

École Margaret Jenkins School

Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

Thurs May 30, 2018

7:00pm, School Library

1. Welcome and Introductions (Anne) 5 min

- 10 parents (a few arrived after meeting started) plus 5 exec members, three teachers (2 are also parents) (Genny Crane, Ashley Frketich and Stacey Awalt) and Mrs. Langston

2. Parents 4 Climate (Tara) 5 min

- IPCC report says 40% reduction in CO2 in 11 years, representing 600 papers and 200 countries. Individual actions can be scaled up for greater impact by asking groups of influence for change. June 10th speaking to SD61 to declare climate emergency and to make a plan (transformative unprecedented action is required). If successful can be duplicated across province and country. No actions are outlined. If parents can show up then there will be more pressure. See Parents4Climate on [Facebook](#). Since 2009 mandated all schools to be carbon neutral, but is done via offsets. These monies could be used to transitions off of fossil fuels.

3. Committee Updates 10 min

- Spring Fair Friday June 7th (Anne) Sign up on newsletter, need someone to lead face painting. Marc Andrews ?!
- Where to park firetrucks on bball court? Food trucks on West side. Foodtrucks pay back 5%. Claire Miller will have hotdogs for sale.
- Visual Arts Committee - new volunteers needed. Room to switch up the primary art projects. Perhaps purchase supplies for the kiln. Staff reps to converse with staff.
- Bike to School Week (Heather) - 130 bikes today, bagels and fruit celebration on Friday. SJD had a speaker bike running outside. Active transportation committee is operating there. Bike donated from Dutton's. October is Walk and Wheel to School Week.
- Hot Lunches (Carolyn) - one lunch left, made close to \$9000 this year. Paypal has new regulations to prevent fraud, looks like PACs won't be able to use PayPal

- Calendar dates : Last Thurs of month for PAC meetings, Welcome back coffee and BBQ? Lunch dates are tentative, depends on if school wants lunches. ProD on Oct 25, so Fall dance on 24th may work.

4. PAC Constitution change proposal and vote (Anne/Carolyn) 15 min

- AGM constitution says it must be in MAY, always seems like a rush to transition. If we have elections in Feb it gives more time for new families to join. Change to “AGM annually between Jan-May”
- Was 8 general meetings per year, change to 7 as don’t meet in March or Dec
- Add definition of outgoing member if there is a lot of turnover, it would be helpful.
- Vote called by Anne, who is in all in favour of the three, passed.

5. Budget Update and vote (Anne/Michaela/Carolyn) 15 min

- All money raised one year, is spent following year. Predicting to make \$15,000 from lunches, fall dance, spring fair and make sale. [EDIT June/2019: as receipts continue to come in for year, looks like it will be closer to \$13,000] Will go towards next year with gaming grant (8-10K) to run programs again based on staff feedback. Including Science Venture, Camp Thunderbird, chess, indigenous speakers, Iride, movement class, artists, and assemblies. Past Smile Card money could be put toward projector. Class allotments will continue. Because some of the money is gaming grant there are strict rules, cannot be anything curricular. May see slight changes based on Spring Fair and end of year finalization of accounts.
- Anne called vote, votes, passed

6. PAC Executive member nominations and vote (Anne) 15 min

- Need at least 5 parents with three specific roles (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer plus members at large)
- Treasurer: Michaela and Carolyn
- Secretary: Jessica and Heather
- Chair: Anne Tomy
- Members at large: Ian, Garret, Betty (staff appreciation), Suzanne, Jason, Britta
- VAC: TBD
- Anne called the vote, slate passed.

7. Update from teachers (Genny and Ashley) 15 min

- PISE sessions: teachers learned a lot. Will be doing ProD with PISE in the Fall. Janet is asking for more funding for more. Currently each class gets three sessions. Two

coaches teach each class. Focus on team, strategy, taking turns, sportsmanship, developing movement skills for developmental levels.

8. Admin Update (Janet) 10 min

- TEAM Project - Broadening SEL to all staff and students' connections. Art projects, community building, more adults connecting with more kids. Monthly themes; Identity, gratefulness, peace, generosity, Growth mindset, diversity, self-care, environment, inspiration, community. Next steps are to have students take more leadership and to bring parents into participation.
- Carolyn requests a copy of the monthly themes to be mirrored in the newsletters.

9. AOB

- Question for school from parent on cleanliness of school. Floors seem very dirty.
 - i. Janet: Yes, floors are cleaned daily.
- Parent question: Physical representations of welcomeness, no rainbow flag symbols around. Wondering if a symbol could be included on the grounds.
 - i. Janet will talk to SOGI associate to get rainbow stickers.
- Kim: Disappointed there is no grade 5 legacy project, idea of aerial photograph of grade 5's.
 - i. Janet: this is too big an undertaking to ask of staff before end of year.

10. Catchment update: Special board meeting on June 17th. To speak you must give your name first. Can write letters until June 3rd.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

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