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PAC Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 17, 2018

Attendees: Denise C, Susan S, Heather M, Hanna F, Lynda K, Connie H, Laura K, Stephanie T, Rosanne H, Teddy L, Rosanne H, Carine C, Tanya L

Meeting was called to order at: 7:05 pm

Review of November 2018 Minutes:

- **Motion:** To accept November 2018 minutes.
- 1st Carine and 2nd Stephanie, **motion carried to accept the minutes**

Reports and Updates:

- Principal's Report - Heather and Hanna
 - o See below
- Chair Report - Susan
 - o Thank you to the 50+ parent/family volunteers who helped at the Gingerbread Houses and Pancake Breakfast events! Special thanks to the parents who took the lead for these events: Connie H. & Tanya L. for gingerbread houses; Courtney J., Christina M. & Dave H. for pancake breakfast; and Traci R. & Kristi T. for Santa photos.
 - o Pancake Breakfast: Waiting for final expenses to come through but we stayed on budget. Received generous donations from our community sponsors which included: White Spot-Kensington, Starbucks-Holdom, Superstore-Metrotown, Save-On Madison; Super Valu - Greystone and Safeway-Kensington.
 - o Santa Photos: Netted ~\$260 to PAC general account.~163 students participated.

- o Morning Coffee Chats have had steady attendance with 10-17 participants each time. Next coffee chat is Feb. 8.
- Treasurer - Heather
 - o December 31 Account Balances
 - Vancity General \$25,329.39
 - Vancity Gaming \$6,317,09
 - School Held Pac Funds \$7,884.30
 - Lunch Program and Treat Days (included in School Held Pac) \$1,620
 - Ground Improvement \$11,306.83
 - \$6,900.43 will be withdrawn from this account next month for payment to the district for the outdoor classroom
- DPAC
 - o Next meeting, Monday, January 21 at 7:00 PM
- Grants
 - o Waiting to hear back for Music Counts
 - o Deadline for Telus grant is Feb 1. Hoping to request funds for iPads
 - o Honda Canada also has a technology grant
- Fundraising
 - o Nothing to report
- School Consultation Committee
 - o The committee met earlier today.
 - o Looking at creating tips to help parents support their children with reading and writing
 - o Looking for ideas on how to improve student connectedness
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o **New/Other Business:**

- o Hot Lunch Committee
 - Expanding Hot Lunch to every Wednesday
 - Popcorn day once a month on a Friday
 - Looking at other snack ideas in the Spring
- o Green Team
 - Bottle Drive Review
 - \$36.35 from the Christmas bottle drive but it is ongoing
 - Speaking with Busch Systems about garbage and recycling containers
 - o Looking for three systems
 - Pitch-In Day (April 26th)
 - Moving Pitch-In-Day to Thursday, April 25th
 - Fruit and Veggie
 - Fruit and Veggie dates have changed. Volunteers have been notified
- o Odyssey Family Games Night (Feb. 15th)
 - Fundraiser for Odyssey teams who qualify for World Finals
 - Susan S. is co-leading with Sandi L., Mark C. & Christina M.; Ms. Lloyd coming back to emcee event
 - Registration forms to come out late next week.
- o Multicultural Day (May 30th)
 - Need parents to help on planning team. Planning team will start meeting in early February
 - School event that highlights the different cultures that we have at Montecito and our community. We set up and run activity stations (e.g. crafts, games, dance, music from different countries) and students travel independently or with their big buddy to the stations.
 - If you're interested to join the planning team or would like highlight your culture at a station during Multicultural Day, please contact Susan S. or send message to the general PAC email
- o IGirl and IGuy Empowerment Workshops April 29th
- o Next meeting date: Thursday, February 21st, 2018
- o Adjournment @ 8:32 pm
 - o **Motion:** To adjourn
 - o 1st Stephanie and 2nd;Carine **motion carried to adjourn**



PAC Meeting: Principal's Update – January 17, 2019

Information and things we're proud of since the last PAC meeting...

- Pro-D Day: Continued focus on using technology and making learning visible
- Competitive Girls' Volleyball team won the North Zone Championship
- Div. 4-6 participated in Northwest Wildlife and Owl Rehab workshops plus dissected owl pellets
- Gingerbread House Making Buddy Activity was so much delicious fun! Thanks parents!!!
- Grade 7 Band performance at school + District Squeak and Squawk events
- Intermediate Choir performed at Lougheed and Brentwood Malls
- Participated in an ELL audit...and all went smoothly!
- 'Carols from Around the World' Winter Concert was a success! It was well attended by parents and community members, and we received many complimentary comments.
- Pancake Breakfast was a very fun community building activity....loved by students, staff and parents! Santa photos ran smoothly and were appreciated! Thanks to the plethora of volunteers!!!
- School-wide Skate – a wonderful experience for our students! Thanks for the buses, PAC!!!!
- Vancity staff member has been doing financial literacy workshops in many classes
- Basketball has begun. Mr. Singer is coaching the boys and Mr. Houghland is coaching the girls.
- Div. 11 made hats with residents at the Swedish Canadian Rest Home...a great partnership!

Things we're Looking Forward to before the next PAC meeting...

- Hot lunch every Wednesday starting on Jan. 23rd and popcorn days one Friday a month
- Jan. 21st – Nov. 25th Literacy Week activities (see notice sent home for details)
- Jan. 22nd – Boys' Basketball Game at Parkcrest
- Jan. 24th – Grade 7 articulation (Burnaby North staff come to meet with Grade 7 teachers, admin and support staff)
- Jan. 24th – Girls' Basketball Game at Montecito
- Jan. 25th – New International student orientation – 3 new students will be joining the Montecito community
- Jan. 28th – Curriculum Implementation Day: staff are learning (at school, workshops, or collaboratively with others in the district) – NO SCHOOL for students
- Jan. 29th – Feb. 1st – Axe Capoeira Dance lessons with a performance at 1:30 on Friday, Feb. 1st – parents welcome!!!
- Jan. 29th – Boys' Basketball game at Montecito

- Jan. 29th – 6:00 Burnaby North Open House/Parent Night for Grade 7 parents and students
- Feb. 5th – Boys’ Basketball game at Montecito
- Feb. 7th – Girls’ Basketball game at Montecito
- Feb. 8th – PAC Coffee Chat
- Feb. 11th – Ski Program at Mt. Seymour for grades 6/7 begins...thanks to Mrs. Manners for organizing this year!
- Feb. 12th – Div. 7 & 8 participating in Burnaby Art Gallery workshops at Montecito
- Feb. 12th – Boys’ Basketball Game at Montecito
- Feb. 14th – Red or Pink Day + Girls’ Basketball Game at Montecito
- Feb. 15th – Family Games Night
- Feb. 18th – Family Day – no school
- Feb. 19th – Boys’ Basketball Play day at Burnaby Mountain High School
- Feb. 21st – Div. 7 & 8 – Sierra Club environmental workshops at Montecito
- Feb. 21st – Girls’ Basketball Playday at Burnaby Mountain High School

Notes:

- Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!!!!
 - We would like to extend a huge thank-you to all the parent leads for the Gingerbread House Making, Pancake Breakfast, and Santa photo events! They were incredibly fun community building activities and it was wonderful to see so many family members/parents join us and help out!
 - Thanks, also, for parents who helped organize the Wish tree. We had over 75 gifts donated for our hampers and extra toys were donated to the Christmas Bureau! We also had incredibly generous donations of gift certificates for Cockney Kings and grocery stores for our hampers. Receiving families were very appreciative!!!
 - Thanks, also, for the 23 games donated to our classrooms...you are a very generous community!
- New Staff:
 - We have welcomed new staff in January:
 - Ian Fraser – ELL/LSS teacher
 - Alex Peters – Div. 10 teacher (Back from maternity leave)
 - Hanna Foy is now the acting Head Teacher
- Patrol and Traffic Safety:
 - We only have patrol on the lower crosswalk across Montecito now
 - A notice was sent out at the end of our first week back about reminders for traffic safety as well as parking regulations
 - We welcome parent volunteers to assist students at the upper crosswalk. Interested parents can contact Mrs. Kimmie.
- Literacy Week:
 - A message was sent to all families via e-mail and students received a hard copy of the outline of events as well as the Tic Tac Toe sheet
 - We welcome parents to come join us for the Family Read event on Monday, Jan. 21st from 9:00-9:30 as well as the COLA on Monday at 2:00. If parents would like to join other activities, we welcome

you. Please contact your child's classroom teacher to see about specific times for other activities throughout the week.

- Staff Professional Learning:
 - The Professional learning at Montecito is outstanding. Some examples of learning this year are:
 - Numerous staff who have been attending various literacy workshops (led by gurus Adrienne Gear and/or Faye Brownlie)
 - Numerous staff members attending various assessment practices workshops
 - We have a team of support teachers, early learning teachers and admin attending a responsive literacy series
 - There is also a lot of collaborative teaching and planning happening and sharing of knowledge.
- New Jerseys:
 - 20 new jerseys have been ordered thanks to the Fresh Slice grant awarded to Montecito... a special thanks to Lynda for writing the grant proposal!
- School Cash online::
 - Montecito has 89.34 % of the population signed up for School Cash online. Burnaby Elementary School adoption rates are between 11% and 99%.
- School Team Visit:
 - We have the opportunity to discuss our school goals with district staff, trustees, DPAC representatives, PAC members and staff on Friday, March 1st. We look forward to discussing the progress on our goals and share specific examples of ways we are helping students move forward in writing and in building connections.
- Kindness Initiative:
 - During second term, we are focusing on kindness initiatives as a whole school; Have a Heart Club is starting up for Grade 4-7 students, stories and brainstorms in all classes...stay tuned for more details.