

PAC Meeting
Tuesday November 17th 6:30pm

In Attendance: Sarah Pain (Parent), Alicia Stawnichy (Parent/PAC Chair), Elizabeth Brace (Principal), Cynthia Roach (PST/Recording secretary for PAC meetings)

Notes:

- Elizabeth will send out an email reminder to parents/board chair the night before.
- Al McDonald is our new board member going forward

- **Principal report for Oct/November**
 - Read the report with the parents
 - Questions/Comments
 - Bikes are new, are they used for a class and during the day?
 - Yes they go out as a group and ride in the snow. Kids really like them and it is a good way of getting outside.
 - Teachers rotate through using them. Meant for the older kids as they are larger bikes.
 - Sewing circle on Tuesdays, does that still go on?
 - Due to covid -19 it does not happen as it needs a 'plan'
 - Could look into this for the new year to see what is involved in getting it running again.

- **Christmas**
 - Trying to plan things for students and keep some of our traditions, although modified in some ways.
 - Feast
 - Dec 16 for students only (unfortunately no families this year)
 - Buffet style (with staff serving)
 - students will decorate table clothes in their classrooms
 - Christmas Stories every day for the last week (instead of Christmas Caroling)
 - Virtually meet with all classes for this
 - Christmas Craft
 - Decorate the class christmas trees
 - PJ Day
 - Dec 18th
 - Christmas Door Decorating Competition
 - Students will decorate their classroom door

- **Bussing Update**
 - Nothing has changed, still students that can not get on a bus to get to school.
 - Bus company is still trying to reroute and figure this out.
 - Some kids are walking and this will be a concern when it gets cold.
 - Mr. Nichols also picks up two students in the morning as they can't get on the bus and are too little for the taxi.

- Are there other schools in the same situation? Sara is willing to call the bus company on behalf of MHS.
- **Board Member Report**
 - Al McDonald is our new school trustee for MHS
 - Board meetings this weekend focusing on the strategic priorities for YK1
 - Board has invited Principals to join the meetings this weekend to share concerns and ideas regarding YK1 priorities.
 - Any ideas you can share and email them to Elizabeth
- **Financial Report**
 - We are doing well
 - Received funding from food first(\$4000)
 - We feed approx. 90 kids a day lunch plus snacks. This is an area to watch for finding funding for as it is a big expense taken on by the school.
 - Letter going out to businesses for support.
 - Rotary Club and Food Rescue have also been supporting us for the food program.
 - Winter gear has been donated, but in need of mitts and some hats
- **Concerns/Ideas/Wants (from parents)**
 - You are doing amazing things with all the restrictions put upon you and making the kids feel connected.
 - Kids seem happy/smiling and bought into the new 'way' of school.
 - Do you utilize Food Rescue?
 - Yes the school does. They support us and also support some families that need that support. We deliver food each week to 5-6 families.
 - Christmas families are being taken care of from the Hamper program
 - Cynthia Russel is looking after this.
 - Do you need any donations?
 - Accepting donations for winter gear
 - Mitts and hats are the things that are missing. We have had a good response to boots, pants and coats. It is a struggle this year because we can't have a lost and found out for kids to 'touch'.
 - If any of it needs repairing, Alicia will fix this for free, just let her know.
 - If there is a 'need' that we can tackle, let us know.
 - Mitten drive (Elizabeth to check in with teachers)
- **PAC Chair**
 - PAC chair- Alicia
 - No board meetings yet.
- Next Meeting December 15th 6:30
- Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.