

## PAC FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Welcome, Call to Order, President's Remarks

### 2. Ms Pendry - Spelling Bee

A former MTP student, who is now in Grade 12, has approached Ms. Pendry as she would like to set up a Spelling Bee at Mount Pleasant for a community project. Ms. Pendry has informally polled students and there seems to be a lot of interest so they will go ahead with the project.

This will be voluntary for kids who wish to participate and will be broken up by grade. It will happen before Spring Break.

Ms. Pendry was invited to contact PAC if she needs help with prizes or supplies.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Regular Account - 12,163.51

Gaming Account - 3,303.55

### 4. Spring Fling

Will take place Friday March 3. We will have a short movie for the first hour and a dance party for the rest of the event. There will be a barbecue with food for sale (hotdogs, veggie dogs, chips and juice/water) as well as a bake sale. **We need parent volunteers to make this (and all events!) a success!**

### 5. Poll Update

We recently held an email poll regarding preference of a brought-in extracurricular activity. The options were Movement (with Danceplay) and Parkour (with Origins Parkour). A total of 63 votes were cast, with Parkour receiving the majority at 46. They will bring their own equipment and run a week-long program in the school gym. The date is to be determined.

### 6. Fencing and Ongoing Security Concerns

Concerns regarding the ongoing security concerns of the open parts of the fence along St George and into the alley on the North side of the gravel field were brought up to the Supervisor of Ground Maintenance. The decision has just been made to close off the fence permanently to try to stop stranger ground traffic through the school grounds.

A suggestion was brought up that we should also look at getting rid of the staircase on the North side into the alley as it is now redundant and the platform at the top of the stairs could attract unsavoury activities.

### 7. JEDI Committee

Mike is working on creating a page for them on our website. The first thing to go up will be a document with links and resources for Black History Month. Their plan is to change the themes monthly.

SOGI is currently trying to gather stories of gender diverse kids in extracurricular sports - please contact Ariella if you would like more information and/or could put out the request to your personal network.

Ariella has connected with Monique to schedule the upcoming informal JEDI drop-ins, which will hopefully start taking place the first Monday of every month.

The Buddy Bench has been purchased. The installation date has yet to be determined.

### **8. MTP Days - Sunday, June 4th**

MTP BIA association will be getting involved in soliciting for sponsorship money and potentially providing volunteers. We hope that by having the event on a Sunday we will be able to increase fundraising by attracting more foot traffic due to the Farmer's Market.

### **9. Purchase of Equipment for classrooms**

PAC is liasing with Ms. Williams regarding the purchasing of recess/lunch play equipment for each classroom.

### **10. Brainstorm Session**

We would like to think of an activity that would be appropriate for the whole school, hopefully in June.

Some ideas put forth were - Grouse Mountain (Loree will look into this), a farm  
If you have any ideas, please drop them in the Suggestion Box on the PAC website!

### **11. Principal's Report**

Update on the dirt and dust in the area between the walkway and the playground, just South of the playground - Jonathan has posed the question to the school board and has not heard back. He will follow up. He likes the idea of filling in with gravel, as long as there is access for mobility aids.

Grade 6/7 Camp has been cancelled as they did not make the minimum number of students.

Question regarding if parents have concerns with something that was said in class or about upcoming events - Jonathan's best advice is to contact the teacher and clarify what was said and/or what the plan is if an event. If you as a caregiver have questions, please ask via email or in person.

Question regarding a potential free workshop on climate change - Jonathan handed the information to teachers and thought it looked interesting. He will ask teachers again if they are interested.

New dog signs have been provided by the VSB which look more serious. They also state the amount of the fines. They will go up soon.

Black History Month - many teachers are participating, doing many different activities with their classes to increase awareness.

Coyotes - Vancouver policy is that we live with them, we don't get rid of them. That being said, if you see one near the school, please report it via the 311 app or to the school.