

PAC Meeting May 9 - In Person

11 in attendance

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

2. Treasurer's Report

Current Balances

\$15,487.28 in main account

\$671.06 in gaming account

\$2507.17 in stripe - to be deposited in our main account

Total funds as of today: \$18, 665.51

Thank you to Vancouver DPAC for \$719.63 donation.

We have approximately \$6000 left to spend at this point in the year.

3. Upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 13th

Will once again be held just before our regular meeting.

Two of our Executive members will be stepping down for next year

We need a minimum of three people on our Executive to qualify for the gaming grant.

We are open to on-boarding new people over the summer, as well as the idea of co-positions.

If you are interested, please reach out to our current Executive who can share information on expectations, time commitments, duties etc.

All positions are open and to put your name forward, please email hello@mtp-pac.ca to self-nominate.

4. Gifts for Retiring Teachers

Mr. Sidhu and Ms. Kenon will both be retiring at the end of the year.

Discussion was held regarding monetary amount appropriate for two of our longest-serving teachers. For comparison, Ms. Fantini was presented with a \$100 bouquet of flowers on her last day at the school (she was transferring, not retiring).

Dorian motioned for \$250 per teacher, Kathy seconded - passed with 100% approval

Lauren will take on the purchasing of the gifts..

5. MTP Merch Update - Poll Results

<https://www.mtp-pac.ca/2024/05/02/mtp-merch-poll/>

We have now narrowed down to two designs - the "garage patch" and the "hipster lion," both of which received 36% of the votes each. We will send out another survey to pick a winning design.

Our sales model will include a deadline for pick up which, if passed without being picked up, the merch will be refunded and resold.

Once we have the design locked in, we will shop around for quotes on various items available and bring back to PAC for approval.

6. Subcommittee Updates

Fundraising -

MTP Day

They are in serious need of volunteers. Currently they have 16 and they need 75 for a successful event.

Current plans are to ask for volunteers from high schools and various community organizations along with sending out a strongly worded email to parents asking for more help.

If anyone knows anyone with a talent who would like to perform on the community stage who would benefit from exposure or would like to perform please let them know.

One of the talents is a local auctioneer. They are looking for items to auction off in a live auction. One idea was to get each division to create a communal art piece to auction off.

Staff Appreciation Lunch - May 31

Teachers were polled and they would like the catered bagged lunch again this year.

The same caterer as last year has been contacted. Staff and teachers will select what they want for lunch off of a menu.

We will send out message asap for direct donation along with family comments to be displayed with a deadline.

Popsicles for the kids will be done on the last day of school. Lauren will handle this.

FIDO Committee

Kirk is preparing an email survey to go out regarding closure of the school field every day at 3pm. There seems to be no other option at this point, to protect our kids from the consequences of the dogs on the school field. Other schools in the area do this. He will give context on what has been tried.

DPAC Update

DPAC Executive has many open positions for next year. They are great to work with if you are interested in the politically adjacent side of things as they have fairly direct access to district policy. They represent parents and family members of school kids - the biggest stakeholders in the VSB.

Anyone can attend DPAC meetings. Please let Ariella know if you are interested!

7. Principal's Report (given by Ian Cannon, Substitute Principal)

Jonathan will be back May 21.

Upcoming Events -

The school has organized two school-wide performances. May 23 a Science show, May 31 - a Hip Hop performance Also, June 20 -will be the annual Talent Show organized by Marisa.

School Sports

Currently we have two teams - one Track and Field, (there is a District Meet at Van Tech in June) and an Ultimate Frisbee team.

Gravel Field

There was a concern regarding a hole under the fence on the North side where kids were escaping. Grounds has come in and put in a wood piece to block off hole. Now it needs to be regraded so that the water does not make the hole worse.

Staffing

They are in the early stages of getting staffing ready for September. Preliminary staffing looks to be 12 divisions (we are losing one K class). With two teachers retiring, they are anticipating one posting going out once it has been decided which current teachers will teach which grades. The posted position will most likely be full time.

There are 32 kids registered for K currently. We are the designated overflow school for False Creek so we may get a few kids from there if we still have openings. At this point we are not taking cross-boundaries until we are sure we have room for in-boundary kids. Cross boundary kids who are already in will keep their spots..

Building classes will be done within the framework of the Collective Agreement. This has to do with the the number of kids per grade, if it is a split class and how many kids with special needs are in each class. We can have a max of one child with a severe disability or two with less severe disabilities or else you are in a situation where you need to go into "remedy mode" (which involves giving teachers more prep time).

Right now it is looking like the bulk of the classes will be splits. None of these should have less than five kids in each of the grades.

By the end of June, the classes should be built with teachers assigned and fine tuning will happen in September.

Email question...

- *It has recently come to my attention that both my kid's teacher and some other teachers in the school are using food as a reward for such things as being quiet and completing school work. This makes me extremely uncomfortable as there is quite a bit of research around the damaging effects of using food as a reward. Could you please explain the school's/VSB policy on this and if you are aware of it being done at MTP? If you didn't know it was being done, could you please share how you will address this with teachers? If you did know it was being done, knowing that this makes some parents*

uncomfortable, how will you move forward? Thank you!

The answer would be to speak to the teacher directly. There is only a restriction on the sale of some foods in the VSB.

This could be a further conversation with Jonathan on a school policy if we, as parents, need an agreement on what we want done.

Discussion was had on parents' experiencing this with their teachers - it seems to be a fairly common practice in the school.

Ian will look into this with the teachers.

8. REMINDER: Movie Night is on on May 24th - Encanto!

Meeting adjourned.