

Notes

- **Call to Order**
 - 25 attendees present
 - Introductions were made

- **Treasurer's Report - Gill**
 - **General Account:** \$12,445.04 Main Account
 - **Square:** \$2,658.32
 - **Total Funds:** \$15,103.36
 - **Gaming Account:** \$0 - awaiting funds to be awarded in October.
 - **Office PAC Account:** \$579.00
 - \$ is from donations.
 - Syd - the office secretary confirmed the office account balance.

- **Subcommittee Updates**
 - **Events/Fundraising - Lisa**
 - *MTP Day - is PAC's largest fundraiser*
 - In June - w/ Farmer's Market (Sunday)
 - Raised ~\$10,000.00
 - Funds - supported school-wide field trip to Grouse Mountain
 - Lisa will no longer chair MTP Day
 - *Movie Night - October 18th - Halloween Movie*
 - Pizza, drinks, popcorn, and baked goods offered
 - Donations accepted
 - Movie night produces: \$800-1100
 - Request for
 - Volunteers - Leslie
 - **Funds request** for pizza - \$700
 - Seconded
 - No opposition
 - Motion approved
 - Pizza is purchased rather than donated. Previous donations resulted in additional pizza purchases, offsetting potential profits.
 - *Craft Fair - Saturday, November 15th, 10a-2p*
 - Community event
 - Tables purchased by adults and MTP kids
 - Craft Fair produced - \$2,500.00
 - Food -
 - Chili - Efforts don't match profit
 - Pizza instead of chilli
 - Food Trucks (Donuts, Bannock) - we must guarantee a minimum
 - Does anyone have food truck hookups?

- To join FIDO - mtpFIDO385@gmail.com
- **DPAC Committee**
 - District Parent Advisory Committee - the representative of parent and caregiver voices at the school district level, representing the collective views of school Parents' Advisory Councils (PAC) in a school district. DPACs advise the board of education on any matter relating to education in their school district.
 - Anyone can attend DPAC meetings, however, each school only has one rep to provide a vote.
 - Ariella is Mount Pleasant Elementary school representative
 - Request
 - Please fill out DPAC - 1 question survey ([link to Dpac Newsletter provided](#))
- **PAC Communication Platforms - Megan**
 - SIGN UP for MTP Social Media - Facebook, Instagram, Newsletters
 - Apps to promote communications
 - Moderated by class parent
 - Separated by division
 - Signal or WhatsApp?
 - Security risks with WhatsApp
 - Requirement - no defamation, spam, or propaganda
 - Class parents will be responsible for sending out information
 - EXEC Board is responsible for reminding parents if they have violated the rules
 - Request for
 - Vote/Survey to determine app preference (WhatsApp/Signal)
 - Class Parent per Division
- **In-School Enrichment Activities - Miranda**
 - [Fundraise to provide enrichment activities like past activities:](#)
 - Yoga buddies (Child and Youth Worker requested \$2000 last year)
 - Parkour
 - Hip Hop
 - Dance Play
 - Grouse Mountain
 - Set up performance for whole school between now and Winter Break (1 day - 1 week long)
 - Request
 - Ideas - please send to Miranda: hello@mpt-pac.ca for new Parent Poll
 - **Funds request** - \$1600
 - Seconded
 - No opposition
 - Motion approved without opposition
- **Volunteer Positions Open - Ariella**
 - Parent Social - Lisa
 - Steamworks trivia night
 - JEDI (Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion) - Ariella (Leslie expressed interest)
 - Coffee mornings

- FIDO - Kirk needs assistance (email: mtpFIDO385@gmail.com)
 - Hot Lunch - Chelsea, Kellen - Megan will connect these two with one other person
 - Pancake Breakfast - Luke Book
 - Tree Chipping - Miranda and Jeff Wiley
 - IT support - Webmaster, e-commerce linked to square, newsletter - Alex
 - Consider Health and Safety group given recent incidents
- **PAC Meeting Structure - Dorian**
 - Discussion to alternate Zoom with Live meetings and days of the week, or introduce a conference call for parents who are unable to attend.
 - School internet lacks consistency making it a challenge to offer consistent connection for hybrid meeting
 - Suggestion by Melissa to alternate days of the week for meetings.
 - Currently, we meet on Wednesday but possibly alternate
 - Reiterate that childcare is available from 6-8 p.m.
 - A school-wide poll to allow for further discussion and decision.
- **Returning Programs Megan**
 - Internet Safety: How do you support your kids - last year's cost: ~\$2000.
 - PROS - great information -
 - How do you support your kid to navigate the web?
 - How can people find your location with a photo?
 - CONS - didn't know his audience
 - Seleema Noon - Sex ed: <https://www.saleemanoon.com/>
 - PROS - can potentially reapply for a grant to get more affordable pricing
 - CONS - some teachers complained delivery was too didactic (but this was a small sample size)
 - Principal presented programs that might be available at low/no cost from within VSB
 - TAPS Program - Teaching youth about personal space
 - Exploring the right and wrong touch
 - Connect
 - September 17th
 - Other areas to explore - Anti-Racism, Food Security
 - Choir Program:
 - Immediate registration is necessary to get funding for teacher
 - Practice times
 - **Grades 1-3** during lunch hour
 - **Grades 4-7** after-school on Thursdays
 - **Not available for Kindergarten** - explore possibility in New Year.
- **Principal Report/ Ask the Principal**
 - Changed dismissal time
 - PARENT: Does this mean 15 hours less learning time?
 - PRINCIPAL: 2:58 pm Dismissal time - VSB decided to change the school end times district-wide
 - Instructional time is still the same - ending at 2:55 pm
 - Lunch was shortened from 47 min to 45 min

- Flex time (3 minutes) for the teacher was placed at the end of the day rather than after lunch
- Mount Pleasant Newsletter and Tour
 - PARENT:
 - We appreciate your communication via the newsletter sent.
 - We would also like to see a school tour on Meet the Teacher Night Parents would like a formal school tour to meet all the teachers and staff.
 - PRINCIPAL:
 - Thanks, we cannot provide a tour just yet
 - There is the casual drop-in (3:15-4 pm on September 18) and there will be Goal setting conferences (October 22-23 at 2-3:30pm)
- Cell phone use in school
 - PARENT: How is it going and can no cell phones be enforced, especially at recess?
 - PRINCIPAL:
 - There are different policies for each city
 - Phones are within each classroom for safety
 - VSB policy states phones must be on silent and stored away from 8:40 AM to 3:20 PM. No unsupervised use in class, lunch, or on the playground.
 - Greatest problems are in Grades 5-7 - Teachers and supervision aids - give a warning, and then the phone is held (by the principal) to the end of day by student, or if necessary by parent.
- Communications from Teachers to Parents
 - PARENT: Does this require a 48-hour review from the principal? Does this remove autonomy and slow important communication from occurring?
 - PRINCIPAL: This email review is applied for classwide communication - not individual communication. Response time is within 1 hour, but may take up to 48 hours if necessary. Does not pertain to SPACES only emails.
- Administration
 - PARENT: How are principals evaluated?
 - PRINCIPAL:
 - Work closely with director with a 2 year growth plan. There is also a school plan and self-performance reviews (2x a year).
 - Each school is given the autonomy to make changes
 - Biggest goals for MTP: developing social-emotional learning, promoting safety, and increasing literacy and numeracy.
- [Report](#)
 - New Hires
 - PARENT: No teacher in Division 3
 - PRINCIPAL: Explanation of the hiring process. Several people have been hired and the district has sent 2 new teachers.
 - Secured someone to replace the the Performing Arts Teacher while the permanent staff member finishes her medical leave
 - SSA (Educational Assistants) hired 8 - but 2 are transitional - they may be moved in December

NEW Staffing at MTP

New Teachers	New SSAs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Div 1 – Ms. Collins - Div 3 – TBD - Div 4 – Ms. Koropatnisky - Div 8 – Ms. Deranleau - Performing Arts – Ms. Cuglietta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ali Boniface - Courtney King - Stephanie Hoehn - Jay Charity – until Dec 20 - Ai Sait – until Dec 20

- Safety is key
 - Doors are opened at 8:50
 - Office door remains only open door after school starts
- Terry Fox Assembly Wednesday, September 25th
- Orange shirt day on Thursday, September 26th
- Field Trips are approved when they align with curriculum
- Lunch 12:10-12:55 - sometimes instructional time is used while children are eating.
- Goal Setting Conference on October 22-23 with early dismissal 1:58 pm
- Technology - don't have enough based on the size of the school, looking for resources to buy
- PAC FUNDS - need clarification for the teachers to request funds, Megan to follow up.
- AIRS PROGRAM -
 - 6 week program for each class - 1 a week
 - 28 schools
 - Indigenous knowledge - school display (shared with school board)
 - Circle starting next week
 - Ethnobotany tour for the waterway that used to exist at MTP Elementary (\$1000)
 - Elder for presentation and teach water song (\$500)
 - Will put it on the fees schedule in the spring for 2025-2026 school year.
 - **Funds request - \$1500**
 - Seconded
 - No opposition
 - Motion approved without opposition
 - Principal will provide money for educational resources - \$1000
- Inappropriate Behavior from man in community garden
 - Police were called and he was removed
 - Staff have been notified
 - Principal will address issues within the assembly
 - Walk with buddy
 - Call parents
 - Parents expressed that they would like information about events like this to be sent more promptly
 - Principal will send an email
- **Conclusion**
 - Next Meeting October 9th
 - Meeting adjourned - 8:02 pm

Action Items

- **Movie Night (October 18th):**
 - **Action:** Secure volunteers (Leslie is helping).
 - **Action:** Purchase pizza, drinks, popcorn, and baked goods. Approved budget: \$700.
- **Craft Fair (November 15th):**
 - **Action:** Secure volunteers for setup and food sales.
 - **Action:** Organize craft tables for kids and adults. Rental of 30-40 tables, approval received from Gavin for free rentals.
 - **Action:** Purchase pizza and drinks. Approved budget: \$700.
 - **Action:** Volunteers needed to follow up with contacts for food trucks like donuts and Bannock.
- **Junior Soccer Program (September 23 - October 21/28):**
 - **Action:** Miranda and Lisa to manage Square and organize volunteers.
 - **Action:** Purchase snacks, hot drinks, and water. Approved budget: \$200.
- **Other Fundraiser**
 - **Action:** Launch Purdys Chocolate and Return-It fundraisers (Megan and Miranda handling respectively).
 - **Action:** Get Cobbs Bread fundraiser set up for the 2024 calendar year.
- **FIDO Committee:**
 - **Action:** Update dog signs on school grounds.
 - **Action:** Bring discussion about dog bans at schools to DPAC (Ariella to connect with Kirk if any new info arises)).
- **PAC Communication Platform:**
 - **Action:** Conduct a parent survey to confirm communication preference (WhatsApp/Signal).
 - **Action:** Assign class parent for each division to moderate chats.
- **In-School Enrichment Activities:**
 - **Action:** Set up a parent poll to vote on enrichment activities (e.g., yoga, hip-hop, parkour).
 - **Action:** Plan a school-wide performance by Winter Break.
 - **Action:** Allocate approved \$1,600 budget for activities.
- **Volunteer Positions:**
 - **Action:** Fill open positions for the following:

■ Parent Socia Committee (Lisa)	■ Tree Chipping (Miranda, Jeff)
■ JEDI Committee (Ariella)	■ IT Support/Webmaster (Alex)
■ Hot Lunch (Chelsea, Kellen)	■ Do we add a Health & Safety Committee?
■ Pancake Breakfast (Luke)	
- **PAC Meeting Structure:**
 - **Action:** Conduct a school-wide poll to assess meeting structure preferences: Zoom, in-person, or hybrid, and alternating days of the week.
- **Returning Programs:**
 - **Action:** Plan to explore or bring back Internet Safety and Saleema Noon (sex ed) presentations.
 - **Action:** Explore VSB-vetted programs that are possibly more affordable.
 - **Action:** Sign-up Grades 1-7 for Choir
- **Principal's Report:**
 - **Action:** Communicate more promptly with parents regarding incidents at the school (such as the inappropriate behavior in the community garden).
 - **Action:** Plan AIRS program, ethnobotany tour, &elder presentation (approved budget: \$1,500).
 - **Action:** Clarify PAC fund request procedure for teachers.