

École Marlborough School
Marlborough General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6 - 6:30-8:00pm
West Building Staffroom



Attendance: Parents - Susan O’Neil, Tatiana Hamovic

PAC - Evangeline Jonnasson (meeting co-chair) Gadis Setiapatni (vice- chair), Victor Sihombing (Treasurer), Denise Brown (District PAC Rep), Jimmy Lowe (co-secretary), Manami Calvo (co-secretary)

Absent (PAC) : Zhanna Liksutina

Marlborough Staff – Eva Young, Vice-Principal, Jeff Hutton (Head teacher)

Guest speaker - Louis Rusch - Burnaby Park & Recreation

Agenda Items

Presenter

1) Introduction to PAC (Evangeline Jonnasson)

1. Welcome and introductions

2) Chair’s Report (Evangeline Jonnasson)

1. October has been an extremely busy for PAC

3) Principal’s Report (Eva Young)

1. First three weeks - schedules now up and running
2. 916 students, 37 divisions, 352 early French Immersion, 50 late French immersion students, 500+ English program students

3. Sports update – cross country season finished. Grade 5 girl's team placed second in the district. Thank you to all the parents for driving the girls to practice. Volleyball season begins this week. Ms. Dare, Ms. Liu and Ms. Charley are coaches. Please note that volleyball is for grade 6 and 7 students only.
4. Pictures (class and individual) on Sept 29 went well. Retakes on Friday, Oct 20.
5. We Day Vancouver – conference at Rogers Arena on Oct 21. Some grade 6/7 to attend to learn to be active in the community.
6. Presentation by Ms. Young on new curriculum– highlights
 - a. Why the change in curriculum? The world is changing and students have access to unlimited amount of information. We want our students to be competitive
 - b. Real life examples will be instilled in students- they can apply this after they graduate
 - c. More personalized learning – allow students to develop their passions as they go deeper in their learning and encourage lifelong learning
 - d. This year it is not mandatory to adopt curriculum. Marlborough teachers are only experimenting with new curriculum. Implementation of K-9 curriculum will be mandatory from Sept 2016.
 - e. Reporting will change – guidelines are being developed
 - f. 2016-17 trial for new FSAs.
 - g. Key features - Literary and numeracy foundation, Core Competencies (i.e. communication, critical thinking, positive and personal cultural identity), Essential Learning – all contribute to deep learning in new curriculum
 - h. Curriculum Model - Knowledge, doing and understanding
 - i. What's new about the curriculum – more flexibility. Teachers can go cross curricular (i.e. combine multiple subjects) and flexible (not as prescriptive – broader concepts such as outdoor education which allows students to go deeper in to the subject).
 - j. Emphasis still on reading, writing and arithmetic

- k. Includes aboriginal perspective – foundation of BC and Canada
- l. Curriculum available on BC Education website.
- m. Staff at Marlborough are viewing the curriculum as very positive. One group of teachers is on the technology learning team. Another team is on the mathematics team. Two teachers completing their master's degree (math and environmental education)

4) Treasurer's Report (Victor Sihombing)

1. Review Marlborough PAC Budget (see attached)
2. We received a grant amount of \$18,681.74 from Gaming. We have also carried over \$12,326.09.
3. Fundraising, Other Expenses and Wish List Expenses – Actuals from last year reviewed
4. Budget for 2015-16 – assuming revenue increased by 10% , wish list projected to go down due to computer lab no longer being on wishlist.
5. Questions on computer lab from parents – there are 31 desktop computers in the lab. There are also IPAD for classroom teachers, some of which were purchased by PAC.



5) Fundraising Calendar

- a) Hot Lunch (Gadis Setiaputri)
 - First hot lunch on Oct 9 - only four parents were able to volunteer. Contest doubled online orders. Most people already ordered online and were not buying on the day.

b) Book Fair - Oct 26- 29, 2015 (Jimmy Lowe)

- o Setting up and decorating east gym Friday, Oct 23 for event
- o Parents are welcome to come between 10am-3:30pm
- o Still looking for parent volunteers for back-up positions
- o Parents can still order online and donate books from teachers' wish list
- o So far 28 parent volunteers have signed up and 60 students
- o Head Teacher Jeff Hutton organizing teachers' wishlists

c) Family Picture Oct 29 & Nov 2, 2015 (Evangeline Jonasson)

- o Option of having Christmas cards done with pictures
- o \$20 all goes to PAC

d) Purdy's (Victor Sihombing)

- o Date not set yet

e) Pancake Breakfast (Jimmy Lowe)

- o Event has two purposes – Marlborough family event and community event.
- o Make donation to the Lions Cards and PAC to donate to families in need
- o December 15 – 7:00am
- o Entertainment by school choir
- o Flower arrangements

f) Entertainment Books (Victor Sihombing)

- o Still not 100% decided if we are going to proceed with these fundraising event
- o Date not set yet
- o Still not decided if we are going to proceed with these fundraising event
- o We have not sold coupon book for two years.
- o Promote books at the Bookfair – survey people to see if we get commitment

□ Action Item – to revisit this fundraising initiative after survey at Book Fair

6) Burnaby Park & Recreation (Louise Rusch)

1. After school fall programs at Marlborough:

- a) Babysitters' Basics – 11 year old and older. On Mondays at 3:00 pm at Marlborough East Staff room. Space still available.
- b) Chess Club
- c) Drawing and cartooning
- d) Don't be discouraged by waiting lists – they can bring in second instructor

2. Winter programs

- a) Soccer
- b) Hockey

3. Bonsor Recreation Complex flyer – Marlborough programs listed on page 10

4. After school survey – Louise to send survey link to PAC email address to send out to parents on list serv

5. It was suggested that flyers advertised after-school programs be posted where parents stand and wait to pick up their children.

6. Future programs suggestions include:
 - a) Sports - Floor hockey (younger and older)
 - b) Dance and music – hard to do at offsite locations but hip hop suggested
 - c) Cooking – cookies, chocolate making
 - d) Keyboarding
 - e) Mad Science, Science Discoveries
 - f) pinterest

7. Reminder - All grade 5 students are eligible for a free B Active pass



Next PAC General Meeting: Friday, November 20th @ 9:00am- 10: 20am