

PAC MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

1. Introduction and Welcome – Kimberley Rogers

Attendees: Mami, Loudan, Ken, Kristin, Kimberley, Anne, Kathryn, Paula, Liz, Kim S.

2. Co-Chairs' Year End Report – Kristin Semmens/Kimberley Rogers

- Kristin thanked Kimberley for her work and dedication to Monterey over the past years. She read aloud the nomination she submitted on Kimberley's behalf for the Gayle Edwards Memorial Award;
- It was a full year: Welcome Coffee, Meet the Teacher coffee night, successful Christmas hamper, Teacher Luncheon, PAC Food Shack at YE night, Emergency Preparedness night at OBH and a full roster of speakers: Matt Staples, Eileen Grant, Paul Mohapel, Cnst Leuder.

3. Treasurer's Year End Report – Kimberley Rogers

- We are in fabulous shape. Financial yearend is June 30. Fun Foods was the biggest revenue earner, netting about \$14,000. The Smile Card fundraiser isn't going as well this year as in past years. Joanne will provide Ken with accurate numbers for the newsletter. (As of Apr 30, we are at \$1,436.21) We have approximately \$37,000 to direct to the playground fund.

4. Election of 2018/19 PAC Executive – Kristin Semmens

Chair - Kristin

Co-Chair - Open

Treasurer - Kathryn

Secretary – Joanne

Members at Large – Kimberly S., Paula, Joanne

VCPAC Rep – Open

MMPA – Open

Everyone at the meeting supported the above. As for Program Coordinators, Sharon Dowling has agreed to take on Fun Foods in September. The main concern right now is the Christmas Hamper program. Andrew Carder has agreed to help with training but we need someone at the school to take over because his child is moving on to high school in September.

5. **Update from Administration – Ken Andrews/Liz McMaster**

- **Ken's update** – Const. Lueder is in support of the idea of making Monterey Avenue one way northbound. Ken talked to Richard Ding at the Municipality of Oak Bay. Richard said the process is that we need to write a letter to the municipality detailing our reasoning for making Monterey one direction and it will end up on his desk. Ken has started a draft on behalf of the school and PAC. Once everyone is satisfied, Oak Bay Police Department will need to review it;
- Briefly reviewed school Code of Conduct – appropriate and inappropriate conduct/behaviour of students. One thing does have to change – the dress code policy. The bottom line is the school is no longer monitoring students' dress. The only reason for involvement is safety or discriminatory logos on clothing;
- There is a day at the end of August when staff meets for a Pro D day and then a school-selected Pro D day within the school year is designated to be in lieu of this August day. It has proven tricky to place this day in the schedule. There's a Pro D on Friday, February 15, which is the Family Day long weekend. It is being proposed that the Pro D in lieu would be attached to that weekend on Tuesday, February 19, to make it a 5-day weekend. Ken wanted our thoughts. There was a mixed response: some people liked the idea because it was an extended period where it might be worth it for families to take a few days off work to get away, some liked it because there is a parent at home so it isn't an inconvenience and others didn't like it because they can't get time off work so they'd have to find something for their kids to do or the kids would be at home alone. Ken proposed that the 5-day weekend plan will go ahead, parents will be given plenty of notice and he will wait to see what parents think of it. If it ends up that parents aren't in favour of it, it won't be repeated in the 2019/20 school year;
- Marketa Lund joined the Staff meeting yesterday and they are starting to think beyond the reunification drill;
- May 31 – PAC Appreciation BBQ at Ken's house;
- **Liz's Update** – we have a grade 8 trip to Playland June 18;
- We have a May 18 Pro D where staff is looking at strategies and approaches to social-emotional development and how that can improve students' success. There will be 5 classes: mindfulness, Matt Staples is going to educate the teachers and EAs on his approaches to friendships, relationships and negotiating those, we have teachers looking at neuroplasticity in the brain and how we look at that in the classroom, and physical exercise and the brain.

6. **Committee and Program Updates**

- **MMPA – Kimberly Smit**
 - Musical Desserts is May 16 and tickets are available. We've gotten a lot of community support: over \$1500 in donations! Rob McNair is still acting Treasurer even though he no longer has a child at Monterey so a new Treasurer has to be found and trained
- **VCPAC – Deirdre (absent – update via email)**
 - Parent Information Night on Food Allergies and Schools with Dr. S. Cameron, Paediatric Allergy Specialist, May 24, 630-8pm at Spectrum School Theatre, 957 Burnside Road West. Tickets (free) can be reserved at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/food-allergies-and-schools-tickets-45664042380> VCPAC is gathering questions for the speaker. Please send your questions to info@vcpac.ca

7. **Upcoming Events**

- Emergency Preparedness Fundraiser Deadline May 18
- OBFFCF Sausage Fest: Saturday, June 23rd Noon – 9pm
 - We have been asked to help with Sausage Fest again, this time in cooperation with Willows
- First Day of School Welcome Coffee – September 4
 - Paula has offered to do it but is away on the Friday so needs someone to volunteer to come in and set up coffee urns, tables, etc. Kristin, Kim S said they can take this on
- Meet the Teacher Night - September 13

8. **Next Meeting – September 20, 7:00pm**