



Monterey Middle School

Parent Advisory Council Minutes

September 17, 2020

Total attendees for PAC meeting held via Zoom: 25. Acting PAC Chair and Treasurer, along with Principal Andrews, Vice-Principal Haidar and others.

1. Introductions (Acting Chair Krista Henry and new Treasurer Ryan Ziegler)
2. Administration Introductions and School Start Update

Michelle Haidar, new Monterey VP, introduced herself, and Ken Andrews gave an overview of the complexities of the return to school in the ~~COVID-19~~Covid-19 pandemic:

- Staggered starts, hybrid class, different entrances, etc. all parts of a puzzle to be solved
- Although unusual, it has become somewhat normal as it becomes routine
- Students and staff have all risen to the occasion
- Overview of Monterey's current School-Wide Goals all aimed at "furthering student engagement and learning":
 - a) Increased focus on meta-cognitive reflection and social-emotional wellness
 - b) Increased focus on core & curricular competencies related to writing skills
 - c) Supporting sense-of-community & professional growth through teamingWith particular mention given to the "culture" that surrounds these goals.

Principal Andrews also addressed:

- New bike racks installed and the "double the swings" construction underway on the playground
- Return-It recycling bin has been removed for the foreseeable future due to community complaints about garbage
- Continued thinking about ways to communicate best with parents

- Three priorities for using the Canadian federal funds allocated for schools to support with ~~COVID-19~~Covid-19 in terms of a. Health and Safety and b. Learning
 - a) Increasing outdoor learning spaces (possibility of some kind of covering for the inner courtyard and other options)
 - b) An additional educational assistant to meet student needs
 - c) Additional Chromebooks to assist with transition to online learning if needed

3. PAC Executive Nominations and Elections for 2020/2021

- Krista Henry nominated **Ryan Ziegler as Treasurer**; Kristin Semmens seconded the motion. Elected.
- Krista Henry nominated **Bronwen Sharpe as Secretary**; J. Hodgkinson seconded the motion. Elected.
- Krista Henry nominated **Shaza Regehr as Member at Large**; Kevin Murdoch seconded the motion. Elected.
- Krista Henry nominated **Mercedes Calvert as Member at Large**; Kevin Murdoch seconded the motion. by Kevin Murdoch. Elected.
- **Catharine Meir** volunteered to be **Parent Education Coordinator**

4. Other Business

- Neil Marcovitz raised the issue of safe biking routes from the Willows area to Monterey and suggested drafting a letter to the municipality of Oak Bay; Oak Bay Mayor Kevin Murdoch supported discussion around this as part of the Active Transportation Initiative underway in the municipality.
- Principal Andrews thanked outgoing PAC executive members for their service.

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