

# PAC Meeting November 9, 2023 - In Person

Attendance: 21

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

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$22, 085.56 in main account, \$5,658.56 in gaming account

To be deposited: \$607.83 in Stripe account

**Total funds as of today: \$28, 351.95**

## 3. Halloween Movie Night debrief

***We raised just over \$1600 during this popular one-night, simple event!***

In general, people enjoyed movie night, understanding the constraints of selecting a movie for such a wide range of ages. (We are also limited by the selection of shorts that are offered by ACF, the film licensor who offered a total of three Halloween shorts.) A few younger kids found the second movie too scary and the pizza too spicy.

We needed to retroactively approve the budget (as this was not done before the event as it should have been).

The budget was \$657.49. This covered the cost of the pizza and supplies, juice, water, glow sticks and popcorn supplies.

Lisa moved to approve, Ariella seconded - **100% approval for the retroactive Movie Night budget.**

## 4. Funding Requests

1. **Ms. Pendry**, the Librarian, submitted a request for a book taper which will help her reinforce library books five times faster.

<https://www.carmclean.ca/scotch-c-27-taping-systems-applicator.html>

***Who will your request benefit?***

*Every student-books will last for longer and get into circulation faster*

***Why? Please provide a rationale for your request, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.***

*I often bring books home to tape and sometimes they languish for months before they are processed. My hope is to be able to get books out faster to students and for them to last longer. If it helps have consulted with staff and they support me making this request! THANK YOU PAC!!!!*

Megan C motioned to approve the \$200 budget, seconded by Lisa

***Passed with 100% approval.***

2. **Ms. Cottrell**, Grade 1 Teacher - has asked for \$206.68 for supplies for the combined Grade 1 classes of Divisions 9 and 10.

*Kinetic Sand - for sensory play, supporting regulation, morning soft starts, centre time for all students Kids LOVE this stuff and is so great for regulating emotions.*

*Play Doh - for sensory play, supporting regulation, morning soft starts, centre time for all students*

*Magnetic Alphabet Letters - 2 sets (one for Div 9 & 10). These are for literacy centres and our daily phonics program*

**Who will your request benefit?**

*Students with difficulties regulating behaviours, difficulties starting their mornings and transitions, students with anxiety, all students will have access to play doh and kinetic sand for centre time.*

*All students will be using the magnetic letters during literacy stations and daily phonics program.*

**Why? Please provide a rationale for your request, including what outcomes you hope to achieve.**

*We have many students in Gr 1 who have difficulty starting their day, leaving parents, transitioning between activities, and participating with the class. Kinetic sand and play doh are integral to our programming and helping students regulate and be ready to learn. They are a favourite centre for our students and we want to have enough to have available to all students during centre time.*

*We are beginning a daily science of reading phonics program. The magnetic letters will support the phonics program.*

Ariella motioned to approve the \$206.68 budget, Brandon seconded the motion

**Passed with 100% approval.**

**3. Monique Jeha - Youth and Family Worker - Yoga Buggy program - \$1,900 4 sessions 30 minutes each of yoga for all students.**

*It's Monique, the Youth & Family Worker at MP :) Thank you for all your hard work and generosity to help with the clothing drive we have going on, it is doing so well!!! I have been getting lots of amazing, warm clothes for students in need.*

*I am writing to you in hopes of your support to fund Yoga Buggy returning back to MP to do school wide yoga for all the kids. We have done this over the last two years, and the students have REALLY LOVED it! I have been able to work a deal with Yoga Buggy again, as they loved serving our students too. We have 2 more divisions this year, so the price went up a little. However, they have also offered to give us a \$1000 grant to cover some of the costs. SO THAT IS AMAZING!!*

*The left over amount I am hoping PAC can help us with to fund this to return to MP is \$1900. That would cover 13 divisions to have 4 sessions of 30 minutes each of Yoga.*

*Please let me know if this is something you can assist with funding for our students. Appreciate your support :)*

Brandon moved to vote on \$1900 for yoga - seconded by Lisa, **passed with 100% approval**

4. **Christmas Hampers - Marisa, SSW** - This year MTP has 22 families who will be supported in our annual Christmas Hamper program, which is also supported by Lord Tennyson School. Marisa is asking for a donation, the amount is up to us, to supplement the hampers. This is especially important now as the cost of living has risen so high.

Brandon motioned to donate \$2500, Steff seconded - ***passed with 100% approval***

\* We will let Marisa know to come back to us if she requires more money for this effort.\*

## 5. Enrichment programs

We will touch base with Ms. Williams to check on how the recess equipment is being used and add in a request to encourage teachers to also ask for field trip funding via our Funding Request form on our website.

We would like to brainstorm different types of enrichment programs we can provide to our students. Last year Parkour and Yoga Buggy were popular.

Some ideas include: Project Chef - grades 4-7, which would be for older kids  
KBAM - has a website with a lot of different varieties of programs, specifically for schools.

Fresh Roots does farm orientations and preparing food.

It was decided that everyone can take the next month to think about what type of programs they would like to see. We will discuss and finalize the decision at our December meeting so that we can look at booking in the new year.

Since **Parkour** was so well-received, we decided to put it to a vote right away. Kathryn motioned for Origins Parkour to come back to the school this year with a budget of up to \$3000, Melisa seconded the motion.

***Passed with 100% approval.***

Kathy - brought up a program she saw at Nightengale - **Safer Schools Together**, which is about digital responsibility. -They provided a staff Pro D, parent night online and student education (gr 4-7). They came in and talked about safety and responsibility. She thinks it is a very worthwhile program and it is highly recommended by Grades 6 and 7 teachers. They came in a couple of times for students, one night for parents and the Pro D was one session. Their principal is willing to speak to Jonathan. \$2000 for the package. Teachers have said it was a good starting point.

Mike motioned for \$2000 budget to bring this program to MTP, seconded by Matthew - ***passed with 100% approval***

**Super Science Club** - once a week after school club with Science World - for Grades 1 to 7 - it requires a staff member to run it - 3:15 to 4:30 - we would like to try to bring it back, will add this to a future meeting with Jonathan to try to find a staff member willing to sponsor it.

## 6. December Plans

**Tree Chipping** - The BIA, who helps run this fundraiser, needs to know what we will spend the money on in advance so it is a targeted fundraiser and all stakeholders know where the money will be going. We will use the money raised to pay for Parkour and Yoga Buggy programs.

Last year we spent the money on the Recess Play Equipment, with leftover money covering a portion of Parkour.

**Winter Staff Meal** - Last year this was very well received. We donated \$500 towards the food at the annual MTP Staff Holiday Party which was held at Sprezzatura. This year we would like to up the funding to \$600.

Megan moved to vote, Kathryn seconded - ***passed with 100% approval***

**Pancake Breakfast** - In past years it was held on the last day before Winter Break, the same day as PJ day.

Teachers made pancakes, sometimes the band came from Van Tech. We are currently trying to bring this event back.

Jonathan has asked that it be the Wednesday of the final week before Winter Break.

Lisa has spoken to G&F Financial who may be willing to sponsor a part of the breakfast and she will go back to them once we have a budget.

Jonathan will ask at a future staff meeting to see if any teachers are interested in flipping pancakes. The date will be Dec 20 or 22. We will decide soon so as to give parents as much notice as possible.

Mike motioned to approve a budget of \$1500, Steff seconded - ***passed with 100% approval***

## **7. Subcommittee Updates**

### **Events and Fundraising Subcommittee**

Craft Fair update - They have sold \$1600 worth of tables to crafters. They will sell hot grilled food and are waiting to hear from Jonathan as to if they can use the YMCA area for eating as it will be cold outside. They are looking for baked goods donations and for volunteers to help with the grill and bake sale.

They would like to ***revise the budget to add \$450*** for the Engineer to be there on a Saturday.

Lisa motioned to approve the budget addition, Arielle seconded - ***passed with 100% approval***

**Holiday Gift Fundraiser** - W made about \$2400 last year, which seemed low - we will run the holiday fundraiser for December. The deadline for ordering will be around December 5th.

### **School Support Subcommittee**

Melissa reports that she has been communicating with teachers and they have alleged that there are several safety concerns related to insufficient SSA staffing. Due to confidentiality limitations, teachers report that they are unable share details. Melisa has suggested that parents might be able to help by sharing any details of incidents they are aware of by emailing her to track them. It was also mentioned that families of kids with special needs also suffer from blame in these situations and we must be careful how we communicate around these issues. Melisa invites members to join the committee by emailing her at

**[school.support@mtp-pac.ca](mailto:school.support@mtp-pac.ca)**) She would also like to receive emails from parents wishing to report incidents. The subcommittee will have a meeting this month so if you'd like to get involved please let her know.

**Fido**

Has been working with DPAC groups (Health & Safety and Maintenance & Facilities). They have collected information on dogs and schools and what other schools are doing. They will take it to their working group. Many schools having same issue.

Kirk is working on social media posts. A lot of signs have gone missing and he is trying to connect with Jonathan to put up new signs

**DPAC**

If you have anything you would like brought to DPAC, bring it to Ariella - send her an email  
The SSW shortage is on DPAC's radar. ([dpac-rep@mtp.pac.ca](mailto:dpac-rep@mtp.pac.ca))

*Jonathan was unable to attend this meeting so we will revisit "Ask the Principal" questions that were submitted next month.*

**Meeging adjourned.**