

Members in Attendance: Lynda Stein (Chair- absent), Terri Calvert (Vice-Chair), Mabel Fung (Treasurer), Kristy McLeod (co-secretary), Leanna Sano (co-secretary), Neil Kamide (Principal), Ruca Abbott, Dionne McFie, Anipellia Schuss, Sue Hughes, Mahmood Hussain, Echo Miao, Satinder Sanghera, Michael Hempel

1. Adoption of the Agenda : Kristy – Leanna

2. Adoption of the Minutes: Sue - Mabel

3. PAC Executive Update:

- a. The executive spent 2 hours last night going through the various requests for funds, which will be presented to the PAC in 3 blocks.

4. Principal's Report:

- a. Neil thanked the executive members for spending the time to prioritize the requests.
- b. October 27th the interim reports are coming home.
- c. November 2 & 3 will be the parent teacher conferences. This will be booked online. Parents should contact the office if they have any problem with the online booking.
- d. October 28 is GR8T Day. The purpose of this 1 day school event is to help the Grade 8's feel more comfortable at our school. The Leadership students will run the whole day.
- e. The Remembrance Day Assemblies will be held on November 10th. Parents are welcome. The times will be posted in the McMath news bulletin.
- f. The Ministry is phasing out the work habits section on the report cards. They will be in effect for one more year. After that core competencies will replace work habits.

Dionne mentioned that there will be parent information sessions on October 26 & November 15th regarding the redesigned BC curriculum. The sessions are 6:30-8:00 pm at Mac Neill Secondary. Please RSVP to Lisa Urata, lurata@sd38.bc.ca

Anipellia, the treasurer for the DAG committee is requesting \$4000. All the committee chairs are filled, and there were approximately 90 parents at the first meeting. They are now working on the theme for the party.

5. Finances and Funding:

a. Treasurer's Report

- i. The PAC has two accounts: gaming (the grant from the gaming commission), and a general account.
- ii. We received \$25,980 as the gaming grant for this year.
- iii. We have \$31, 237.97 available, but we try not to spend all of it.

b. Wish list Allocation

Taking into account the funding allocation over the last 3 years, the executive prioritized the requests into 3 blocks.

- Block 1 has requests that have been approved by the PAC historically, and that benefit the entire school or grade such as scholarships, grad/valedictory, awards/trophies, Dry Grad, Safe Teens, Library (Reading Riot), Multicultural Club and Intermurals.

Susan mentioned that since some of the DAG funds are kept as a contingency, the PAC should consider decreasing the amount given to them.

After a short discussion a vote was taken to keep the funds given to DAG at \$4000. The vote was 7 in favour, and 6 against.

Kristy made a motion to approve Block 1 as a whole (sub-total - \$16,300). Mabel 2nd 12 in favour, 1 against.

- Block 2 is focused on the clubs at the school. The clubs the executive has recommended giving funds to are: the Coding Club, Anime Club, Math contests, Weightlifting Club, Reach Team, Supersmash Club, Business Ed Club, and Model UN.

Sue made a motion to approve Block 2 as a whole (sub total \$4,925). Mabel 2nd

All in favour

- Block 3 is composed of teams, department and competition requests. The requests considered this year are for: Theatre/Improv, Science Competition/Equipment, Science Fair, CPR training, Athletics Department for uniforms & Equipment for an outdoor volleyball court, and a new scoreboard.

\$1600 was put aside last year to refurbish the score clock. \$2000 further dollars were set aside at the end of the year for the scoreboard (money not spent throughout the year). This year another \$2000 is earmarked for the scoreboard. Neil mentioned that a new scoreboard costs between \$10K and \$15K.

A late Leadership Club request came in for \$1500, for various leadership conferences.

Dionne made a motion to add \$1500 to Block 3 for the Leadership Club.

Dionne made a motion to approve Block 3 as a whole (sub total \$9675). Mahmood 2nd.

All in favour.

6. New Business:

- a. The Staff Appreciation Lunch – Dionne requested that the money allocated for the staff appreciation lunch be increased to \$1000 from \$750. Terri suggested that we request food or money donations for the teacher lunches as a thank-you.

The Christmas Staff Appreciation Lunch will be on December 8th, 2016.

**Leanna made a motion to increase the funds allocated for the staff appreciation lunch from \$750 to \$1000. Kristy 2nd.
12 in favour, 1 against**

8. Meeting Adjourned 8:40