the District Rep and Jen Mezei, the school trustee, were both great with the questions. The presentation was about inclusion and celebrating diversity. The meeting afterwards was much smoother. There were more elections and it now appears that there is a full executive slate until the AGM in May. We didn't have time for any show and tell. I asked about the green bin collection issues at Marlborough. Roberto confirmed that all schools in the district are on the same plan and he would follow up with Bruce to see how they can help ensure that there are enough small bins in the school and large bins for city pick up and coordinate with the city.

8. CPF (Canadian Parents for French) Report (Mill)

9. Grade 7 Graduation/Leaving Ceremony Committee (Vanessa)

Hot Lunch Subway Feb 28, last day to order Feb 23, Freezies sale Feb 28

10. Quebec Trip Fundraising Committee (Antar)

Pizza Hot Lunch Feb 14: the next one, planned for Apr 05

11. Health & Safety/Grounds Improvements (Tanja, Cassandra, Bruce)

- Parking lots safety – situation is moving from one parking to another
- Royal Oak Crossing Guard – issues with temporary guard reported to the school and the district
- Broken vehicle barrier poles on Arrow Street and Royal Oak, to be fixed by the school
- Needles and syringes on Nelson walkway – parents to report if it should happen again

12. School Calendar (Tanja)

- Report Cards posted March 14th
- Thursday, March 14th: Hot Lunch (Hosted by Grade 7 Graduation Committee) Subway
- Friday, April 5th: Hot Lunch (Hosted by Quebec Trip Committee) Fresh Slice Pizza
- Monday, April 22nd : Hot Lunch (Hosted by PAC) Umi Sushi and Fresh Slice Pizza
- Spring Break: March 18 to April 1st

13. Questions & Answers

Q: How much is the lunch Program and where does that put PAC's hot lunch program?

A: Bruce: PAC can continue on other days, Lunch Lady prices may be \$5-\$7.

Discussion: Grade 7 parents brought up that The Quebec Trip Fundraising Committee has raised funds almost twice the amount of the Grade 7 Graduation Committee. Both Suela and Vanessa feels very few students are benefiting from the Quebec Trip Fundraising Committee (11 students), and many parents weren't aware that the Quebec grade 7 fundraising committee funds are only for the families who volunteer on the committee and not for all grade 7 early immersion students attending the trip. The debate was heated. The question was turned to PAC chair and the Principal. Tanja (Chair) clarified that it was not something PAC can regulate, it was a school approved fundraising committee and it was up to the school to approve any and all fundraisers. Tanja invited Bruce to clarify the school position. Bruce (Principal) expressed that it has been a tradition for the



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school and was never looked at that way (if only a group of students are benefiting from the fundraiser. Bruce says in the future there will be a balance between the amount of fundraising the Quebec Trip Fundraising Committee is allowed to do to give other fundraising groups more opportunity. Tanja recommended few times during the meeting that the 2 committees try and meet to work out the balance of fundraisers.

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Links:

Hot Lunch: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/marlborough>

Mabel's Labels: <https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support>

Canadian Parents for French: <https://cpf.ca/en/home/>

Burnaby DPAC: <https://dpac.burnabyschools.ca/>

10. PAC Meetings Future Dates:

	Executive Meetings (online)	General Meetings
April		April 30, 6:45pm-7:45pm
May	Tuesday, May 14 6:30	Wednesday May 29 th , 6:30 Library (AGM)

-----Meeting adjourned 8:31pm-----