
MTP PAC Meeting Notes

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Attendees: Dorian LeVere, Aimee C, Ariella Assouline, Brandon Ma, Chelsea Hunter, G Landreth, Genny, Gillian Book, Holly Sawchuk, Jeff Wiley, Kelin Emmett, Lisa Charlston, Megan Cindric, Megan Livingston, Miranda Wiley

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

- Meeting called to order by Megan Livingston at 6:02 PM.
 - Land acknowledgment provided by Ariella Assouline, appreciating the stewardship of the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples.
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2. Treasurer's Report - Gill

- Current account balances:
 - **Main Account:** \$18,484.37
 - **Gaming Account:** \$5,100
 - **Total Funds:** \$23,584.37
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3. Tech Budget Plans - Megan

- **The school has requested \$10,000 to replace aging iPads.**
- **Pizza Lunch Plan - Organized by Lisa Charlston.**
 - Budget approval was requested for the next 2-3 lunches.
 - **Volunteer Team:** Lisa, Ariella, and Jen.
 - Strong order numbers: 25 pizzas and 100 bubbliies.
 - 10 pizzas have been donated. If unused, they will be rolled over to the next event.
 - **Motion for \$1,800 for the next 4 pizza lunches:**
 - **Moved by:** Miranda Wiley
 - **Seconded by:** Ariella Assouline
 - **Vote Outcome:** Passed (11 in favor, 3 abstained).
- **Direct Ask Fundraiser with PAC Match**
 - Launch Date: February 1
 - End Date: March 1
 - Goal: Raise \$5,000 from the community, PAC will match with \$5,000.

4. Hot Lunch Update - Chelsea

- **One-Day Trial:** Scheduled for Monday, February 3. Meals will be labelled with student names and distributed by volunteers.
 - Partnered with Ces't-Mon Café to provide weekly lunches.
 - **Cost Details:**
 - Regular price: \$7.60 (this includes \$1 upcharge).
 - Discounted meals for VSB meal program families: \$3.60.
- Families unable to afford lunch fees will have their costs covered. Options during test include:
 - **Discounted Lunch Costs:** Ces't-Mon Café will charge \$3.60 for donated meals.
 - 100% discount for VSB meal plan participants.
 - 25% discount (on the honor system) for other families as needed.
 - \$1 from will hopefully sustain the 25% discount and the 3.60 cost to PAC for the donated meals
 - Note: Hot Lunch is about PAC offering a service, not fundraising
- **Logistics:**
 - Lunches will be distributed by division with parent volunteer support.
 - Meals will remain warm in the provided containers.
- **Motion for PAC to provide \$200 padding to cover initial costs:**
 - **Moved by:** Kelin Emmett
 - **Seconded by:** Miranda Wiley
- **Vote Outcome:** Passed (9 in favor)

5. Subcommittee Updates

- **Fundraising - Lisa**
 - **MTP Day:** Scheduled for Sunday, June 8.
 - Miranda to coordinate event details.
 - Silent auction managed by Megan.
 - BBQ team: Luke, Gill, and Brendan Cindric
 - Volunteer coordination and PR team to be determined.
 - **Market Day:**
 - Gymnasium approved for the order pick-ups on February 7
 - Order forms are to be distributed for product pre-orders. (e.g., meats, perogies).
- **Tree Chipping Debrief - Miranda**
 - Total Funds Raised: \$2,849.81
 - Thank-you notes have been sent to contributors and sponsors.
- **Movie Night - Megan**
 - Next event: January 31.

- Seeking suggestions for movies under 90 minutes (email: hello@mtp-pac.ca).
- Volunteer sign-ups are needed.
- **DPAC - Ariella**
 - **Upcoming Events:**
 - **January 18:** In-person Town Hall at St. James Community Hall (2 PM).
 - **January 22:** Virtual inclusive education working group.
 - **January 23:** DPAC virtual meeting.
 - **Key Initiative:** Office inquiry on exclusion in classrooms.
 - **IMPORTANT,** please participate: - *The office is doing an inquiry on exclusion in classrooms:*
https://bcombudsperson.ca/school-exclusion?fbclid=IwY2xjawH1RnVleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHSGgl3WJHCTqm5HHkq558yp04a-8bufp6ie_m62z5iRibZLO05ewDZFN-A_aem_3KQDLN2pgPiD174dogzlQ

6. Extracurricular Events

- **Spring Enrichment Activity Poll - Miranda**
 - Poll to be released tomorrow to gather parent and student input.
 - Teachers' schedules and logistics are to be reviewed by Gavin Landreth.

Program	Description	Cost	Comments
Origins Parkour	6 classes/d for 5d Last year we saw 20 kids for some classes and 40 kids for others, but we always had two coaches on each class regardless of number of kids. So the price is a flat rate based on the number of appointments, not participants.	\$2070+GST	Off-site at the parkour gym Main and 11th
Yoga Buggies https://www.yogabuggy.co	Each student receives 4 x 40 minute sessions 12 divisions * 30min * 4	\$4032 full price 30% subsidy	

m	sessions/division - Done over a few weeks	= \$2823.	
DANCEPL3Y **If you wanted to do YOGAPL3Y, I would love to offer you a first time booking discount as your school has never had it before:	each student receives 5x 40-minute sessions each 6 Session/Day - 2 Classes/ Session pairing similar grades together (i.e. K-1, 2-3,4-5, 6-7) - maximum 60 students per session The classes paired together on day one remain paired for the rest of the week -OR-	5 days x \$725 (6 sessions) = \$3625 + GST	<i>This includes a Celebration of Dance on the last day where students showcase the dances they have learned and created. This also includes a teacher workshop at lunch and provided a follow along video where teachers learn a dance to do a surprise flash mob at the Celebration.</i>
YOGAPL3Y Residency (or any booking of 3+ days) is 15% OFF YOGAPL3Y Activation (1-2 days) is 10% OFF	2 Day DANCEPL3Y Activation each student receives 1 session each 6 Session/Day - 2 Classes/ Session pairing similar grades together (i.e. K-1, 2-3,4-5, 6-7) 30-50 Minute Sessions	2 days x \$750 (6 sessions) = \$1500 + GST	
Gymnastics https://www.kitsilanogymnas.cs.ca	Each student receives 4x 40 min sessions of Gymnastics 12 divisions @ 6 sessions/day = 8 days	\$550 for delivery/removal of gym equipment and set up + \$275/d = \$2750 + GST	<i>Only remaining availability is the first 2 weeks of June 2025.</i>
Vancouver Circus School https://vancouvercircusschool.ca/aboutus/	Each child would get only 1 x 40 minute session Day 1 : 3 Instructors w/ 5-40 min sessions \$1100	2 days total = \$2300	At Vancouver Circus School, we believe that circus arts are for everyone. Our workshops are designed to be inclusive and

	Day 2: 4 Instructors for 3-40 min sessions then cut down to 2 Instructors for the last 40 min session \$1200		welcoming, regardless of your age, background, or ability. We strive to create a safe and supportive community where students can learn, grow, and explore their creativity
Vancouver Performing Stars Performingstars.ca	Each student receives 4 x 45-minute sessions of dance and musical theatre instruction Tues/ Thurs 9:15am-12pm (15-minute transition breaks between classes) for all of April (6 divisions on Tues, and 6 divisions on Thurs) starting April 1 and ending April 24	\$1800 + \$250/d performance fee at their Space OR + \$400 for performance at MTP gym - April 25tg	Option for a performance at their studio on Friday, April 25 ** 4 performances if needed to accommodate parents in their 80 seat theatre during the day) OR ** 1 performance after school in our gym

- **Pancake Breakfast Debrief - Gill**
 - Successful event
 - Budget: \$461.
 - Event was successful.
 - **Speakers for Parent Education - Ariella**
 - **Potential Speakers:**
 - **Counselor Kate McNamara** – Topics like anxiety in children.
 - **iDream Library** – Inclusive education content.
 - Upcoming online session with by-donation model.
 - Florence Nightengale is interested in sharing but have asked to place the initiative on hold for now
 - Further updates forthcoming following poll.
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7. Principal's Report

- **Staffing:**
 - Could the school website, particularly the list of classes/divisions/teachers be updated for this year? Thank you
 - Permanent SSA position filled by Jay Charity.
 - Temporary SSA extended through March 2025 - Ms. Ai
- **School Website Updates:**
 - All staff and class division information has been updated.
- **Extracurricular Activities:**
 - Senior boys' and girls' basketball teams start next week.
 - **Field Trips:**
 - Divisions 1-4: Ethos Lab.
 - Divisions 5-11: Science of Magic (on-site).
- **September Pro-D Day:**
 - What day is Mount Pleasant choosing for the September ProD Day? It helps to know early so we can make travel plans.
 - Selected in May of the previous school year.
- **Lunchroom Concerns:**
 - Since lunch was changed to the lunch room, my kindergartener barely eats any of his lunch and I've heard the same from other primary parents. I've asked my child why he's no longer eating his lunch and he says he doesn't know but I think the lunch room is too loud and hectic and the teachers are no longer there to encourage their students to eat. I'm also surprised by the significant reduction of outdoor, unstructured playtime, which I've always read helps kids to decompress and regulate themselves. Were the primary teachers really in favour of this change because the ones I've spoken to weren't? Was there a vote amongst teachers on these changes?
 - Noise levels in the lunchroom and decreased outdoor playtime are being monitored.
 - Teachers are actively encouraging kindergarteners to eat.
- **Bathroom Repairs:**
 - I wondered if there are any plans to make repairs to the bathrooms? My daughter let me know that the upstairs girls' bathroom has one stall without a door and two stalls where the toilet seem to have problems - continuing to run after you flush them or getting clogged regularly. Particularly for smaller kids, they can get easily freaked out by weird bathroom situations!
 - Plumbing issues are being addressed by an on-site plumber.
 - Summer repairs are necessary but often put on hold because of summer school
 - Longer-term design updates for better functionality are being explored. Plans to improve the bathroom design for younger students will be examined after the important and necessary issues are taken care of first.
- **Field Trips (Thank you PAC):**
 - ETHOS
 - Ethos Lab for Divisions 1-4 - JAN 21 & 22 - at Ethos Lab
 - Science of Magic for Divisions 5-11 - Jan 24 - on campus
 - WATARI – going home this week as well – 4 sessions for Grades 6 and 7, on Thursdays

- As part of the BC Physical Health Education curriculum, we are welcoming the WATARI STAR program to teach students about the impacts of personal choices on health and well-being and learn strategies to prevent substance use.
 - The WATARI STAR program is contracted through Vancouver Coastal Health and consists of 4 one-hour sessions:
- **Grade 7 Camp (May 14-16; note: its before May long weekend):**
 - Cost per student: \$325.
 - Camp information session – Thursday, Feb 13th at 6pm – all parents are strongly encouraged to attend
 - PAC support was requested for bus subsidy.
- **Performing Arts Show:**
 - Date: March 5.
 - We will be hosting a ‘Share-Out’ on March 5th and parents are invited
 - This will be an afternoon performance and not an evening performance
 - Practice on the 4th and performance on the 5th
 - Perhaps we could send this via PAC channels and people they know to source this opportunity?
 - Request for a videographer and photographer to capture the performance.
- **Emotional Wellbeing Surveys:**
 - **MDI and EDI – Middle Years Development Instrument and Early**
 - Development Instrument (Grade 6’s and K’s)- will be conducted Jan/Feb
 - This project will help us understand how children think and feel about their lives, both inside and outside of school during ages 9 to 13 (middle childhood years). Students in Grade 6 will be asked to share their views by answering questions on the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The MDI asks about areas of child development that are strongly linked to well-being, health and academic achievement. The project is administered by researchers at the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in partnership with school districts. Schools, governments and communities can use MDI information to improve supports and services for children.
 - **Student Learning Surveys – for Grades 4 and 7 –**
 - Ministry of Education is asking all Gr 4 and 7 students to complete this survey – this is a survey dedicated to look at the following:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>
 - **Is this emotional survey done every year? Did they do them last year do them? If so are there any trends you can share?**
 - Conducted annually for Grades 4 and 7.
 - Results are shared on the school website.
- **Miscellaneous Updates:**
 - AIRS is creating some amazing work! Stop by the art project area for
 - progress

- Basketball league for senior students starting next week -
 - Thank you to Ms. Pavelick and Mr. Little
 - Lion Dance – on Friday January 31st – in the afternoon, at 2:15
 - MTP Day to occur on Sunday, June 8th
 - Conferences – Feb 12 and 13- early dismissal at 2pm on these days
 - Grade 7 Graduation: date TBD but PAC funds available?
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Action Items

1. Finalize details for pizza and hot lunch volunteers
2. Launch Direct Ask Fundraiser on February 1.
3. Prepare and distribute Spring Enrichment Poll.
4. Confirm volunteer roles for Movie Night on January 31.
5. Assist with finding Videographer/Photographer
6. Monitor the progress of bathroom repairs and report updates at the next meeting.