

# PAC Meeting

23 NOVEMBER 2021/ 9:30 AM / ZOOM

1. Welcome, attendance
  - a. Present: AJ Neufeld, Charmaine Toews, Lindsay Lepp, Anita Terrick, Jerrah-Lee Broesky, Roxane Archer
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - a. Approved
3. Adoption of agenda - questions/amendments
  - a. No questions or amendments
4. Principal's report - AJ
  - a. Staffing
    - i. Mr. Bud Penner is off on leave. He will be off until Christmas break. Mr. Vital Renaud is in the position until Mr. Penner can come back.
    - ii. HSD is short staffed in all employee categories. We have been for a period of time. The most direct effect is teacher subs.
      1. Short on average 1 per day since the beginning of November
      2. What this means is teachers are being reassigned from their preps to cover classes. The admin team is in the process of figuring out how to repay staff their prep time.
      3. HSD is doing what they can to bring in more staff to all employee groups.
      4. Kids might have days with a variety of teachers all day when there are no subs.
  - b. Remembrance Day Ceremony
    - i. Used the Boxcast app to broadcast a ceremony into classrooms.
  - c. School Goals
    - i. A new goal has been added surrounding belonging and engagement.
      1. Goal is to have 65% of students experience a strong sense of belonging.
    - ii. Students indicated in Student Voice class that they are missing the big community (school, grade) events.
    - iii. In response to this, teaching staff are planning grade-level events in term 2 and term 3. The intent is to build community in the grades.
    - iv. Clubs are starting to happen again - creative writing club (grade 7/8), board games club (grade 5/6), student council (all grades).
      1. Challenge: space to run clubs while meeting Public Health orders
  - d. Fundraiser
    - i. The most recent balance is at \$1075.00.
    - ii. Using Parent Portal to facilitate the collection of funds

1. HSD would like to pilot using Parent Portal to take donations directly.
    2. When we get our next fundraiser AJ will help get this set up.
  - e. Athletics
    - i. Volleyball season is winding up
    - ii. Gr 8s participated in play offs. Viewing available on Boxcast.
    - iii. Basketball is next up. HSD is planning on a full basketball season in January.
      1. We will need coaches at MMS.
    - iv. Public Health and MB Ed require that students participating in extracurricular athletics must be vaccinated or must provide a negative COVID test at their expense.
      1. Communication was sent to all HSD families on Friday, November 19 with this information.
      2. Parents can put this information on Parent Portal.
      3. HSD is looking at different league formats depending on what participation numbers look like.
  - f. Report Cards
    - i. Released December 3rd
    - ii. Parent teacher conferences will be virtual again.
  - g. Christmas Concert
    - i. Will be virtual this year. More information to come.
  - h. Religious Opening Exercises
    - i. HSD approved the application for ROEs to be held at MMS.
    - ii. Interested parent volunteers will require criminal Records, Child Abuse Registry, Proof of vaccination or regular testing.
    - iii. We are prepared to get ROEs going, we just need community members in place to take this on.
5. Treasurer's update - Lindsay
    - a. The account is sitting at \$672.00
  6. Fundraiser
    - a. What can we afford?
      - i. Between the fundraiser and current balance we won't have quite enough for a picnic table and other PAC things.
    - b. Do we do another fundraiser this year?
      - i. Yes.
      - ii. Idea: Za Pizza sells gift certificates. A portion of the certificate goes to the school.
      - iii. Hold off on fundraiser decisions until the beginning of February.
  7. Board/PAC Liaison Meeting on October 26 - Responsible Use of Technology
    - a. Update from Charmaine and Roxane
      - i. There's a long policy written up. It is thorough. Parents can access this document online.
    - b. Websites: [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org), [www.welcometomylifeonline.com](http://www.welcometomylifeonline.com)

- c. Question for MMS: is there anything we are doing at Mitchell that PAC should know about in terms of the policy?
    - i. Answer: the policy aligns quite closely with what we were doing already
    - ii. This topic will come up in Student Voice on occasion - wanting to use their devices more to listen to music etc. Ultimately students are able to adhere the guidelines in the policy.
  - d. What are our policies after school?
    - i. The wifi continues to be active after school hours.
    - ii. When students are outside before school hours or after school hours staff do not monitor.
- 8. Morning Religious Exercises - Looking for parent volunteers
  - a. Conversation about looking for parents or reaching out to local church pastors.
  - b. Youth leaders breakfast at Oakridge November 24
    - i. Can we bring it up at this meeting?
    - ii. Anita will reach out to the organizer of the breakfast. AJ will forward the email to Anita.
  - c. Anita will be team lead of organizing ROEs.
- 9. New business
- 10. Suggestions/Concerns
  - a. PAC can have a spot in the weekly newsletter when there is business to share.
  - b. PAC spotlight
  - c. Instagram - look into increasing our presence as MMS and PAC.
    - i. Increase belonging → part of our student goal
- 11. Closing - schedule next meeting
  - a. Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 9:30 AM.
  - b. Zoom or in-person? TBD