

Monterey Middle School
PAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2017
7:00 – 8:30 pm - Home Ec Room

Present: Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair/Treasurer), Veronica Crewe (Secretary), Deirdre Murphy (VCPAC Representative), Paula Marchese (Member-at-Large), Ken Andrews (Principal), Dwayne Doyle (Vice-Principal); Parents: Anne Grimm, Kelly Miller, Tanya Lambert, Hazel Currie; Guest speakers/teachers: Josh Elsdon, Tara Baird

1. Introductions & Welcome – Kimberley

2. Guest Speakers – Using Technology to Further Student Learning at Monterey

Josh Elsdon:

- Team of 3 purple team teachers have shifted towards paperless classrooms.
- Use of technology and paperless classrooms has significantly reduced time spent chasing and organizing paper. More time is available for teaching.
- How technology will enhance learning is always considered.
- Students spend first two weeks of school in September in Digital Citizenship Bootcamp – how to be a positive, productive digital citizen. GAFE skills and tools – documents, slides, forms – working in a shared, collaborative environment.
- Students learn skills which will be used in high school and beyond.

Tara Baird:

- Technology has helped students to ‘make thinking visible’.
- Work may be seen by others – is this really good versus is this good enough.
- Tara is using: 1. Homebase (blog, links, etc) 2. GAFE suite 3. Fresh Grade report cards
- Ask your child to help you develop a website, create a spreadsheet
- Students learning how to organize work using technology – how to name, search for work

Technology is an equalizer. Think of technology as an amplifier – should enhance education.

3. Update from Administration – Ken/Dwayne

Ken:

- 2 Grant Teams
- Jan 30 – Pro-D – school chosen date – day off for teachers – meet for a day in summer for professional development instead
- Feb 2 – Grade 5 Info Night – PAC to say a few words, use half gym for more intimate feel (similar to Musical Desserts evening)
- Feb 9 – Grade 7 ski trip
- Feb 10 – Curriculum Implementation Day – new curriculum, aboriginal learning

- Mar 15 – Young Entrepreneur’s Market – market held in gym, PAC to provide food in multipurpose room

Dwayne:

- Volleyball season
- Intramurals - 4 corner soccer
- Yearbook – submit photos
- Chromebooks – cost shared with PAC – 28 new chrombooks + 4 cases. Each team now has 12.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Kimberley

- Fun Foods – munch-a-lunch on-line ordering very successful – open period for new orders enabled 15 new students to sign up
- \$21,000 for playground – to be used for gaga ball court, rocking surfboards, log circle

5. Committees and Programs

MMPA – Veronica on behalf of Rob

- Seattle Trip – 2 nights, leaving Thursday May 4, returning Saturday May 6. 85 students, 2 busses.
- Musical Desserts – May 25

Staff Luncheon - Veronica

- Feb 15 – winter warm-up menu and Valentine’s Day, to be held in Multipurpose Room like last year

VCPAC – Dierdre

- No Report

Parent Ed – Kimberley on behalf of Ladan

- Upcoming speakers – Police

6. Special Events – Kristin/Kimberley

- No Report

7. New Business

- Hazel – suggestion to donate used ski clothing for students without gear, for school ski trips. Ken will include note re donations in Next Week at Monterey. Ken will check donations for suitability.

8. Next Meeting - February 16th, 7:00, Home Ec Room