

## **PAC MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

### **1. Introduction and Welcome – Kristin Semmens**

Attendees: Kristin, Kathryn, Paula, Shannon, Krista, Sharon, Kim S., Emma, Hazel, Mercedes, Nancy, Sarah, Jennifer, Kirsten, Heather, Susan

### **2. The Year Ahead – Kristin**

- **PAC Vacancies**

- We have a couple of key unfilled positions. Kristin would love a Vice-Chair to bounce ideas off. It would be good to have a rep on the VCPAC so if anyone would like that role going to meetings and reporting back, talk to her. We would love for someone to take on the playground liaison role. If there are special events that people want to do, speak to her;

- **Key events**

- Holiday Hamper program is really important at MMS and Krista is looking after that. We have a staff appreciation lunch in February that Kimberly S. coordinates. In the past we've coordinated a pizza night with the YE Marketplace in March which has been fun and successful;

- **Ways to get involved**

- Be a class rep, volunteer on Fun Foods days (Tuesdays) or help out with PAC "pop ups" – selling cookies or freezies at lunchtime;

- **Smile Cards and COBS Dough Raiser**

- Last school year we raised \$1,780.21 out of a possible \$2,500. Hopefully, this year will be a little more successful. Information will be going out tomorrow to Ken for the newsletter, Shannon for the class reps (when she knows who they are) and Paula for the school Facebook page. The office and Joanne have cards for distribution;
- We have a Dough Raiser account set up at COBS Oak Bay Avenue. 5% of purchases are paid back to MMS. Joanne has tried repeatedly to get information from COBS about any money owing to MMS to no avail.

### **3. Administration Report: School Goals and Updates – Ken**

- We're near the end of fundraising for the playground and hopefully we can turn our attention to upgrading the MPR: proper curtains, lights and soundboard. The District gives annual facilities grants. The money has usually been to maintain the buildings but they are at a point where most buildings are in good shape so we got a \$10,000 grant for turning the MPR into a performing arts space. Facilities are busy right now but our improvements are forthcoming;

- The old playground equipment was damaged in a storm and was removed years ago. A vision of work was reached and much of the work has been completed. A net climber is the last piece and it will be the same size as the one installed at Glanford MS. It is more expensive than anything else we've put in: approx. \$30,000, plus \$20,000 for installation and we've raised most of that already. Kiwanis has generously offered \$5,000. Emma Hallett made a suggestion that it would be more inclusive and inviting for the whole community if the playground was accessible for kids with mobility issues and could possibly bring more funding opportunities;
- Best September start-up of his career: "endlessly positive";
- Grade 7 – anticipated that we'd get an additional teacher due to the numbers. There are 6 divisions now. 3 of those 6 teachers are subs and those jobs are posted. The new teachers should be determined by September 21;
- The whole staff gets together for a day at the end of August as an early Pro D Day. Really great at creating a cohesive working group.

#### **4. Draft PAC Budget 2018/19 – Kathryn**

- **Motion for new signing officers**
  - Would like to add 2 new PAC signatories. Motion that Sharon Dowling as Member at large and Fun Foods Coordinator and Joanne Gemmill as PAC Secretary be added as signatories. Kimberly Rogers as past Treasurer will be removed from the bank account. Paula seconded the motion. All were in favour.
- **Draft Budget**
  - We don't yet know what we're getting from SausageFest or family donations. We get \$20/student through the gaming grant and we have about 380 students. She's applied for it and she'll know the amount by the end of September. We didn't spend the discretionary money last year and it'll be carried over. We made about \$800 last year selling emergency kits and it may be a semi-annual event. The jerseys are revenue neutral and the email for them will be going out tomorrow. There's been a request for the PAC to buy 10 more jerseys this year. The PAC contributes \$12 per student for team allowance. We have about \$33,000 in savings to go towards the climber.

#### **5. Speakers – Kristin**

- We're looking for suggestions for speakers for this school year.

#### **6. New Business**

- December 20 – Christmas hamper distribution - will need volunteers

#### **7. Next Meeting – October 11, 2018 at 7:00pm**