

# PAC Meeting September 21, 2023

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

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Current Balances - \$19,111.95 in main account  
\$938.56 in gaming account  
**Total of \$20,050.51 as of today**

We should hear from Gaming regarding our gaming funds for last year soon.

## 3. Meeting Format for 2023-24

Based on our survey results, we will now meet from 6:00-7:30  
-respondents were strongly in favour of alternating Zoom and In Person meetings.

Babysitting- Jay and his staff from the YMCA Before and After School Program will provide child-minding during our meeting times.  
-We will need to look at several logistical items which include ratios, where it will take place and a budget.  
-We will also look into the possibility of having Grade 7s assist.

***Lisa will prepare a budget item to be voted upon at our October meeting.***

## 4. Quick Updates

***Walking School Bus*** - This initiative was started by a parent who no longer has a child at the school so we need someone to take it on.  
If anyone is interested in liasing with Translink, please put your name forward.

### ***Calendar Events Approval***

***Halloween Movie night*** - vote on one long movie or a collection of shorts/one shorter film with a dance after.

The decision was made to have a short movie and some sort of controlled dance after.  
Our date is tentatively October 27, will run by Jonathan to confirm.

Other events for the year will include: Craft Fair, Tree Chipping, Spring Fling, MTP Day, Holiday Pancake Breakfast (either staff or PAC run - PAC could offer to fund if the teachers would like to run it as they did pre-Covid)

## 5. Subcommittee Introductions

### **FIDO**

-5 person committee to promote safety of our children  
-Been together 4 years  
-Formed due to frustrations with what they see with dog infractions (Dogs should be on leash outside of 8am-5pm on school grounds. They dig holes, chase kids, leave feces that gets tracked inside.)  
-This dogs issue precipitated the North, East and South gate closures.

- Signs regarding dog rules come disproportionately from PAC funds.
- They have reached out to Mt Pleasant dog community on Facebook.
- Have reached out to PAC at Lord Roberts Elementary who have a no dogs on school ground policy full stop
- Mount Pleasant is known as a dog park desert - the solution to our problem is a dog park
- Some dog owners have become aggressive or indifferent when approached.
- They are stuck between city and school board and school passing the issue back and forth.
- Bottom line is they need help from the school administration to advance their agenda
- We need to generate ideas and find a solution for the problem of health, safety and hygiene.
- They are always open to new members.
- Something we can all do is get the 311 app and report it via that. If you have questions please email them ([mtpfido385@gmail.com](mailto:mtpfido385@gmail.com))
- We should put a reminder of 311'ing in communications from the school.

Ideas for communication to parents on how to use the 311 app, getting content on social media, perhaps disbanding to force the administration to take this issue on.

### **JEDI**

- Currently a committee of 2
- They welcome anyone who feels passionate about inclusivity in the school
- Please email if you are interested in getting involved [mtp.jedi@gmail.com](mailto:mtp.jedi@gmail.com)
- The current issues in the media and the controversy could be a way to get more people involved.
- Ideas include having presentations to parents that veer towards inclusivity.

### **MTP Events and Fundraising**

- New committee
- To organize and oversee fundraising activities and events
- Assist/support the point person as required (can help to coordinate volunteers/ make posters)
- Review new fundraising ideas brought forward and ensure they work with existing schedule
- Convey necessary information about fundraisers to PAC Exec with regards to important order/ event dates (for newsletter/ email information)
- Order required fundraising kits/ items as needed
- Work with the treasurer to create budgets for various events and report back with income and expenses
- Keep records and debriefs about each activity for future members to consider when planning fundraising initiatives
- Idea to connect with Grade 7s to help organize their fundraising efforts.

### **Choir**

Please sign up via the link on the email that was sent around. This year we will have two choirs with the Primary Choir practicing at lunch and the Intermediated Choir practicing after school. There is a bursary available so that all interested students can participate.

### **MTP School Support Subcommittee.**

- Melisa has proposed this new subcommittee
- Our school is a lot bigger in terms of workload than it looks on paper
- Frustration with lack of communication, lack of visibility,
- What can we do to help our administration meet the needs of the students and parents
- We have enough SSW's to meet the needs of safety, a basic need, as opposed to learning
- Learning should be the biggest issue both those who have support and those who do not

- Would like to get a group of interested parents together to see where they think the school could use some support to make the school a good place for all students
- Advocating for more resources for the school.

***Vote: Unanimous in favour of new Subcommittee with Melisa as Chair***

Please reach out to [hello@mtp-pac.ca](mailto:hello@mtp-pac.ca) if you'd like to get involved.

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

Due to illness, Jonathan was unable to attend the meeting so we will save all Ask the Principal questions for next month's meeting on October 11.

## **7. Meeting Adjourned**