



## **Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Location: School Library

### **ATTENDEES PRESENT**

April Tarnowski – President  
Kirren Bains - Past President/Vice President  
Lauren Tristan – Secretary  
Janine Bozanin - DPAC Rep  
Hailey Larconic - Member at Large  
Gwen Myles - Principal  
Darla Chalmers – Vice Principal  
Russell Kozub  
Miso Jang  
Namji Jang  
Grace Chung  
Steve Ou  
Breanne McLeavy  
Marlies Henny  
Ritambhara Sud

**CALL TO ORDER** - 6:31pm

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

CARRIED

### **MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

CARRIED

### **PAC PRESIDENT WELCOME - April Tarnowski**

Welcome parents! Thank you for attending.

We have had some exciting things happening here at Morgan. The Book Fair was a huge success, we sold \$7500.00 worth of book and products, of which \$460.00 was used to buy two books per division from their wish lists, and \$1540.00 will be given to Ms. Hurtubise for the Library.

Spirit Wear sales were a little slow this year, we only had 45 orders. However last year we had over 400 so many families bought to fit for a couple years. Going to have

a spirit swap wear donation bin in January and families can donate their old spirit wear and maybe have \$5.00 per item and that money can be allocated to community outreach.

Mingle Jingle is coming up December 1, Kirren will touch on that. We have had a few people few people reach about regarding parent education and workshops, we are tabling that until the new year.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

(See last pages of the minutes for the Principals' Report.)

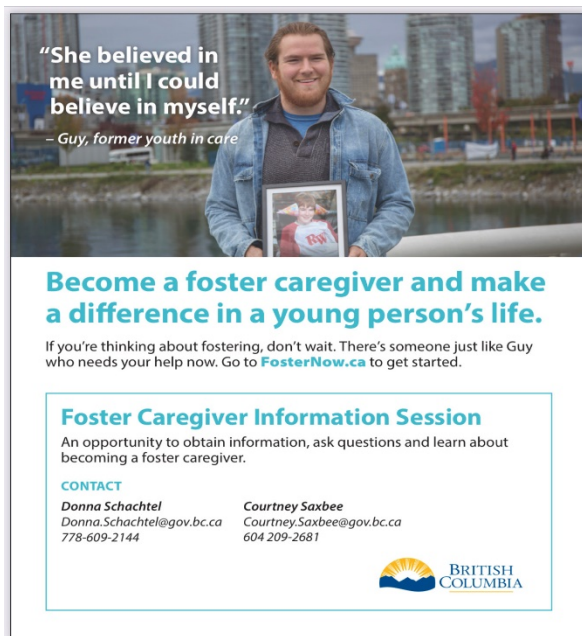
### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Will be done in January when Treasurer is back.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **DPAC - Janine Bozanin**

- Foster Care - Families wishing to help to foster children who maybe from the same school or community can reach out for more information. Here is the poster with information and feel free to share this information with others in your neighbourhood.



"She believed in me until I could believe in myself."  
- Guy, former youth in care


**Become a foster caregiver and make a difference in a young person's life.**

If you're thinking about fostering, don't wait. There's someone just like Guy who needs your help now. Go to [FosterNow.ca](https://FosterNow.ca) to get started.

**Foster Caregiver Information Session**  
An opportunity to obtain information, ask questions and learn about becoming a foster caregiver.

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 BRITISH COLUMBIA

- A coalition is being formed to connect the Ministry and the City together. For example: the Ministry is saving money by allowing portables to exist at the tax payer's expense. The coalition will be looking to achieve a symbiotic relationship to grow schools at the same rate as development is being approved.
- PAC Engagement: - Out of 121 schools only 41 attend the DPAC meetings (we are one of them). DPAC were the "front" that changed mask mandates in schools and kept everyone safe for the first year back to school. Anyone

- wishing to join the newest coalition and help DPAC/PAC please contact your local PAC.
- Teacher Regulation Board – Educating parents on the protocols to following when filing a complaint of teacher misconduct. Step 1: Connect to the School Administration, Step 2: South Surrey School Board Assistant Superintendent Lynda Reeve, Step 3: Superintendent Mark Pearmain.

## Health & Safety (H&S)



### The City

- The City will be conducting an engineering review of the 3 areas on 156A Street and 34 Avenue where you will see the equipment in the photograph attached. The review will include a site visit, a traffic study, a pedestrian count, and a review of any past collision history. They will then determine the appropriate crossing treatments along with making necessary recommendations to address the parking and parking lot issues. They are expecting it will take up to the next semester and will circle back on the results and next steps.

### The District

- The Head of H&S for the District shared a great resource for us to use for our children's safety at school: [ERASE](#). (See link in Principal Report below.) The site includes topics such as erasing bullying, cyberbullying, violence, racism, discrimination, isolation.
- Perimeter Protection – the District is currently looking into Door Access Control Systems for select doors at all schools. ETA to be determined.
- First-Aid logs and tracking for prevention protocols shared by the Administration.

### **Book Fair — April Tarnowski**

This was a very successful Book Fair! We raised enough funds to give the School Library over \$1500 to buy new books, and we were able to grant every Division with 2 books from the Teachers' Wish Lists. Thank you to all who volunteered and shopped. Next time, to help with the lunchtime slot which was very busy, it will be organized so classes can visit at specific times such as K-Gr2, Gr3-5, Gr6-7.

**Community Outreach — Breanne McLeavy**

The Cold Clothing Drive had a great turnout. Thank you to all who donated gently used warm clothes. We were able to give our sister school, Bridgeview Elementary, all the clothing for their families in need. Next we will be collecting donations from families in each Division to help create 23 food and gift hampers to gift these families at Bridgeview, and a few families at Morgan in December.

**Mingle Jingle — Kirren Bains**

Thanks to parents stepping up to volunteer, we are excited to bring back the Mingle Jingle on Thursday, Dec 1st from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. This is a fun, family event with 12 carnival games, letters to Santa, face painting, cookie decorating, crafts, mini donuts food truck, and more! Games passes and pre-ordered pizzas are available to buy on MunchaLunch.com. We have sold 120 games passes so far. Volunteers are still needed to man game stations. Pre-order a pizza for your family by Nov 21st.

**Pancake Breakfast - April Tarnowski**

The PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast will be on Monday, Dec 12th. Look out for more on this after December 1st. Many volunteers will be needed for this event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lunch Supervisors still needed at Morgan and across the School District. It is a paid position, 5 days a week, 1 hour each day.

PAC still looking for someone to head up a Parent Social for February.

**NEXT MEETING**

January 11, 2023 6:30pm in the school Library.

**MOTION TO ADJOUR MEETING - 7:31pm**

## **Principals' Report – November 2022**

Gwen Myles & Darla Chalmers

### **A Special Thank You**

It is our pleasure to share with you this special message we received from one of our Morgan parents ...

*"I just wanted to write and express my gratitude to the PAC Committee. They are such a great group of parents; very well organized, engaging, inviting and pleasant-mannered.*

*I volunteer once in awhile with hot lunch Wednesday and I am always in awe of how they organize everything so efficiently, answer all of the parents' (repeated) questions and get everyone on their way. They make it look easy and make my experience very enjoyable.*

*The book fair last week was another example of how much work they do. It was extremely busy in the library yet the PAC Committee was always cheerful, helpful and grateful.*

*When convenient, if you think it is acceptable, I would appreciate if you would pass this message on to them just to let them know that there are parents like me that are extremely grateful for the contributions they make alongside your wonderful leadership and the amazing staff to make the school experience a really good one for our kids. "*

*Parent of Morgan Students, Gr. 1 & Gr. 4*

### **Winter Song Celebration Assembly**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, our students will be joining in and performing in a winter song celebration. Performers will include our choir, music classes and band students.

### **Student and Family Assistance Fund**

The BC government has provided extra funds this year to families in recognition that this is a challenging financial year. They have provided schools with this money knowing that schools are familiar with their communities. We are able to use these funds to assist with things like school fees and food security. Please reach out to the office if we can be of assistance to you with these funds. If you are aware of a family who you know could benefit, please pass on this information to them. Thank you!

### **Charity**

Thank you, Morgan parents, for the donations of warm clothing and boots for our sister school!

We will be continuing our community outreach efforts in November and December with the following initiatives:

- Food bank –
  - Thank you, Kristen Uppal, for organizing and supporting this venture, and thank you to our student Spirit Leaders and sponsor

teachers who will be helping to spread the word and collect the food.

➤ Stay tuned for a list of most-needed items!

- Hampers
  - All classes will be asking for donations to help support families at our sister school as well as some of our families here at Morgan

### **Student Leadership**

During our last PAC meeting, we shared about the upcoming leadership opportunities, and things are now rolling!

- Lots of students submitted applications
- We were able to give them their first choices
- Meetings are being held with each of the groups this week and next to get all of our teams engaging in this important work

### **Our Musical: Looking for Parent Volunteers to support our Teacher Committees**

This week, we sent out a communication with a link for parents to sign up to support our teacher committees.

The committees have all met and have a solid plan for how they will be proceeding, but look forward to help from parents.

### **Sports this Season!**

- Volleyball has been going on – they have two weeks of games left and then they will be attending their playdays
- Basketball will be starting in January
- Intramurals - Mr. Taddei has been offering times in the morning before school for grade 6 & 7 students to attend hockey and basketball

### **ERASE**

ERASE is a government sponsored program and website designed to empower parents, students, community partners and educators. If you are hoping to learn more, please click on the link below.

### **erase = expect respect & a safe education**

**erase** is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>