

**Monterey Middle School**  
**PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 27, 2016**  
**7:00 – 8:30 pm - Home Ec Room**

**Present:** Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair/Treasurer), Kristin Semmens (Co-Chair/Communications Coordinator), Veronica Crewe (Secretary), Deirdre Murphy (VCPAC Representative), Ladan MacLucas (Parent Ed Coordinator), Ken Andrews (Principal), Dwayne Doyle (Vice-Principal), Parents: Carla Unger, Natalie Bandringa,

**1. Introductions & Welcome – Kristin**

**2. Voting in of New Executive – Kristin**

- VCPAC – Deirdre Murphy
- Member-at-Large – Paula Marchese

\*Nominated and approved

**3. Update from Administration – Ken/Dwayne**

- Dr. Kristin Buhr – Anxiety Event sold out (450 attendees) + wait list (100)
  - o Excellent presentation, boost of anxiety related information, keeping the topic at the forefront
  - o Same messaging at school and home
- September Pro-D Day – Meg Kapil
  - o Dovetailed message re anxiety
  - o Monterey on the right track
- Furthering Student Engagement
  - o Technology
    - October Pro-D – Google Apps for Education – EA’s and teacher partners at Monterey
    - November Pro-D – Google Summit at Oak Bay High – experts from US, 4-500 teachers attending including 13 Monterey teachers
    - Natalie, parent, voiced concern around Freedom of Information/Privacy. Has not signed permission form at this point. Server in US not under strict Canadian privacy laws.
  - o Meaningful Assessment
    - Meaningful assessment of inquiry based, higher order thinking
    - Percentage based grades not mandatory until Grade 11
    - Middle schools teachers have 3 report cards options: MyEd (classic reporting), CSL (competencies + grade), Fresh Grade (ongoing parent communications, just grades reported at end of term)
    - Families will be informed of varying reporting options available to teachers – reporting will vary by class
  - o Enhanced Learning Grants

- ASK – how do kids read/understanding their reading
  - MOSP (Monterey Ocean Studies Program), Haikai Research, RBC Museum, and Oak Bay Marine Biology programs collaborating
  - M4 Making Math More Meaningful – lifetime subscription
- Nature Based Learning & Aboriginal Principles
  - Last year of Wild BC Habitat Conservation Trust – Kelly, of Wild BC, developing a program to train teachers in order to continue the program
  - Orange Shirt Day assemblies – Truth and Reconciliation. Monterey's only aboriginal student led assemblies. Shares family stories and history – very meaningful.
- Maintain and Enhance Current Programs & Activities
  - Young Entrepreneur's Program continuing
  - Bainstorm – New Youth Creating Inclusion Club, Writer's Group included as brainstorm options and ongoing new Monterey programs
- Intramurals
  - Starting next week – one grade per term
- Athletics
  - Equipment totes replenished with retrieved equipment from roof etc
  - Cross-country and soccer are finishing
  - Basketball is starting – longer season, very busy with lots of teams
- Lifetouch Photos
  - Optional studio retakes and optional reprinting if unsatisfied with quality
- Yearbook Cover Contest
  - Nov 8 deadline
- Anthology of Writing
  - Cover contest, open to all student
- Halloween
  - Optional costumes or wear orange/black
  - No weapons, no masks, no clowns
  - Costume Contest – multi-purpose room, bring non-perishable food item to enter
- We Scare Hunger
  - Still collecting non-perishable food
- Remembrance Day
  - Assembly Nov 10 – very solemn
  - Students - drama, choir, band, student MC
  - Guest speaker Lieutenant Mary Gordon (dive team, underwater explosives)
  - Seating available for 18-20 parents

#### **4. Treasurer's Report – Kimberley**

- 2016/2017 Budget Approved
  - Approx \$50K gross revenue
  - Playground Next Steps – gaga ball, rocking surf boards, log seating

## **5. Committees and Programs**

### **MMPA – Veronica on behalf of Rob**

- MMPA welcomes a PAC table – playground display? Monterey mugs?
- Smile card table welcome

### **Bottle Drive - Kimberly on behalf of Paola**

- First bottle drive Oct 28

### **VCPAC – Dierdre**

- Emergency preparation – working on district-wide consistency, priority to reunite parents with kids
- Freedom of Info Act updated – VCPAC to sponsor 14 to attend BCPAC to provide feedback
- Budget - \$2000 available to share among school PACs
- Transfer Policy roundtable discussion
- Committees: equity, dress code
- VCPAC is no longer attending Board of Education meetings – not permitted so speak at board meetings

### **Parent Ed - Ladan**

- Open to suggestions for speakers – Kristin to email school families for feedback through Class Reps
- UVIC offers speakers on various topics
- Advertise/communicate re upcoming speakers through PAC Facebook - Mami

## **6. Special Events – Kristin/Kimberley**

- Book Fair – suggested by Paula Marchese – potential conflict with school/library book events
- Spring event/BBQ – interest in organizing/helping?
- Craft Fair - suggested by Ladan – rent tables in gym combined with parent/community garage sale?
  - o Ken – district rents gym week-ends, possible school day option. Avoid Spring Break – conflict with Monterey Market. Early June could work – coincide with band concert, invite public.
  - o Promote as community event vs fundraiser - bring parent community to school
  - o Possibly a lot of work/volunteer time needed?
- Coupon Books – short sales of approx. 60 books for Ken to sleep on roof
- Playground Grand Opening – Oak Bay News inquiring about event
- Fundraising goals for this year include instruments and band room sink

## **7. New Business**

- PAC Dates – conflict with Margaret Jenkins meetings
  - o November meeting last conflicting date MJ
  - o Remaining meeting dates: Nov 24, Feb 9, Apr 6, Jun 1

## **8. Next Meeting** - November 24 – No General Meeting, Executive only.