

MTP PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 9, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Attendees

- Dorian LeVere
- Megan
- Cathy
- Miranda
- Ariella
- Gavin
- Amy
- Ashley
- James
- Tim

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Notes

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1. Acknowledgement

Ariella acknowledged that the meeting was held on the traditional unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

2. Treasurer's Report (Megan)

- **Current Balance:** \$14,952.39 in the main account and \$5,100 in the gaming account.
- **Total funds as of October 9, 2024:** \$20,052.30.
- **Gaming funds:** \$20 per child for this year, totalling approximately \$20,000.
- Last year, \$22,000 was spent on enrichment, but they plan to remain under this amount this year.
- **Expenditures:**
 - Yoga Buggy: \$1,900 (Monique received a partial grant)
 - Parkour: \$2,173
 - Performance expenses: \$600
 - **Future Expenses:**
 - Grouse Mountain trip: Estimated \$14-16K (including buses).
 - Smaller field trips: Approximately \$10K.
 - Seasonal event budget: \$2,500 per event each term, 3 terms total

3. Subcommittee Updates

- **Movie Night:** Scheduled for October 18, 2024. Volunteers are needed for the event, and emails will be sent to recruit help. Children voted to show *Coco* or *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. The decision will be shared next week.
- **Craft Fair:** November 16, 2024. Four adult tables are open, and there are 14 half-tables available for kids.
- **Concession Stand:** Earned \$63.90 from the last event, with future soccer games set for October 21 and 28. Games usually begin at 3:45p.
- **Cobs Bread fundraiser:** Signed up with the Main Street location. Megan will check to see if Cambie's location can be added to the fundraiser.
- **JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion):**
 - Ariella presented the history of JEDI.
 - Began 3-4 years ago as a committee to focus on topics such as marginalized communities.
 - Dorian shared information about I Dream Library workshops as a means to educate parents on how to begin conversations and find learning resources about creating social awareness within education and our communities.
 - Parent education opportunities will be discussed at future meetings.
 - Suggestions to poll parents to see what topics are important to parents would help gauge how we use resources to support parent education.
 - Additional topics like children with anxiety, and internet safety were suggested.
 - Amy volunteered to join the JEDI committee.
- **Action Items:**
 - Promote Craft Fair
 - Add second COBBs Bread Fundraiser Location (Cambie)
 - Promote JEDI

4. PAC Communication App (Miranda)

- PAC is utilizing Signal for communication.
- The goal is to have one volunteer parent per class to serve as the Signal group admin.
- Several divisions still need an admin.
 - James volunteered for Division 10
- Gavin will spread the word about Signal groups and admin opportunities
 - PAC section will be included in Gavin's monthly newsletter

5. In-School Enrichment Activities (Miranda/Ariella)

- **Fall Enrichment:** Final confirmation pending for an event in late October.
 - **Candybones Oopsie - October 29th (1:30p)**
 - Gavin will check to see if the walk to Kingsgate for the Pumpkin display can happen on October 28th.
- **Spring Enrichment:** The budget for enrichment activities is estimated at \$4-5K.
 - Possible ideas include: dance, yoga, hip-hop, parkour
 - Final decisions pending on budget allocations,
 - PAC will do additional fundraisers. Fundraisers can name the projects we are raising funds for.
- **Cyber Education:**
 - Proposed budget: \$2,500 for internet safety workshops, possibly in January or February.
 - Internet safety has been emphasized as a priority by parents and staff due to concerns about online exposure (e.g., Discord use, and experimentation in grades 4-5).
 - Discussion about creating a parent resource page on the PAC website for internet safety.
- **Sex Education (Saleema Noon):**
 - Proposal for Saleema Noon workshops on body science (sex education) in early 2024.
 - Budget estimate: \$1,443.75, including a Zoom session for parents and a day and a half of workshops for students.
 - Some staff expressed concerns about last year's dry delivery of sex education material, leading to a consideration of whether the school should pursue this program again.
 - Feedback from staff will be collected to determine interest.
- **Ethos Lab Proposal:** Presented by Dorian, this STEM-based program would focus on scientific learning, with two options:
 - **Blockathon:** Focus on Black inventors and hands-on science activities (suitable for grades 4-7).
 - **Science Magic Show:** Science demonstrations for younger students (K-3).
 - PAC voted to move forward with the Ethos Lab proposal for January or February 2024.

- **Budget Approved:** Up to \$2,175 depending on the scope and location (Ethos Lab vs. in-school) - **Ariella/Miranda - Moved/Seconded**
- **Future Enrichment for Kids to be considered (get parents to submit before year-end):**
 - First Tee - golf
 - Drum & Dance
 - Historical walk in Vancouver
 - Clowning/ Circus School
- **Parent Education Initiatives:**
 - Internet safety, with emphasis on grades 3-7.
 - Children's social-emotional well-being, with an interest in addressing anxiety in children.
 - Potential collaboration with Coastal Health for programs on body boundaries and consent.
 - Discussions of expanding educational offerings related to marginalized communities, with a focus on children with anxiety and social issues.
 - Parents were encouraged to submit ideas for potential parent education workshops and events.
 - Poll parents to decide which topics should be examined for parent education
- **Action Item:**
 - **Fall Enrichment:** Candybones Oopsie - **October 29th (1:30p)**
 - Create a parent resource page on the PAC website for internet safety.
 - Selema Noom still considered for sex ed
 - PAC voted to move forward with the Ethos Lab proposal for Winter 2025
 - Future Enrichment for Kids will be considered on an ongoing basis; if submitted before school year ends, PAC can develop a list for the following school year.
 - Poll parents for parent education topics.

6. Teacher Funding (Megan)

- Teachers are encouraged to submit funding requests through a new **standardized process**.
- **Budget Approved: \$200 per division** has been allocated for teacher funding requests – **Miranda/Kathy, moved/seconded**.
 - Teachers may also ask for additional funds for specific projects.
 - No funding shall be approved if the VSB should be paying for it
- **Action Item:**
 - The PAC voted to approve \$200 per division for teacher requests.
 - **PAC Executive** to manage teacher funding requests and ensure requests align with PAC guidelines.

7. Grade 6/7 Camp (Gavin)

- **Camp Jubilee** is scheduled for **May 14-16, 2025**.

- Cost per student is approximately **\$325**, with an additional **\$1,600 for bus transportation**.
- A **15% deposit** is required to secure the camp.
- The **Affordability Fund** is available to help cover costs for up to **15 families**.
- Activities at the camp include **kayaking, marine life exploration, low and high ropes courses**, and students will stay in **heated yurts and cabins**.
- **Volunteers**: A couple of teachers and SSAs (Special Support Assistants) have confirmed they are willing to help.
- **Fundraising**: A **Cake Walk** is being planned for MTP Day as part of the fundraising efforts for the camp.
- **Action Items**:
 - **Gavin** to confirm interest from families.
 - **PAC** to assist with fundraising efforts.

8. Volunteer Positions Open (Dorian)

- Open roles include:
 - MTP Day Lead
 - Parent/Caregiver Social Coordinator
 - Members-at-large for FIDO & JEDI.
 - mtpfido385@gmail.com
 - mtpjedi@gmail.com
- Action Items:
 - **PAC Executive** to promote these volunteer opportunities.

9. PAC Meeting Structure (Miranda)

- Based on a recent poll, meetings will alternate between **in-person & Zoom** formats which may include **Google Meet**.
- **Babysitting services** will be provided during in-person meetings to facilitate attendance.
- Action Items:
 - **PAC Executive** to schedule alternating meetings and arrange babysitting for in-person events.

10. DPAC Update (Ariella)

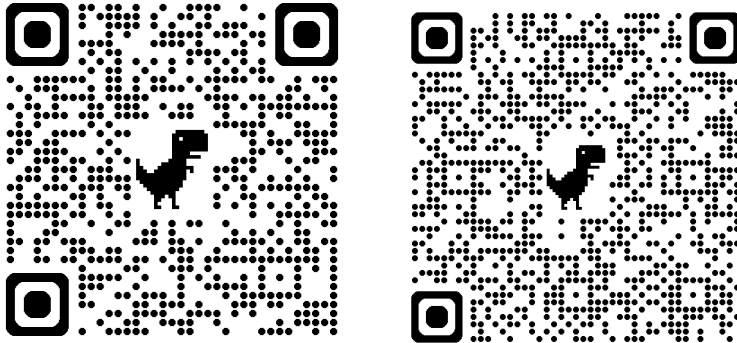
- The **Vancouver DPAC** has upcoming educational opportunities, including workshops on **affordable childcare** in schools and **anti-Semitism**.
- DPAC has a website, <https://www.vancouverdpac.org/>, where parents can log in to access **newsletters, meeting minutes, and educational workshops**.
- DPAC is open to suggestions for additional **parent education workshops**.
- Action Items:
 - **PAC** to share information about DPAC resources with the school community.
 - **Ber Parents** encouraged to participate in DPAC workshops.

11. Principal's Report (Gavin)

- **School Events:**
 - **New Teacher:** Div 3 – Brian Little
 - **Terry Fox Run:** Fundraising is ongoing, and donations are accepted until the end of **October 2024**.
 - Tonnie for Terry!
 - The school is close to reaching the **\$1,000 goal**.
 - **Orange Shirt Day:** The assembly on **September 26th** was a success to honour Indigenous communities
 - **AIRS program:** dates have been set for each division
 - Speaker came on **October 7th**, to talk about the importance of water and the connections we have to it – it was wonderful
- **Upcoming School Events**
 - **Foundational Skills Assessment** for Grades 4 and 7
 - 2 communications from the school level and 1 from the VSB have been sent out to explain what these are
 - Additional information will come from the VSB Teacher's Union
 - **Field Trips:**
 - **Women's Rugby Field Trip** (Divisions 1, 2, 3) on **October 11, 2024**.
 - **Science World Trip** (Divisions 7 and 10) on **October 15, 2024**.
 - **Pumpkin Patch** delivery on **October 21, 2024**.
 - Classes will decorate and walk them to Kingsgate Mall
 - Pumpkins will need to be picked up October 30th/31st..
- **Goal-setting conferences: October 22-23, 2024**, with early dismissal at **2 PM**.
- **Technology Plan:** The school is considering a **five-year plan** to increase the availability of iPads.
- **ACF Film License:** PAC and Principal will each contribute to half the cost of renewing the ACF license for **movie nights**.
- **Community Policing:**
 - The **community policing** team will assist with managing traffic and other issues around the school.
 - They will help with pumpkin walk
 - They are open to do talks about litter and bullying as they did last year
 - Parents and staff are encouraged to **contact community policing** after calling the **non-emergency line** so they can keep their own statistics.
 - **Tel: 1-604-717-0684**
 - **Email: info@mpcpc.ca**
 - **School Liaison Officer (SLO):** The SLO will be present for **pedestrian safety** workshops and other activities.
- **Action Items:**
 - **PAC** to assist with the renewal of the **ACF film license**.
 - **Parents** and **staff** to report community safety concerns to Mount Pleasant community policing authorities.

Additional Notes:

QR Codes for tonight... Ethos/iDream:



Rubric

Teachers submit request, compared to a predetermined list of “acceptable items”

Step 1: Teachers submit a request online

Step 2: Executive checks to ensure it doesn't go above the allocated amount to the teacher, and compares the request to a list of acceptable items

Step 3: The Executive approves the request, without the PAC membership.

Sample Rubric For Teacher Requests Above their Allocated Amount

Step 1: Teachers Request funding for something

Step 2: The Executive asks what steps they've taken to fundraise

Step 3: The Executive suggests/ assists with fundraising

- community asks
- email requests to parents
- help in running events (bake sales etc.) to fundraise

Step 4: The PAC votes at the next meeting whether to cover any shortfall

***contact us:** hello@mtp-pac.ca

Action Items:

- Movie Night Volunteers:** Recruit 8-10 volunteers for the event.
- Promote Fundraisers:** Craft Fair Tables and Cobbs Bread (Main)

- Add second COBBs Bread Fundraiser Location (Cambie)
- Promote** committees and volunteer for future events
- Promote** PAC Communication via **Signal**
- Finalize Fall Enrichment Activities:** Confirmation is needed for the **October 29** event.
- Finalize Ethos Lab Proposal:** Determine dates for January or February.
- Explore Parent Education Opportunities:** Focus on internet safety and social-emotional learning with poll -
 - Consider if JEDI helps to sponsor/host these events.
- Teacher Funding:** \$200 allocated per division.
- Gavin** to confirm participation in **Grade 6/7 Camp** and follow up on transportation logistics.
- PAC Executive** to promote open **volunteer positions** and plan alternating in-person and Zoom meetings with babysitting services.
- PAC** to finalize the **ACF film license renewal** and distribute information on DPAC resources
- PAC** to assist with **fundraising** for Grade 6/7 camp and other PAC initiatives.
- Community members** to report safety concerns to local authorities as advised by **community policing**.