



MONTECITO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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NOVEMBER 16, 2021 PAC MEETING

Minutes

ZOOM MEETING CODE: 384 909 7255

Attendance: Fonda P., Denise C., Brandee B., Stephanie S., Lynda K., Nicole d., Christina C.

Meeting Start

1. Call to order 7:01pm November 16, 2021
2. Review of October 2021 PAC Meeting Minutes,
 - Stephanie, Nicole

Reports and Updates

1. Principal's Report
 - a. See attached Principal's Report for November
2. Co-Chair
 - a. Nothing to report
3. Treasurer
 - a. No finance report available
4. DPAC
 - a. Nothing to report
5. Grants
 - a. Nothing to report
6. Fundraising
 - a. Discuss Purdy's and Neufeld Reminders to Parents
7. School Consultation Committee
 - a. Nothing to report
8. Grad Committee
 - a. Nothing to Report
9. Emergency Preparedness
 - a. Discussed as part of the Principal's report
 - b. Question regarding student and parent awareness of Student House Colour
 - i. Discussed and decided to continue with identifying each student as part of their house colour during an emergency to help with emergency pick-up and sibling groupings.



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- ii. Discussed and decided to encourage new ways to remind parents and students of their house colour through themed enthusiasm events, ie – “wear your colour” days.
10. HEPA Committee
 - a. PAC thanks the parents who participated in the HEPA filter committee and Fonda for reaching out to the necessary district representatives. At this time, it does not appear that the Burnaby School Board would support or allow for fundraising for individual HEPA units in class. Committee decided to reconsider options if things change in the future.
11. Hot Lunches
 - a. The provider we connected with has gone out of business
 - b. PAC is looking at alternatives to fill the void. Next update at next meeting.

New/Other Business

1. School Communications:
 - a. It was noted that the school communications could be improved with better, more consistent use of the school calendar.
 - b. PAC agreed to leverage school communications more effectively to encourage parent participation and sense of community.
 - c. A decision was made to include the calendar and ways to subscribe to it in the next newsletter.
2. Fundraising Opportunities
 - a. It was noted that fundraising communications could be improved, and a calendar of known dates should be updated regularly so we have more opportunities to encourage participation
 - b. Bottle Drive – December 14th
 - c. Art Cards by Kids Fundraiser was presented, and a decision to move forward with it was made.
 - i. Plan for a Spring launch. Fundraising committee to discuss.

Meeting End

1. Set date for November PAC Meeting: December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM
2. Being there no further business, motion to adjourn proposed
 - a. **Motion:** To Adjourn
 - i. Stephanie S. 1st, Nicole d. 2nd
 - b. **Motion carried**
 - i. Adjourned 8:30 PM



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PAC Meeting: Principal's Update – November 16, 2021

Notes, information and things we're proud of since the last PAC meeting...

- Excellent participation by students and staff at Halloween this year. A fun "parade" as well. Thank you to Ms. Foy, Ms. Cook, and Division 1 for organizing.
- Drop Everything and Read- October 25th
- We were proud of our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly. We learned a lot putting it together and are thankful for the many classes who contributed. It was a tremendous undertaking led by Mr. Smith. Thank you to Ms. Foy, Ms. Field, and Ms. Wood for their help in organizing and leading the ceremony.

Things we're looking forward to before the next PAC meeting...

- Wednesday, Nov. 24th- Fun hat day
- Friday, Nov. 26th – Pro-D Day
- Friday, Dec. 3rd – Informal reports sent home
- Friday, Dec. 10th – Ugly or Holiday Sweater Day

Other Items:

- Mountain west Studios contract- Are we happy with the service? Currently on a year to year contract. Interested in hearing from other vendors?

- Emergency Preparedness- review of the process

- Indigenous Action Plan:

Every school puts together a yearly Indigenous Action plan and this year we are focusing on developing a deeper understanding of the land we teach on, learn on and live on. We will be focusing on story this year. The students will be hearing more stories from both the ILIT and story tellers from the Squamish community. We hope this will increase all students' connection to place and continue to build our understanding of reconciliation as it applies to the land. We are all continually learning and building our knowledge of Indigenous worldviews.

- COLAS...to come:

Our goal is to put together a virtual COLA to showcase some of the amazing learning going on in the school. We will likely videotape each class completing a performance/sharing of work and then combine to send a video to all our parents to be watched at your convenience. More to come in the new year!

- REPORTING:

In September we completed Parents as Partners Interviews.



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In December we will be sending home a 'snapshot of learning' informal report. Many classes will have their children bring home paper portfolios or share them digitally. Other classes will receive an interim one-page report. These are all forms of informal reports and vary class to class. All reports will include information about your child's engagement, progress in numeracy, literacy, and areas of concern.

There will be another informal report (student led conference) as well on Wednesday, April 27th. There will be a 2:00 dismissal this day as well.

There will be two formal reports sent home this year. One on February 18th and the other on June 29th.

- SCHOOL GOALS:

Numeracy- All students are in the process of writing a numeracy assessment (Math Interview Assessment for our primaries and the Island Numeracy Assessment for our intermediates). The intention is to use the data to inform instructional decisions and to help develop our goal.

Increasing connectedness- Our goal is for every child to have at least two adults they feel care about them or they can trust in the school.