

Maple Lane Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: 6:00pm Wednesday January 15, 2025

Location: Maple Lane Library

Attendees:

Executive – Kate Procter (Chair), Aysha Revell (Vice Chair), Neal Campbell (Principal), Michael Boetzkes (Treasurer), Cherry Ho (Secretary)

Non-executive members – Patrick Man, Wendy Yang, Anna Kwan, and Terrance and Emily Yao

Welcome, Introductions, and call to order – by Chair at 6:04pm

1. **Agenda** – Approved by Terrance Yao, seconded by Michael Boetzkes
2. **December 2024 Meeting Minutes** – Approved by Kate Procter, seconded by Terrance Yao

Principal's Report

- **Acknowledgement of First Nations Territories.**
- **School Story** – School story focus on Social/Emotional learning. For 2024/2025, the school focuses on valuing diversity. An assessment on diversity was recently conducted and the result is a little bit lower than expected. The school is working on a survey on how to improve students' sense of belonging
- **Basketball Season** – Season starts for Gr.6/7 students. While there are various opportunities offered, the school currently focuses on 3-on-3 intramural games.
- **Green Team** – Focus on waste diversion. The school bought a compost machine that will transform the compost to soil.
- **Bollywood** – Will take place in the week of January 20 and performance will be on January 24. Parents will be invited.
- **Saleema Noon** – Will takes place on February 27 and 28 for students. Parents' session will be on February 19 via Zoom.

Chair report and Fundraising

- **Upcoming events**
 - **Lunar New Year Celebration** – We have not been able to secure a booking for lion dancing yet. Will finalize the details in the week of January 27. Tentatively scheduled for February 5.
 - **Movie Nights** – Will show Wild Robot on January 17.

- **Spring Flings** – Scheduled for May 23, 2025. Waiting for the district to approve the selected inflatables so the details can be finalized. Kate has sent out a request for volunteers to join the Spring Flings Committee. Need to consider whether we should have frozen treats rather than an ice cream truck. Also, we may need to look for a replacement for Cultivate food truck. Kate reached out whether we can get one more face painter and another balloon guy.
- **Fundraising**
 - Anna suggested a garage sale fundraising. Some schools do garage sales twice a year, in the fall and in the spring.

Treasurer's Report

- General account – balance on December 31 was \$31,045. After clearing of the approved cheques and payments, the balance will be approximately \$17,027.
- Neal found a quote for the high jump mat which cost about \$3,200. The original approval was \$2,400. Neal will find out how much the school can cover for the deficiency and will get back to the PAC.
- Gaming account – current balance is \$9,498. After clearing of the approved expenses, the balance will be approximately \$2,069.

Roundtable

- Suggestions for future Christmas and graduation events: consider renting a gym from Steveston London for a larger assembly. PAC can consider sponsoring the rental fees.

Next PAC meetings: February 18, March 12, and April 23, 2025, 6pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:17 pm