

McKenzie Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Attendance: Shelley Pugh, Melanie Nielsen (recorder), Lana Hansen, Becky, Jody, Mariah McCooey, Nancy and Josh, Nimra Samra, Jay Salcedo, Rodrigo, Gary Flores, Daksha, Tracey Foster, Kristy, Angela Karangwa, Gazala Vahanvati, Amrita

Admin reps: Carmen Gauvreau, Jordana Beattie

Staff rep: Hannah Truong

1. Intros & Territorial Acknowledgement - Shelley

2. Admin Updates - Carmen

- Communicating more often and more clearly about school goals
 - Engage and increase sense of belonging
 - Improve understanding of math concepts and number sense
- Revamping code of conduct, make sure it is child-oriented
- Class grids and changes
 - Staffed for 11 divisions at beginning of summer, with 12 empty seats
 - More registrations came in last week of August, waitlist for school, even more on first day (20 new students), similar for neighbouring schools
 - Because McKenzie had physical space, it was able to accommodate another division, added late Thursday
 - Class maximums and minimums, along with students with designations
 - Need to develop grids and consult with union, then move children, open up new classroom
 - How can PAC support making this smoother next year? May just be uncertainty of people moving in and out of schools, hard to mitigate. Time wasn't lost.
 - Splits required for numbers - too few students in a grade left after a straight grade class, could balance much better across grades in splits. Combined classes are smaller (e.g. 28 max in a straight 5 vs. 25 in a 4/5 split).

3. PAC updates

- Welcome back barbecue - Nimra
 - Optimist Club, food confirmed
 - Timing: 5-5:30 open house for families, until 7
 - Carnival theme
 - Sign-up Genius to be posted on Facebook page (emails not yet set up for this year)

- Outdoor project - Shelley
 - Quote for planned outdoor space came in at \$33,539, currently \$20,000 budgeted and can't fund the rest
 - Could start with creating the space and then add things on as time goes on, may get more and more expensive
 - Will seek opinions on Facebook, chalk board at welcome barbeque, bring it back in October
- Game Night - Shelley
 - November 16, 5:30-7
 - All spaces reserved, will plan for big gym

4. Next meeting

- October 4, in person, with childcare
- Melanie to ask Marketa

5. Roundtable – all

- Request for more information - we will send out links to Facebook page, PAC minutes

Adjourned: 7:22pm

Next Meeting October 4, 2023