

Minutes of McMath Virtual PAC Meeting - 7pm February 21st, 2023

McMath PAC acknowledges and thanks the first peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əŋ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Attending:

Dionne M (Chair), Samantha H (Vice-Chair), Jon L (co-Treasurer), Winson L (co-Treasurer) Lingly W (co-Secretary), Ledi D (co-Secretary), Jeff Johnstone (Administration), Carol, Charlotte, Cheyna, Cinda W, Elanor C, H. Murao, Helmut, Ivy D, Jack C, Karen Y, Iratzlaff, Meng, Michelle K, Sani, Sharmila, Silvia, Vera W, Vicky Y, Victor M, Jocelyn B,

Meeting Opened at 7pm by Dionne

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by Winson, Second by Samantha

2. Adoption of November Minutes: Motion by Jon, Second by Samantha

3. Welcome and Introductions

- Dionne welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.
- Next PAC meeting will be in April, and the May meeting is the AGM and the last meeting of the school year.
- At the AGM we will be needing to fill the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for next school year. Winson, who has been Treasurer co-chair this year is willing to continue as Treasurer. We are needing these positions to be in place in June so we can apply for next year's Gaming Grant Funds, which is around \$24,000. This money supports the school and the clubs, and it really is important that we can apply for these funds in June or we won't receive the grant.

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

- No pre-submitted questions this meeting.
- Welcome to new staff member Mr. James Low who is filling in for Mr. Lalonde who retired at the end of 1st Semester.

- Celebrations:-
 - Improv team of 5 students in the Provincial final. They ended up in the top 5 in Province, placing 4th.
 - Senior girls won the AAA South Fraser Banner moving onto the Provincials.
 - Other teams are still in some South Fraser playoffs.
 - Spring sports, over 100 students are signed up.
 - With rugby, tennis and girls' soccer, it is a very exciting time coming up!

- McMath Timetable Survey 2022/23 - PowerPoint Presentation
 - Final decision was sent out by email. We will be moving forward with PLT and the Semester system.
 - The survey participation rates for students and parents were greatly increased over last year, with 1018 students and 740 parents completing surveys this year in contrast to 608 students and 435 parents participating last year.
 - PLT survey, data from students and parents that they like PLT. Students use PLT for various things that is best for them.
 - Staff, students, and parents agreed that PLT twice a week and at the start of the day for 50-60 minutes is the preference.
 - Key take away from the survey is
 - Staff - Linear 52%, Semester - 38%
 - Students - Linear 24%, Semester 64%
 - Parents - Linear 24%, Semester 70%

- Next Steps...
 - Course Selections on Myed website
 - Grade 8/9 due today
 - Grade 10/11/12 due February 27
 - It's important to choose what you want, as what students pick, teachers teach! It determines the teacher allocation for the next school year.

 - Planning for Semesters
 - Timing for course selection is not great, what to change for what is best for students, especially Grade 10, 11 & 12. Some students will be taking courses at Summer School.
 - Setting new "policies" around repeating courses, accelerate (i.e. doing Math 11 & 12 all in one year), giving preference to G12 students who need a course for post-secondary, they will get it before a G11 student.

- How to support staff with their Prep Time, now they get Prep Time for only 1 semester and then 4 courses in the other semester. How to give teachers Linear Prep Time for the whole year?
- Looking into the possibility of making 2 courses into a Linear course for G8 & G9 such as Math and Science.
- Parents can view the Survey PowerPoint on the McMath website under News, February 2023.
- End of Principal's Report. Thank you to Jeff for the presentation and update.

5. RDPA Report – Update from Dionne for Andrew Scallion. Email richmondpsd38@gmail.com

- RDPA Presentation last month at Richmond High on Online Safety Issues, notes are on RDPA Website.
- Next RDPA meeting is on March 7th on Zoom. A guest speaker from the Richmond Therapeutic Riding Association, speaking on the benefits to students in our community.
- A District budget advisory working group is in progress and will be presented to the board at the June meeting. If you have any budget questions you would like to be brought up to the board, there is a meeting tomorrow night or email us at RDPA and we can bring the issues forward.
- Richmond School District Board Meeting tomorrow night. This will be the last meeting with Scott Robinson. The hiring process of finding a new Superintendent is underway. RDPA gets to sit in on the hiring process.
- RDPA has meetings coming up in March, April, May and June. AGM is in May, we need Executive Members, we will need a new President. If you are interested, please email RDPA.
- City of Richmond has reached out to RDPA for a Parent Participation Survey on Community Services. You can access the survey from the McMath Website or below.

Community Services Needs Assessment is underway!

Approximately every 5 years the City of Richmond conducts a community-wide study to gather the perspectives of residents on current programs and services delivered in all Community Services areas - parks, recreation, arts, culture, heritage, and library. The findings and recommendations that result from this project will inform the planning and delivery of future facilities, programs, and services.

Key Information:

- The public is invited to share their thoughts on Community Services facilities, programs, and services through a 10-minute survey.
- Community members can participate in two ways:

Telephone Survey – Beginning February 16, 2023, Richmond residents may receive a call on their home or cell phone from Oraclepoll Research (Ottawa, ON), with the aim of completing 1,000 confidential surveys. Telephone interviewers will be fluent in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Online Survey – Between February 16 to March 12, 2023, anyone who lives, works or plays in Richmond may complete an online survey available on www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca. Online surveys are available in English, as well as Simplified and Traditional Chinese.

- Visit www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca/NeedsAssessment for project details and contact information.

6. Treasury Update – Jon & Winson

- Finance overview
 - General Account - no activity, so currently \$221.62
 - Gaming Account \$33,078.43
 - Reimbursements of Club Wish List leaves balance of \$25,736.29
 - 7 PAC Scholarship cheques haven't been cashed yet. This is the last year for PAC scholarships.

7. PAC sharing or New Business

- Hoping to have the May AGM in-person in the library. We are needing people to step up into the roles, we will be able to help you.
- We need to start talking about the Staff Appreciation Lunch in June. It is usually funded by donations. If you have any ideas, please email mcmathpac@gmail.com
- March 6-10 and Spring Break, Mr. Johnstone will be in Costa Rica chaperoning, 20 students and 3 teachers. Ms. Naidu and Mr. Ngo will be in the main office.
- A parent asked, What was the decision about the Rainbow Stairs? Jeff replied... It's up to the Social and SOGI clubs to make that decision. They are looking at the placement currently.
- A parent asked, What do you think about traffic following a "right, right & right" model to the controlled intersections? In the last memo to parents re: traffic around the townhouses at drop-off and pick-up it is noted that there's a lot of foot and bike traffic around the townhouses and the Seniors complexes in the neighbourhood. Jeff's mic was not working so Dionne replied, RDPA has a traffic committee, and they sit in on the City of Richmond meetings. This is a problem at every school, we can add this to the April agenda.
- Have a great Spring Break everyone!

8. Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, Motion Jon, Second Cheyna

Next meeting on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 @ 7pm



**Do you live,
work or play
in Richmond?**

Take a short 10 minute survey

Share your thoughts. Help shape the future of City of Richmond's parks, recreation, arts, culture, heritage and library facilities, services and programs.

2 ways to participate



Telephone Survey

Take time to answer if you receive a call or text from Oraclepoll Research (Ottawa, ON).



Online Survey

www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca/NeedsAssessment

Survey closes Sunday, March 12.

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Your input is valuable. We appreciate your time to participate!

For more information, visit:
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居住、工作或
休闲娱乐吗？**

請用10分鐘做一個簡短調查

分享您的意見，協助構想列治文市未來的公園、休閒娛樂、藝術、文化、歷史遺產，以及圖書館設施、服務和各種課程。

请用10分钟做一个简短调查

提出意见，协助构想列治文市未来的公园、休闲娱乐、艺术、文化、历史遗产，以及图书馆设施、服务和各种课程。

參加調查有兩種方法



電話調查

如果收到安省渥太華Oraclepoll Research調查公司的電話或短訊，請抽時間回答。

电话调查

如果收到安省渥太華Oraclepoll Research調查公司的電話或短信，請抽時間回答。

該調查有英文以及繁、簡體中文三個版本。
閣下的意見非常寶貴，感謝您抽空參與！

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調查在3月12日（星期日）結束。

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