



McMath PAC Meeting Minutes (draft)

Tuesday Feb. 18, 2025

Attendee (Virtual): 30 attendees

- * Adoption of the Agenda
First: Rob M.
Second: Victor M.
- * Adoption of the Minutes - Jan. 21, 2025
First: Rob M.
Second: Victor M.
- * Principal's Report & addressing pre-submitted parent questions:
 - Land Acknowledgement - Jeff showed a short Youtube video explaining land change and land acknowledgement that we do today.
 - February is a busy month with several celebrations/holidays.
 - Student tardiness has been much better after winter break, but seeing up tick in lates. Admins still see about 10-15% in lates. Teachers will reach out to parents/guardians with concerns.
While the weather has been crazy, please give yourself time to not be late. Good habit of being on time is important.
 - Course selection
 - Selection due on myED on February 19. Last chance for changes in April.
 - If students are taking summer school, make sure to note it for program planning.
 - Approx. 100 parents attended the Course Planning conference.
 - Strategic Planning 2025-2030:
 - District is planning for the upcoming 5 years. Seeing parent inputs, link on district website.
 - Conference Day:
 - Grades were divided: Gr. 10-12 and Gr. 8-9
 - Each grade gathered in the gym. Students seem to enjoy the academic break.
 - Gr. 10 theme was for New Drivers, most are getting their learners (L), exciting times.
 - ICBC came in and presented. Gave some tips for those who are preparing for their tests.
 - Gr. 11 & 12 had a deeper discussion, focussing on impaired driving. Guest speaker was a mother whose child was killed by a female driver.

Mom shared experience and offered tips to families and talked about the risk of drinking, gummies, etc and impaired driving.

- The session was heavy but important, and to have kids stop others from impaired driving.
- It is suggested to have parents ask their child on the presentation's take away. Have family discussions.
- Spring Athletics:
 - Volleyball, track & field, badminton, soccer, rugby (boys and girls) all started up.
 - Some of the teams are joining other schools in order to get a full team.
- Gentle Reminder:
 - WAAG: reminder to read the emailed and posted newsletter to stay on top of what is happening for the week.
 - Absences: email or call school if your child will be absent.
 - Be on time.
 - Yearbook deadline Feb. 20, no extras and can be paid through Cash Online.

Question: Students who live further away, have there ever been carpools?

Answer: Jeff stated No. Among all the schools he is not sure there is an official carpool. May talk among your kid's friends.

Question: Yearbook pay on Cash Online?

Answer: Yes, through Cash Online.

* Treasurer's Report

- Gaming Grant update - No change. Closing balance \$17,484.64.
- General account update:
 - Two cheques were received for Purdy's Christmas fundraiser. Fundraising profit \$2,366.04 plus \$236.61 for GST rebate. Total \$2602.65.
 - Closing balance \$3,556.18
- 2024-2025 Club Wish list: No update.

* PAC/Committee Update:

a. DAG - 2025 DAG Committee update

- No update. Committees busy getting prepared for June.
- Trudy is DAG Chair. Last meeting was last Tuesday.
- Volunteers will be needed as we get closer to event day.

b. Traffic

- Some discussion on having parents assist with on school ground traffic flows.
- Please encourage students to walk or bike to school.
- PAC actively working on a plan. Sue asked for assistance from parents to join her. Email PAC to connect with Sure.
- A parent suggested BikeHub.ca as a bike to school resource.

Question: When is the worst time for traffic flow?

Answer: Jeff responded that it is more about the weather. When weather is bad, like raining days, the traffic is bad. Even when weather was clear but cold, there was congestion.

- Rob feels this is one of those situations where we need to continue to remind parents. Rob has seen student traffic team help move traffic during drop off and pick up. Seem to be a good reminder at the moment for drivers to keep traffic flowing. Rob can look into this and see if we can see how it can be applied at McMath.
- Jeff remains concerned how congestion will cause challenges for emergency responder's access to school grounds.

c. Fundraising - Easter Chocolate Fundraiser details will be going out soon.

e. RDPA - no update

f. PAC now on Instagram. Spread the word and follow @mcmath_pac on IG. New QR Code on IG to share with family and friends of McMath community

* New Businesses:

- Increase parent involvement: Help spread the word on PAC. PAC is organizing a parent social night. This will be for parents of all grades. Stay tuned for updates.
- PAC AGM May 20.
 - A call for all Executive positions. PAC Executive positions need to be filled to ensure there are gaming grants or fundraising for important causes.
 - New Board is needed in May. Anyone interested or have questions please reach out. Current Chair, Treasurer and Secretary all graduating out of McMath 2027, all their children will be in Gr. 12 next school year. Would like to have new parents shadow roles for a smooth transition.
- Costa Rica:
 - License D has been approved. Gaming Lic required PAC to apply on behalf of the group.
 - Rob and Dan working on raffles.
 - Rob is on top of any issues and working closely with Dan.
- No meeting in March.

* Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting in April.