

Monterey Middle School
PAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 2, 2017
7:00 – 8:30 pm - Home Ec Room

Present: Kimberley Rogers (Co-Chair/Treasurer), Kristin Semmens (Co-Chair), Veronica Crewe (Secretary), Deidre Murphy (VCPAC Representative), Paula Marchese (Member-at-Large), Ladan MacLucas (Parent Education Co-ordinator), Ken Andrews (Principal), Dwayne Doyle (Vice-Principal); Parents: Kimberly Smit, Hazel Currie; Guest speakers/teachers: Markus Lueder

1. Introductions & Welcome – Kimberley/Kristin

2. Guest Speaker – Oak Bay Schools Police Liason Officer, Markus Lueder

- Very informative, insightful presentation. Valuable information shared with parents.
- Constable Lueder spends time at Monterey Middle School and Oak Bay High. Familiar with challenges students may be up against – is approachable.
- Key messages re drug use:
 - o This is your one and only life.
 - o Parents and students - be informed – know what drugs are, what they contain, how they will affect you.
 - o Excellent resources available on-line – eg NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse).
 - o Make informed decision before you go to a party/are presented with drugs.
 - o Make a plan – eg if drugs appear in social setting – parents pick-up, no questions asked.
- 3 student groups: 1. Will never do drugs 2. Can be bought (right situation) 3. Already doing drugs
- Constable Lueder will present to students re Drug Awareness

3. Update from Administration – Ken/Dwayne

- Furthering Social Responsibility – What is Islamaphobia? Utopia projects.
- Furthering Nature Based Learning – Wild BC – environmental sustainability
- Upcoming Pro-D Days – May, Summer, September
 - o Growth Mindset – Identity is not tied to ‘grade’
- Formal presentations
 - o Orange Shirt Day – aboriginal student – family, cultural history
 - o Pink Shirt Day – inclusivity
 - o Remembrance Day – human rights and values
 - o Suicide Awareness – signs to watch for
 - o Sexual Health – Jennifer Gibson
 - Grade 6 & 7 - intro sessions
 - Grade 8 – 3 sessions
 - o Alternating years – Cyber Safety/Drug Awareness

- School Culture Update
 - o Furthering Student Engagement and Learning at MMS –engaged students and faculty.
 - o Positive, professional learning culture - extremely healthy faculty environment.
 - o Mutual respect, goodwill, authenticity and high level of trust among faculty.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Kimberley

- \$21,000 for playground – to be used for gaga ball court, rocking surfboards, log circle
- PAC Fundraising Event at Young Entrepreneur’s Market Place – Mar 15 – 5:00-7:00
 - o PAC Pizza Parlour - Ali Baba Pizza
 - o Purchased baked goods
 - o Coffee – Veronica to purchase 2 new coffee urns
 - o Decorate in Pizza Parlour theme – Deidre to source red checked table cloths
 - o Paula to liase with Fairways re donations
 - o 10% proceeds to same charity as young entrepreneurs

5. Committees and Programs

MMPA – Veronica on behalf of Rob

- Thank you to PAC for \$350 Bandfest entry fee for Grade 7 band
- December bake sale proceeds paid for bus transportation to Bandfest
- 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 – successful luncheon – staff felt appreciated

VCPAC – Deidre

- Dress code and conduct – District motion re a district code of conduct and dress. Looking at ways of incorporating values into code of conduct to reflect district strategic plan. Would be an overarching value statement schools would use to develop their own codes of conduct. Would like to move away from prescribed dress codes.
- Call for executive nominations (any parent can be nominated by their PAC) – 25 April meeting is VCPAC AGM (Oak Bay High)
- Student registration and transfer policy and survey discussion – want parent input on priorities (survey to be sent out)
 - Significant student growth in next 10 years (+2000)
 - Public info night in March (date TBA)
 - Online survey – until 7 April
 - Decision June 2017
- Decision re field trips to US. Parents to discuss with administration and students to get their input re whether to cancel/delay future trips (i.e. from September 2017 onwards).
- Ministry of Advanced Education – workshop for parents of future university students 16 March, evening, location TBD. Info went out to high school parents and will be posted on VCPAC website

Parent Ed – Ladan

- Next guest speaker – Jennifer Gibson, Island Sexual Health

8. Next Meeting - April 6th, 7:00, Home Ec Room