

PAC Meeting

27 SEPTEMBER 2022/ 9:30 AM / MMS

1. Welcome, attendance, introductions
 - a. Chastidy Konrad, Lindsay Lepp, Heather Ginter, Elly Carr, Angie Koop, Nelli Wiebe, Naomi Reimer, Anita Terrick, Charmaine Toews, A.J. Neufeld, Susanne Kwiatkowski, Jerrah-Lee Broesky
2. Approval of previous minutes
 - a. Approved.
3. Adoption of agenda (questions/amendments)
 - a. Adopted.
4. What is PAC? What do we do here?
 - a. Highlights include:
 - i. June Pizza lunch, watching families come together
 - ii. Teacher appreciation snack buffet
 1. With more PAC bodies we will look for more ways to show appreciation this year.
 - b. We come listen to the Principal's Report, to hear first hand about what's happening.
 - c. We try to come up with ideas for fundraising.
 - i. We are looking for new ways to generate funds.
 - d. We keep the load manageable. We want to support the school without exhausting our capacity.
5. Principal's Report
 - a. Staffing
 - i. Hired additional EA - Alyssa Plante
 1. Accessed her through Jordan's Principle grant money
 - ii. Population of 284 students. We were projected to be at 304.
 1. We were staffed to teach 304, which means we are slightly overstaffed.
 2. This has allowed us some flexibility in our schedule.

- a. Tech Ed and Home Ec for 5/6 students
 - b. Outdoor Ed for all students
 - 3. We've had a low uptake of students returning from homeschool
- iii. We have 20 ¼ teachers on staff, and 7 EAs.
- b. Start of Year
 - i. It's felt settled.
 - ii. We had Meet the Teacher, with a BBQ. We had a great turnout. PAC also had a table set up which was good for meeting parents and recruitment.
 - 1. Purpose of BBQ - to celebrate a return to "normal", an intentional event to bring families and the school together.
 - iii. HSD Cross-Country run, Terry Fox Run have taken place
 - iv. Student Council assembly took place on September 26
 - 1. About 20 students stood and gave speeches
 - v. We have a grade 5/6 choir this year.
 - vi. Mr. Reimer (gr 7 HR teacher) currently gathering interest in taking a group of grade 7s and 8s to serve Thanksgiving dinner.
- c. School Goals - we have 3 broad goals
 - i. Develop the literacy of our students, develop the numeracy of our students, and that all students will feel a sense of belonging at MMS.
 - 1. In one of our recent surveys, we had a low belonging/engagement score for our kids. This was the beginning of wanting to establish a goal to improve.
 - 2. See Appendix A for our 2022-23 school goals
 - 3. There is an excellent body of evidence that articulates student achievement increases when there is a strong family-school relationship.
 - 4. PAC Question: How do we address the literacy gaps parents are noticing with their 5s?
 - a. We have a Reading Clinician for our students who require significant intervention
 - b. Literacy coach in the division to offer support
 - c. We are in the process of developing what broad strategies are going to be in place for MMS readers.

d. Change - from Parent Teacher Conferences to Learning Expo

- i. Rationale: our teachers already communicate with our families.
 - 1. There is an expectation that there are no surprises on the report card. When kids are struggling there is communication in advance.
 - 2. In addition, parents who comes to parent-teacher are typically the parents of the kids who are doing well.
 - 3. There is another group of parents that avoids this type of event to avoid the “bad news” conversation.
- ii. What it’s going to look like: teachers have a fair bit of latitude.
 - 1. Your child will talk about what they have learned and how they’ve applied their learning.
 - 2. The teacher will be in the room, but your students will guide the conversation.
 - 3. The teacher grade teams have been asked to plan together so there is consistency within a grade group.
 - 4. Specialists will also participate. Families will have the opportunity to go the gym, Music room, Tech Ed, Home Ec.
- iii. We still need regular teacher to family communication.
- iv. Expect family communication to be sent home in the near future regarding this change.
- v. The evening will be a come and go style (no appointment needed).

e. Student Voice

- i. Was scheduled for each homeroom once per cycle last year.
- ii. It is not scheduled formally, but it will still happen. The goal is that all classrooms will be visited twice/term to get student feedback.

f. Morning Religious Exercises and Discovery Time

- i. It is currently not running, as we did not get enough petition signatures.
 - 1. PAC: there is a petition circulating that can go to the board once there are 40 signatures.
- ii. We do have permission to run Discovery Time, waiting to hear from the organizers

6. Treasurer’s Update (Lindsay)

- a. Current balance \$1,250.00

7. Fundraiser

- a. Picnic table purchase status?
 - i. It's been ordered. Cost was approximately \$1,900. No current ETA on when it will be delivered.
- b. What do we want to raise money for?
 - i. Something that provides shade or a wind break
 - ii. Asphalt surfaces for 4 square
 - 1. Recycled tires for asphalt? Something to look into.**
- c. Idea for 22/23 fundraiser
 - i. Non-fundraiser donation request
 - 1. This is what we've done the last few years. The number of donations has dropped considerably each year.
 - ii. Rocco's Pizza
 - iii. Za Pizza
 - 1. Our profit is \$5 per gift card
 - iv. Other ideas?
 - 1. Consider grocery gift cards?
 - a. The return is approximately 2%. You have to sell a lot to get money back.
 - 2. Lacoste Christmas wreaths?
 - a. Return is good, but the cost of a wreath is too pricey.
 - 3. Chocolate sales?
 - a. MES does it.
 - 4. Peak of the Market?
 - a. Would require school and PAC collaboration.
 - b. It does make a lot of money.
 - c. It is a lot of work.
 - 5. Passive income - have a vending machine
 - a. Naomi is going to look into this.
 - 6. Run an evening event??
 - a. Bingo night etc. with raffle baskets

7. Bake Sale at Christmas concert intermission?
8. School clothing
 - a. Tabled for next meeting
9. Suggestions, concerns, questions
 - a. No additional pieces noted.
10. Closing - next meeting: **Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 AM.**

Appendix A - School Goals 2022-23

Literacy Goals

Grade 5 - All students will be able to write sentences that contain a complete and well organized thought.

Grade 6 - All students will be able to respond to [grade level] reading clearly, with detail, and show comprehension

Grade 7 and 8 - All students will share their written thoughts, opinions, and ideas with the detail necessary to properly convey their messages

Numeracy Goals

Grade 5 - All students will be able to quickly recall multiplication facts up to 9x9 with accuracy

Grade 6 - By the end of the school year, all students will have achieved mastery of basic math fact comprehension

Grade 7 -By the end of Term 2 every grade 7 student will be able to apply their mastery of basic facts to explore all aspects of curricular outcomes with greater confidence.

Grade 8 - All students will independently solve math problems correctly by June 2023

Belonging Goal

All students will articulate a sense of belonging at Mitchell Middle School