

# **McMath Virtual PAC Meeting - October 18th, 2022**

## **Minutes**

**Attending:** Dionne M (Chair), Samantha H (Vice-Chair), Jon L (Co-Treasurer) Winson L (Co-Treasurer), Ledi D (Secretary), Amy S, Barbara, Brenna, Cathy's iPad, Carol, Cecilia W, Charlotte, Cheyna, Chris D, Dani, Dora L, Echo, Elanor C, Gen, Helmut, Iris T, Ivy G, Jack, Jack C, Jasmin P, J Wan, Karen F-H, Kelly, Kelly's iPhone, Mandy S, Peter M, Ridout, Shalika, Shane's iPhone, Sharmila, Steven L, Trace H, Vicky Y.

**Meeting opened at: 7:00pm by Dionne**

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

Approved: Samantha and Cheyna

### **2. Adoption of Minutes**

Approved: Samantha and Jon

### **3. Welcome and Introductions**

Dionne M welcomed everyone to the meeting with the Land Acknowledgment.

Reminder to mute your microphones so as not to pick up background noises.

### **4. Principal's Report & answering pre- submitted parent questions**

Mr. Johnstone welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

- Staffing Update

Retired TOC, Mr. Savory (Tech Ed Block A & B) is filling in for Ms. Crowe.

Counselling position still vacant, so we are still one counsellor short. Hopefully we will have a new counsellor by the end of November.

- Facility Update

There is still some minor vandalism happening. Graffiti with markers on some of the window shutters but not to the extent seen in the summer.

Lots of broken alcohol bottles on weekends and Monday mornings.

Security guards have eased off and we don't have one moving forward but will continue to monitor the situation.

- Grade 8 day

Will be on October 26th. It's been quite a challenge for Ms. Zaine and the leadership team to organise. There will be T-shirts, pizza from Pizza Factory for lunch and a lot of different activities. Hopefully the smoke will be gone as a lot of it will be outdoors. Emails will be going out to G8 parents with more details.

- Club Days

A great turnout with 44 Clubs in total. This is the most Mr. Johnstone has seen at any of his previous schools. Not enough space in the rotunda so had to present 22 over the 2 days. Clubs are still open for students to join throughout the year, see Mr. Ngo for details.

A reminder that for every club, there is ONE staff member volunteering their time. A big thank you to the teachers, EA's and CUPE staff as the clubs cannot run without them volunteering their time after 3pm.

- Ministry Reporting Order for Grades 8/9 changes effective next year

There will be no letter grades but will be using the Proficiency Scales from next year which is the same reporting as K-7. This was supposed to happen prior to the pandemic. There is a District information session on Oct 25th, 6pm on Zoom.

- New Graduation requirements effective 2024

For our current G11's and onwards: -

- The BC Ministry of Education and Child Care is implementing an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement for all secondary students beginning in the 2023/2024 school year.
- This transformative change to the Graduation Program represents an important next step toward lasting and meaningful reconciliation, providing all BC students with the necessary time and opportunity to develop deeper understandings of the experiences, cultures, and histories of Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- This new requirement also reflects ongoing work by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC), and other education partners to build capacity within the education system to address Indigenous-specific racism.
- Involves secondary students completing 4 credits of Indigenous-focused coursework to graduate starting next academic year.

- Do not need to require more credits
- Students need to take 1 Indigenous focused course (4 credits)
  - English 12 First People's (Grads of 2024)
  - BC First People's 12 (will be the credit for English 12)
  - English 10 First People's
  - Board Authorized Classes (TBD)
  - Possible Summer School courses, not yet decided

- Spreading #Wildcat Pride (Instagram and Twitter)

Japanese class went to Wisteria Place Seniors Home and did some activities with some of the Japanese elders there.

Senior Leadership team went to UBC Ropes Course in preparation for the Grade 8 day. The course was very challenging, but they managed to help each other out to finish the course.

- Upcoming Events and Dates

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| • October 19 | Photo Retakes   |
| • October 21 | PD Day No School  |
| • October 24 | Diwali  |
| • October 26 | Collab Day 9:30 and Grade 8 Day                           |
| • October 27 | Grade 8 Dance   |
| • October 28 | Grade 8/9 Immunization Clinic (not for covid vaccination) |
| • November 2 | Take Grade 9s to Work Day                                 |

- Questions from Parents from Google Form

1. Students got the interim last Friday, which was basically descriptive using G/S/N letters. Will the school issue mid-semester report card with actual grade in November as last school year?

A. Formal report card will come on November 17th as per the calendar.

2. Is there still a chance for the Medical Club to apply for the club fund?

A. Too late for tonight's meeting but will look into supporting the club in a different way if needed.

- Questions from Parents from the Chat

1. Wanting to know more about the English 12 course for next year, how to advise our children what courses to take for next school year.

A. This is new to us, but it will have a First Nations perspective. Not sure how it will all work but that is what we are working on now and will have more information later.

2. Where have the glass alcohol bottles been located over the weekends?

A. Mainly at the picnic table area at the front of the school. There are garbage cans there, but they are not being used.

3. When will the Homework Club be on?

A. Not yet decided, but there are a few options. Learning services are looking at using some senior students to volunteer for tutoring. From reading the interims, teachers are saying that the students should be using the PLT times for help.

## **5. RDPA Report**

- Andrew (President) unable to attend tonight. Update by Dionne.

- RDPA Meeting via Zoom on November 1st, 2022
- PAC 101 on November 3rd, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm at MacNeill Secondary. Workshops are for PAC Chairs, Treasurers, Fundraiser and Dry After Grad positions. You can go onto the RDPA website for more information.
- After the BC Elections this past Saturday we have 7 new school trustees for the next 4 years and their swearing in ceremony will be at the District Board Meeting on November 9th. Returning Trustees are Ken Hamaguchi, Heather Larson, Donna Sargent, Debbie Tablotney. New Trustees are Rod Belleza, Alice Wong and David Yang.

## **6. Treasury Update – Jon / Winson (Co-treasurers)**

- Amendment of Section 11.4 under Finances, of our Constitution – A change to the signing officers in line with the BC Gaming Grant. The constitution was sent out if you would like to follow along. The 2 signing officers need to be PAC members such as Chairperson, vice/co-Chairperson, Treasurer and one other executive member. All cheques will have 2 PAC signatures.

- Motion made by Dionne M
- Seconded by Jon L
- Motion passed

Updated document to be signed by Chairperson and Secretary and forwarded to the School District so they know that the changes to the Constitution has been made. We have been following this protocol for some years, but this now makes it official.

## **7. Gaming Grant – PAC Executive**

### **Gaming Grant - 2022 staff requests – voting on approval of requests**

- Jon L went through the requests. We have \$43,369.41 available in the gaming grant funds and the total Wishlist requests came to \$29,578.43. The Executive have broken down the requests into 3 blocks. Block 1 - Grad Requests, Block 2 - Returning Requestors, Block 3 - New Clubs or Departments making new requests. The Executive have made a proposal for the allocation of funds to be discussed and voted on tonight.
- We have been advised by the BC Gaming Commission that this is the last year that PAC Scholarships can come out of the gaming account. We usually give 7, \$500 scholarships each year.
- Questions from Parents
  - Concerns about the drone request from the Photography Club, further information is required on the rules in City of Richmond, YVR and Transport Canada on drone use. PAC will set aside contingent funds and with further investigation it will be decided during next PAC meeting.

#### **- Vote on Gaming Fund**

##### **Block 1 - Grad Requests**

- Dionne M made motion to adopt all items at \$7,500.
- Seconded by Winson L.
- Motion approved.

##### **Block 2 - Returning Requestors**

- Dionne M made motion to adopt all items at \$11,854.30 other than the drone which will be tabled till November's meeting.
- Seconded by Cheyna.
- Motion approved.

##### **Block 3 - New Clubs or Department Requests**

- Dionne M made motion to adopt all items at \$8,733.19.
- Seconded by Mandy S.
- Motion approved.

Please see the Gaming Fund Report for more information on the funds requested, proposed, allocated and voted on during this meeting.

## **Treasurers Report by Winson L**

1. General Account Opening Balance as at 20 Sept 2022 of \$101.62 and Closing Balance as at 15 Oct 2022 of \$221.62
2. Gaming Account Opening Balance as at 20 Sept 2022 of \$11,675.35 and Closing Balance as at 15 Oct 2022 of \$33,078.43

Total Funds Available as at 15 Oct 2022 of **\$29,578.43**

No questions from Parents about the Treasurers report.

## **8. PAC sharing or New Business**

Dionne made mention that we do not directly fundraise but take donations throughout the year. We will be asking for donations for the Teacher Appreciation Lunch at the end of the school year. If every parent donated \$5 we would have a lot for the end of the year luncheon and other items.

Dionne made a shout out at Sept PAC meeting for a co-Secretary and Lingly Wilson will be taking on the role with Ledi. If anyone would like to take on a co-Secretary role with Lingly, Ledi would be willing to step down. Ledi took on the role at the end of last school year for the PAC to be able to apply for the Gaming Grant.

Any questions, comments please email the PAC at [mcmathpac@gmail.com](mailto:mcmathpac@gmail.com)

## **9. Meeting Adjournment**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm – Motion made by Cheyna and Seconded by Jon L.**

**Next PAC Meeting: November 15th, 2022 at 7pm, we will try to do hybrid if possible but may need to wait until January as we do not have a meeting in December.**