



# June PAC Meeting - June 8, 2023

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

## 2. Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance: \$23,036.32 in main account,
- \$938.55 in gaming account
- Total funds as of today = \$23,974.87
- Approximate funds raised this year = \$21,805.89

We have paid for approximately \$12,000 worth of things for the school which includes the Buddy Bench, teacher's holiday dinner, garden hose and case, yoga, parkour, and classroom recess play equipment.

## 3. End of Year Plans

Full school field trip update - Rio Theatre for movie and popcorn + drink - Primary classes will be going in the morning and Intermediate classes in the afternoon.

The Kindergarten classes may not be able to participate due to potential difficulty in getting them there as some children may not be able to walk the distance there and back. We could ask parents to drive (max of 3 per car) or parents to drop off in the morning. Perhaps the public bus or VCC Skytrain station?

Megan (Division 11) to liase with Ariella (Division 10) to find parent volunteers

## 4. New Sub-Committee Proposal

### Fundraising and Events

- make an overview plan for the year and have a map of the year/calendar
- know who wants to be involved in each event so everyone has an opportunity to participate
- to give more order to fundraising events that we do
- proposed by Kathryn and Lauren

Motioned by Arielle, Seconded by Lisa

Passed 100%

### **Teacher + Staff Luncheon**

Edge Catering - we provide the menu, the teachers order and we give it to them. Last year we collected about \$600 in parent donations and the total cost was about \$1000. The PAC covered the remaining. We just need to come up with a system for parent donations and know that the PAC will cover the difference.

After school cold snacks - in the past PAC has covered a cold snack (ice cream or popsicles) for all students one day in June.

Popsicles could be more inclusive in terms of kids with restricted diets.

\$200 budget for this cold snack

Motioned by Miranda, Seconded by Lisa - 100% approval (Lauren and Matt will take this on.)

### ***End of Year BBQ***

Buy Low donated food to MTP Day and we have a lot left over. We can use the food and fundraise at a BBQ on June 22. This will be the same day as the field trip.

We would not need the gym so would not need to pay for the Engineer to stay late.

The bbq could be set up in the undercover area, families can bring a blanket and sit in the field. We could do 4:30 to 6:30. We need to accommodate kids being picked up, going home, etc. We will put this out as an email poll to PAC members.

### ***Teacher Request***

Carly has reached to ask for large glass jars or empty wine bottles for flowers for Grade 7 grad. Please drop at her classroom or in the office before the last Monday of school.

## **5. Debriefs**

***Parkour*** - This was the first time at our school, based on the suggestion that one kid didn't like the dance/movement event last year. Jonathan said that he and the kids really liked it. Parkour is scalable to all abilities. Origins, the parkour group, said they'd bring more equipment if they are invited back next year. Cost-wise, it was about \$1,000 less than the dance program.

*Thank you to Tondela for making the suggestion!*

***Buddy Bench*** - it is now installed and ready to be used! A ceremonial ribbon cutting will be planned for sometime in June.

***Recess Play Equipment*** has been binned and distributed and sidewalk chalk has been added. There was a question regarding a dog destroying some equipment - we do have some extra equipment and some budget for replacements if necessary.

***Garden Hose***- Thank you for purchasing the hose and the transport bag. Ariella will do the watering in July. We will put out an email to PAC to see if there are any interested volunteers to take on August.

***MTP Day*** - Back to normal!

It went well, we have notes for improvements for next year. ***We raised almost \$14,000!*** Thank you to all volunteers! The kids enjoyed it! If you have any feedback please send along for next year's event planning.

The Silent Auction raised about \$3,500 and we lost money on the BBQ raffle.

Perhaps 11-3 would be a better time - 10 was a bit early to start especially with set up. Also would help with shift-change not being right at lunch time.

It was a great idea to have it on the same day as the Farmer's Market to increase traffic.

Mike spoke at Welcome to K and mentioned it there and the feedback he got from some of the parents was very good - they felt it made kids feel more comfortable about coming to the school in September.

People loved the shows - and they kept people there - it was a good variation on the usual stuff we have. Perhaps next year look into Ms. Fantini and kids putting on a performance as well.

Jonathan - It was an amazing day - thank you for putting it on - it made him feel really good about being at the school.

### ***DPAC Choir Funds***

We will keep the \$200 DPAC is sending us to spend on music programming.

## **6. Principal's Report**

There were no questions for the principal this month.

In vague terms, Jonathan expects up to 250 students with possibly 13 divisions (right now we are right on the fence) because we are an overflow school. This may go down as students drift back into their catchment schools as space comes available. Right now if we lose 3 or 4 more K kids we could go down to 2 classes from the planned 3. We could end up with one more Grade 1 to 7 class. If we have more divisions then we will have more time for Ms Fantini to do prep coverage and teach Music full time which is great for both her and the kids.

So far we do not have any retirements. We will have some teachers leaving and some new teachers coming in. There will also be temporary replacements for Maternity Leaves.

The School Board has formalized what will be in the code of conduct (until now this has differed by school). There will be a restorative piece to it. Jonathan will send out the draft of the new Code for parents to look at with a Microsoft form survey to garner feedback. We may be able to tweak a couple of things. It is important that the community is on the same page as far as the Code goes with respect to items like bullying and how they are handled.

*What is maximum capacity for the school which would cause students to be turned away?*  
Right now we have 3 empty classrooms so we could have 14 divisions total in the school. In the past we have had portables on the blacktop so that could grow us beyond 14 divisions of 270 students (max K is 20, Grades 1-3 is 22, Grades 4-7 is 30, students with special needs reduces the max number).

Jonathan will be staying at Mount Pleasant for next year.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

# Annual General Meeting

## 1. President's Report

There are three things that make our community great - the students, the staff and the parents.

These things do not happen by themselves - it all takes effort and it is wonderful that people are willing to give up their time to make these things happen. This is the first normal year we've had in a while.

Mike would like to offer special thank you's to the following people:

**Genny** - for her tenacity organizing the Saleema Noon presentation in September

**Ariella** - equal amount of tenacity with the Buddy Bench and JEDI Committee

**Melissa** - championing the MTP choir program

**Kirk & FIDO Committee** - dogged determination to create a safe space for our kids

**Kathryn** - Holiday Craft Fair and MTP Day

**Alysha** - started the ball rolling with the Walking School Bus

**Ellis Family** - tree chipping and countless volunteer hours making events run smoothly

**Mariusz** - making the amazing MTP Day games

### **Staff of MTP**

**Ms. Williams** - MTP Day, play equipment and for being the conduit for communication between the PAC and teachers

**Jonathan** - supporting the PAC and giving up evenings and weekend days for our events and for giving us our own lockable room

### **Current PAC Executive**

**Megan C** for getting the ball rolling on MTP Day and for her great idea to reach out to developers for funding

**Megan L** - secretarial and organizational skills

**Lisa** - her work as treasurer including hours spent rolling coins at the credit union

**Loree** - thousands of hours working with the PAC over the years, on the Executive, doing design work, working on MTP Day, guidance and experience, among many other things. Loree, they will be lucky to have you on the PAC in High School!

## **2. Elections**

DPAC Representative Ariella Assouline- acclaimed

Secretary - Megan Livingston - acclaimed

Vice President - Matthew Ellis - acclaimed

President - Mike Elkoussey - acclaimed

Treasurer - Lisa Charlston and Lina Thompson both put their names forward

Vote was held via zoom poll - unanimous for Lisa Charlston as Treasurer

We now have a full executive slate - those present officially voted. 100% approved

**AGM adjourned.**