



## **Morgan Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Location: School Library

### **ATTENDEES PRESENT**

April Tarnowski – President  
Kirren Bains - Past President/Vice President  
Lauren Tristan – Secretary  
Joyce Buchanan - Treasurer  
Janine Bozanin - DPAC Rep  
Hailey Larconic - Member at Large  
Darla Chalmers – Vice Principal  
Russell Kozub  
Miso Jang  
Marlies Henny

### **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:32pm

### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mingle Jingle

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

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

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

Welcome to the PAC Meeting, thank you for coming. I think we are off to a great start to the year, our Welcome Back to School BBQ was extremely successful. Huge thank you to the Lauren, Hailey and our hot lunch team for coordinating that. We have some exciting events planned for the coming months, movie night, book fair, and spirit wear.

We are also in the works to have the return of the Mingle Jingle and pancake breakfast back in December. For those events to go ahead we are going to need many volunteers. These are two particular events that the kids love and great for the school community. There are so many hours that go into planning and executing these events that fundraise for so many extra things that make Morgan such a great school. Watch your emails and sign up to help!

I, as well as PAC Executive is going to be hosting a PAC Meet and greet coffee for primary parents on Wednesday, October 22 in the library at 10am. This will be a great opportunity for the primary parents and caregivers to meet us, find out what we do as a PAC and how to get involved.

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORT - Joyce Buchanan**

Reviewed the financials. PAC has issued \$250 each to 27 teachers/support teachers as Discretionary Funds. These funds help to supplement what the district funds, and go towards things like craft supplies in the classrooms. \$5000 was given to the school for AV/tech and \$8130.00 for field trip support (\$15/student). Joanne Howard has been booked and art classes will start soon and go throughout the year, also funded by the PAC.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Hot Lunch.** -The Hot Lunch Coordinator has been working with the Admin to help ensure our Morgan families in need have access to hot lunch. Federal funds, along with funds raised through Helping Hands Donations done through Movie Night are sponsoring these. Thank you for those who supported!

Hot Lunch for the Winter Term (January 4 - March 8) will open up for ordering on Monday, November 28th for two weeks. Ordering closes Dec 12th end of day.

Vendors are set for this school. Spring is when we start reviewing this again for next school year.

**Community Outreach** - Bridgeview Elementary is our sister school. We fundraise to help out their families in need a few times a year. They have over 24 families in need. You will see more communication from PAC for some of the basic necessities needed though things like a Hamper Drive and a Christmas Tree Gift Drive.

**DPAC - 1.** DPAC is proposing changes to the eligibility criteria of the Directors and Officers which will be voted at the October meeting. Current vacancies include Secretary, Treasurer and Director.

2. The Provincial Government has now allocated funds of over \$7.3 million to each of our 130 schools in Surrey to support families struggling with the rising cost of living due to inflation. Families in need are encouraged to reach out to principals, teachers or their school staff if any financial support is needed for school supplies, food, clothing, or field trips.

3. An inclusion of diverse learners committee has been formed to gather data about the support services offered by the district to our schools. The committee will determine how the monies are calculated, distributed and will ask CUPE about

support staff such as EA 's and ABA workers to find out how many are utilized or deployed in our district. The committee will gather data from and about district staff members who support our diverse learners such as counsellors, librarians and others.

4. Health and Safety walk around performed with Rob Rai from the District to identify hazards around the school. Hoping to have a formal update to share for next meeting.

### **COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT**

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS**

**Movie Night** - Oct 28 Movie Night is now sold out.

**Spirit Wear** - coming October 27. Samples of Morgan Mustang logoed clothing will be available to view outside the library during the Book Fair Days (Nov 7 - 9). We are using a new vendor this year. Orders will be placed online directly with the vendor. Details to come.

**Book Fair** - Nov 7 - 9 in the school library. This fundraiser helps to raise funds for the library and classrooms so we can get more books. Volunteers are needed to help as cashier, etc.

**Halloween Costume Parade** - Oct 31 at 9am. Parents welcome to come view in the gym.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mingle Jingle** - The PAC is looking to bring back the Mingle Jingle in December. Tentative date is the evening of Dec 1, located in the school gym with some carnival games, letters to Santa and festive fun. It will depend on if we can get the many parent volunteers needed to help pull it off.

**Pancake Breakfast** - PAC is looking to bring back the PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast on Monday, Dec 12th. It too will need many parent volunteers the morning of to help mix, cook and distribute to the students. We will be asking for parents to donate food items like pancake mix, syrup, etc. We will also need parents to loan cooking items such as griddles, large mixing bowls, etc. Will require many volunteers to help pull it off.

### **NEXT MEETING**

November 16, 2022 6:30pm in the school Library.

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

## Principals' Report

October 19, 2022

Ms. Gwen Myles & Ms. Darla Chalmers

### Kick-Off Assemblies Today for our Musical and our Student Leadership Program

Today, we formally introduced our Spring Musical to our intermediate students! It was an exciting reveal complete with bubbles and the choir singing "Part of Your World". Students heard about possible roles they could audition for and committees they could join.

We also introduced our new Morgan Student Leadership Program which is open to our intermediate students. We have a variety of Leadership Groups, listed below that students can apply for. The application process includes students telling us a bit about themselves: for example, hobbies and interests, and what might make them well-suited to a leadership role. The application also includes a reference sheet. Interested students will ask a friend for a reference, a parent for a reference, and their teacher for a reference.

Students will give their top 3 Leadership Group choices. Students commit to their leadership group for the duration of the term, and there will be opportunities to apply at the beginning of each term.

Leadership Group	Sponsor Teacher	Open To
Bridging Buddies	Ms. Myles	Grades 4-7
Announcement Helpers and Assembly MCs	Ms. Myles	Grades 6-7
Spirit Leaders	Ms. Johal, Ms. Hayward, Ms. Dhudwal	Grades 4-5
Energy Ambassadors	Mr. Taddei	Grades 4-7
Assembly Set-Up and Tech	Ms. Chalmers, Ms. Cope	Grades 6-7
PE Leadership	Ms. Pearson	Grades 5-7
Mentor Leaders	Ms. Hayward and Ms. Bagai	Grades 5-7
Big Buddies On Call	Ms. Chalmers	Grades 5-7

### **Musical Committees (Parent Volunteer Opportunities)**

Teachers are actively involved in making our Little Mermaid Musical a reality. They are involved in numerous committees including Props, Tech, Make-up, T-Shirts, Ads and Programs, etc.!

Some of these committees are (or will be!) in need of parent volunteers to help out.

The Make-Up Committee is the first group to put out a request for parent help. If you are able to join this committee, please contact Wendy at the office at [morgan@surreyschools.ca](mailto:morgan@surreyschools.ca). She will then connect you with the teachers on the committee so that they can share further details. We thank you in advance for your help!

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Parent-Teacher conferences are happening this week and we value this important home-school communication. Our early dismissal is on Thursday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. If Thursday is not suitable for you, please connect with your child's teacher for a time to meet. We thank you for talking to your child about their strengths, their stretches, and for exploring strategies for their next steps in learning.

### **Halloween Parade**

Our Halloween Parade takes place on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am and we are excited to be able to invite parents for viewing this year! There will be space available for interested parents in the foyer and in the gym. Simply wait outside the front doors, or gym doors (front or back) and we will let you in when it is time.

Please have your child arrive at school already in their costume. A reminder that costumes will need to be appropriate for all age levels to view, and that replica weapons are not permitted.

### **Sports this Term**

Mr Taddei and Ms. Heer both shared how impressed they were with our grade 6 and 7s during their soccer season. Our co-ed soccer team came in first at their playday.

Intramural basketball has started. Mr. Taddei is running practices in the morning to help provide time for students connect and build their skills.

Volleyball has also started for both the boys coached by Ms. Prentice and girls coached by Ms. Pearson.

### **Scholastic Book Fair November 7, 8, 9**

The Scholastic Book Fair is back as an in-person event in the library on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>! This is a great opportunity to find exciting reading material your child will love, and don't forget the great Christmas shopping opportunity!

## **Remembrance Day Assembly Nov. 9**

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> this year. November 10<sup>th</sup> is a non-instructional day, and November 11<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.

Each year, Morgan invites families to share their photos of loved ones who are, or who have been veterans. It is our honour to share these photos as part of our Remembrance Day assemblies. We thank those who have already shared with us and look forward to sharing those photos again this year. If you have a photo that you would like to share with us, please email Gwen or Darla with your photo, the name of your loved one, and any details you may have about when and where they served.