

Minutes for February 21, 2019 PAC Meeting
6 p.m. in Foods Room @ Monterey Middle School

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1) Meeting Called to Order and Introductions

2) Admin Update from Ken

Hampers

- Kudos to Krista Henry, this year's Holiday Hamper coordinator, for a very well-run and successful initiative.

Athletics

- Monterey students will participate in the swimming finals at Commonwealth on Sunday, February 24
- Senior basketball team will soon be off to Vancouver to compete in the Provincials!
- For the 2019-20 school year, Monterey will not be doing a coupon book fundraiser for the Athletics program. Instead, the PAC will allocate \$5000 for Athletics.
- Ken sponsored a Grade 8 ski team this year that travelled with Oak Bay High's team to competitive events at Mount Washington. This was very successful and helped build confidence and improve skills among grade 8 students. At the final event, Monterey did really well, partially because of some very talented grade 8 girl skiers, and came in third place!

Playground

- Climber is here. Will hopefully be installed after spring break.
- The school and PAC will coordinate a ribbon cutting ceremony or other event this spring and invite individuals and former school parents, who were instrumental in getting this initiative underway several years ago.

Performance space

- Monterey has received a \$10,000 grant from the district to explore turning the multipurpose room into a performance space for drama and dance events. Sketches are now being done to add curtains, backdrop, side wings, sound, and light system, etc. Not sure what the final cost will be. Ken is waiting for an estimate. This could be another project for the Monterey PAC to fundraise for now that the playground initiative is nearing completion.

Grade 6s

- Students are working hard preparing for the Young Entrepreneurs' Market, which will take place the afternoon and evening of Wed. March 13.

Grade 7s

- A spaghetti bridge building initiative in the classroom has led to a weekly club with forty kids.

Grade 8s

- Math teachers are working with students, creating curriculum level math games for the inaugural Math Games Night. Language arts teachers are also involved, helping students create narratives for their games and instructions for how to play the various games. Math Games Night will be on Thu. March 14 (Pi Day) the day after the Young Entrepreneur Fair.

3) YE/Math Fair Pizza Parlours

- The PAC will sell pizza and treats and drinks at both the Young Entrepreneur Night and the Math Games Night as a fundraiser. Pizzas have been donated by Willows Pizza. We will need many parent volunteers to help out at both pizza parlours. Sharon and Kristin are co-coordinating. Shannon will oversee the Math Games Night, due to Kristin and Sharon unable to be there. A Genius signup will be sent to parents shortly.

4) April meeting

- Rob Paynter, school board trustee representing the Oak Bay Family of Schools, will be attending our April 11 meeting and will participate in a Q&A with parents.
- Gaming as it relates to preteens and teens was raised as a possible topic for a future parent ed workshop.

5) Fall fundraiser

- We discussed holding a fall fundraiser to raise money and build community. One possible idea is a fall barbeque that could be held on the same evening as Meet the Teacher in September.

6) Business meeting was adjourned at 6:50

7) Kingsley Strudwick from Ambit Gender Diversity Consulting presented a workshop to parents on gender diversity. Parents who attended this workshop came away with lots to think about and learned some concrete ways of how we can all be more supportive of gender creative youth and their families.

Here is some material from the presentation that may be helpful to school families:

<https://www.ambitgenderdiversity.com/books/>, <https://www.ambitgenderdiversity.com/schools/>, and <https://www.ambitgenderdiversity.com/>.