



**McMath PAC Minute - pending approval**  
**Tuesday January 21, 2025**  
**Attendee: 20 via Zoom**

- Adoption of the Agenda  
First: Robert  
Second: Winson
- Adoption of the Minutes - November 19, 2024  
First: Robert  
Second: Joel
- Principal's Report & addressing pre-submitted parent questions
  - WEX Needs Your Support!
    - WEX is a work experience program, lead teacher is Ms. Lim.
    - WEX is a 4 credit course outside of school. 20 students enrolled with 4 students still seeking volunteer work placement.
    - This program allows students to volunteer hours in exchange for work experience. Several businesses who participated in the past has not returned, school is looking to replace those opportunities.
    - Duration ranges from 2-4 months, 50-90 hours. The time commitment is flexible between what works for business and student schedules.
    - If you know of any businesses open to mentoring students, please reach out to Ms. Lim (lilim@sd38.bc.ca/604-718-4050) or front office.

**Q:** Does it go outside of Steveston?

**A:** Yes, while it's best to be closer to school for kids to commute. Sometimes work experience runs through spring break or weekends. Whatever works for businesses.

- Semester change: January 22 will be last day of class, no class Jan 23 and 24 for Completion Days. Students who need extra support have been advised. Usually about 20% come in for completion of projects and work.
- Gr10 Literacy Assessment test scheduled for 2 days. Make up opportunity scheduled for later in spring. This test is required for graduation.
- Grad Winter Formal scheduled for Jan. 23.
- Jan. 27 is ProD
- Jan. 28 is the first day of Semester 2
- Course Correction:

- Semester 2 course change is now closed. Feb. 3 is the last day to drop classes.
- Gr. 11 & 12 can apply for study blocks, reviewed and approved by Administration.
- There are some course waitlists.
- Course Selection:
  - For the first time, staff is hosting a course selection info night for parents (Feb. 13)
  - Course availability is based on student demands. Some courses won't run due to low interest.

**Q:** Course selection. Having trouble figuring out what courses are completed and still outstanding on the transcript? Is Feb.13 too late to help students?

**A:** The challenge of getting all staff on hand and facility booking, Feb. 13 was the best date. Gr11 & 12, conversations should already have been had and students have been talked to. Speak with you kid and counselors. There has been a lot of discussions with students. Counselors are involved and should speak with them.

Planning is important especially when it comes to some who do summer school.

\* Another parent suggested to go to MyED where graduation requirements are posted.

- Using MyED BC, Kids have to log on and will get a worksheet to plan out courses. Kids will need to confirm their Graduation requirements.
- Lates & Tardiness:
  - Email went out with many support emails from families and a few who had issues. Noted improvement with some kids running to classes.
  - Staff understands things happen that causes delay, but 10-15% tend to be late.
  - Monday traffic congestion is terrible with garbage trucks. Garry St. is all backed up.
  - Students need to be responsible to be on time. Teachers will speak with kids who are chronically late. Some consequences will include denial of privileges, like leaving early for clubs, etc.
  - Students who are chronically late may be sent to Principal or Vice-Principal if teacher continues to find tardiness.
- Reminders:
  - Call or email any absence.
  - Check WAAG
  - If parents have learning concerns, first thing is to speak with teacher.
- Affordability:
  - If there is a student who needs financial aid, please reach out to office Admin. This is all confidential.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Gaming Grant update:
    - Opening Balance (Nov 2024) \$26,682.01
    - Club/Wish List reimbursement \$3,197.37
    - DAG \$6,000.00

- Closing balance for Jan 2025 \$17,484.64
- General account update:
  - Opening Balance (Nov 2024) \$1,891.38
  - Frist Aid Kit fundraiser \$937.85
  - Closing balance for Jan 2025 \$953.53
- PAC accepts donations throughout the year. Reach out to PAC for more information.
- PAC/Committee Update:
  - a. DAG - No new update for 2025 DAG Committee
  - b. Traffic - No update, just the Principal's comments.
  - c. Fundraising - Christmas fundraiser closed with great success. Committee considering running an Easter Purdy's fundraiser.
  - d. RDPA - No update
  - e. PAC now on Instagram with new QR code to share. Spread the word and follow @mcmath\_pac on IG.
- New Businesses:
  - Parent Night by Grade Meet and Greet Get Together. PAC Committee working on this, no dates selected yet. Would like to get this organized so that parents can meet other parents.
  - Gaming License Submission:
    - Costa Rica trip (Dan Jackson) has requested PAC assistance.
    - PAC will apply for Class D license for fundraising. Ticket sales will be max \$2.00 for a raffle ticket. Price is under the Gaming BC limit.
    - Rob will help facilitate with banking through PAC account. Rob has reviewed and ensured all requirements have been met. PAC will help facilitate with banking and will be primary contact. Teacher can not have funds set up in a private account. Going through PAC will offer better transparency. Dan needs to document and report back to Rob.
    - Funds will go to PAC's account then PAC will dispense the funds. School district was unable to assist.
    - Special permission was needed from Gaming Grant since this is an out of country event.
    - **Resolution:** PAC Executives approve assisting Costa Rica Trip program. Rob will be the Officer and Dan for his group. Proceeds will go to PAC General account. PAC will issue cheque with Winson and Lingly Signing Officers.

**Q:** Has McMath done this before?

**A:** Yes, not a new program, it's a long running program. Last year the group was able to run even without help. To clarify, PAC is just facilitating and help with funds raise through

PAC account. Funds from their raffle will be deposit in PAC account, PAC will then issue cheque for the amount fundraised to the Club. No PAC funds will be applied.

- Q&A:

**Q:** Just got an email on the Thur/Fri off. 2 days for Completion Day?

**A:** This is new. School has offered 2 days for catch up. Students do not need to attend if they have completed their work.

**Q:** Parents feel students now have 2 free days. Disruptive to families.

**Parent Response:** School will be open and students should be allowed to be school, just no classes or learning. In the past there use to be a few weeks off for provincial exams.

Rob suggest emailing school with concerns but do not expect there to be teaching/classes.

**Q:** Curious how many students are falling behind. Is this a big issue?

**Parent Response:** Jeff noted 20%

**Chat Room:** The ministry mandates a min. number of learning hours per year per grade. It would be interesting if these 2 days are counted as part of those learning hours.

**Chat Room:** Do not remember this in the past. Do remember this for higher grades but later in the year (spring). This allowed catch up for upper grades.

Rob noted this is not a PAC decision, concerns need to go to Admin or District.

**Q:** Is there anything parents can do to help Admin to help encourage students to attend PLT or join clubs. Compared to elementary school there seems to be such a gap.

**A:** Rob does agree. This is why Rob would like to have parent nights to allow parents to connect with the school community. Spread the word to have parents attend PAC meeting and events.

- Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm