

**Members in Attendance:** Terri Calvert (Chair), Lynda Hudon (Vice-Chair), Mabel Fung (Treasurer), Linda Stein (co-treasurer), Kristy McLeod (co-secretary), Leanna Sano (co-secretary), Neil Kamide (Principal), Dionne McFie, Jacqueline Chang, Shannon Tilton, Lisa Chao, Mairi McNamara, Angela Morgan, Davood Khatami, Sonja Dong, Jen Schmidt, Lingly Wilson, Nadine Siefert, Greg Allen, Sue Hughes, Dagmar Hasek, Kathy Poon, Jackie Cox, Wendy Maclean, Naz Chow, Sandra Khan, Susana Bradbury, Mahmood Hussain, Satinder Sanghera, Svetlana Jermilova, Tania MacIntyre, Echo Miao, Helen Bourgeois, Max Choinski

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda :** Kristy – Leanna
  
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** Lynda – Mabel
  
- 3. PAC Exec Update:**
  - a. Terri explained that we will have an election of executive positions for the 2016-17 school year. All parents are part of the PAC and welcome at all meetings and thanked everyone for attending. At this point, officially last year's PAC executive steps down to open up positions for nomination.
  - b. Questions about PAC positions: PAC executive discussed the main duties of the positions, much lighter than in elementary school. No official PAC fundraising, one general donation letter sent out requesting funds. Students take responsibility to fundraise for their clubs, extra curricular activities and charities they are supporting.
  - c. Quick discussion about what time of year to hold AGM (elections) May vs. September – to be discussed later.
  - d. Terri opened floor to nominations
  - e. Dionne nominated Linda Stein as chair – accepted; Linda nominated Terri as Vice Chair – accepted; Terri nominated Leanna/Kristy as co-chairs – accepted; Mabel asked if anyone was interested in being treasurer or shadowing as treasurer. She is willing to continue at this point but welcomes anyone who would like to learn. No others were interested in taking an executive role at this time. All in favour with a hearty applause – now we have a

PAC executive and can request our gaming grant from the government. Thank you to the new PAC exec for stepping up.

#### **4. Principal's Report:**

- a. Neil thanked the PAC for volunteering last year, for again providing the welcome back breakfast organized by Ruca and Dionne. This is much appreciated by the staff.
- b. Tough start up this year due to numbers of students/balancing class sizes, and also some reduced budget.
- c. Approx. 1302 students
- d. Lots of new staff
- e. Implemented the P.R.I.D.E philosophy this year, will bring someone to discuss this at a PAC meeting
- f. This year, intermediate implementation of new curriculum (gr. 8/9)
- g. Stay tuned for Dry After Grad meeting date
- h. McMath tries hard to provide useful communication to families, weekly newsletter/blog, twitter, email and voice messages. If you have any questions please contact the school – feedback is always encouraged.

#### **5. Finances and Funding:**

- a. Will apply for gaming grant
- b. General account - \$\$ from donations is approximately \$3500
- c. Gaming account has approximately \$9000 some of which is allocated towards a new scoreboard.

#### **6. New Business:**

- a. The Staff Appreciation luncheons need more food donations. Salads, main courses, appetizers, desserts. Parents are asked to watch for notices as the last event had very little food and the organizers were scrambling to provide food for the staff. This is an important event as it is a way to thank the staff. Some suggestions include requesting RSVP's when folks offer to volunteer (including the food item you will bring), allocate more funds to pre-order food, remind your friends to bring food, translate request into other languages, send out an email reminder, ask for donations of cash to purchase food.

- b.** Terri asked Neil to get staff and student clubs to provide wish list requests for October 11<sup>th</sup> so that we can allocate the gaming funds early and get the items into the school faster. A reminder that the wish list includes items that student clubs might like to have to enhance their club, or items staff would like for special purposes. The PAC exec summarizes all of the the funding requests, organizes the items and makes a recommendation on how to fund the requests. The plan is to discuss and allocate the funds at our next meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c.** Clubs day is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Last years clubs can be found on the school website under the “students” menu. Some examples include: swim club, badminton, poetry, robotics, pottery, debate, chess, Interact, anime/manga, improv, model UN etc. This is a school lunchtime event in the Rotunda where all students can visit each club station to find out more information about joining a club. This is a great way for students to get involved in the school.
- d.** Discussion about possible parent education sessions. Each year the PAC organizes an information session for parents on a topic of interest. Some suggestions for this year are: “Ace it” (pre-apprenticeship program) and social media. Please bring any ideas to our meetings.
- e.** Review of the Constitution and By-Laws for the 2016-2017 school year. Lynda Hudon volunteered to look at the By-Laws this past summer and provided a handout. Will confirm with Lynda if the handout includes proposed language changes. We will review and discuss at the November meeting. Will try and post on website. It is time for the constitution and by-laws to be updated or refreshed.
- f.** Discussion about best time of year to hold the PAC elections – May or September. Both work, perhaps better to hold in May so new exec is ready to go in September. Again discussion of shadowing positions, some parents may be interested in this to help get an idea of the duties. PAC exec supports this, has done this in the past and has also had co-positions (including this year we have co-secretaries).
- g.** Discussion of RDPA rep, we have a few parents who serve on the RDPA so cannot vote on behalf of McMath so in future we will need a parent to attend any meetings where a McMath vote is required. We will add RDPA update to our future agenda since we have current parent members.

**8. Meeting Adjourned 8:18.**