McMath PAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2026

Attendance: 22 people

Aviva Vaughan (principal), Sue-Ann Reidy (Chair), Carolle Bruce (Treasurer), Linda Waithman (member at large) Annelisa Dey Thomas (secretary)

1. Land Acknowledgement

Principal Vaughan opened the meeting with a land acknowledgement.

2. Principal's Report

School Learning Story. Principal Vaughan walked through the school website and the *School Learning Story*, which covers what the school has done in past years and its focus for this year.

- Focus: the evolving needs of students, including social engagement and academic growth, and the learning strategies the school has used and will keep using through the year.
- Learning goal: strengthening student success, with a focus on Grade 8 students as they move into Grade 9.
- Structure of the story: it includes the school focus and *Action* posts, which describe specific steps taken to support the learning goal. *Evidence* posts are shared twice a year. They show the results of those actions, identify problems and the actions planned to address them, and outline improvements and next steps.

Clubs. The school has 45 clubs in total, covering culture, games and many other interests. Posters will go up around the school to raise awareness. Students can join at any time.

Upcoming events

- Halloween: Costumes must be appropriate and culturally sensitive. Plastic knives and guns are not allowed. Staff will be dressing up.
- November:
    - Grad Assessments and the GLA
    - Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
    - Staff Appreciation Day

- Remembrance Day
- Collaboration Day
- Block switch
- Midterm learning update: November 20th
- Grade 7 volleyball jamboree
- Teacher conferences
- Pro-D day: November 27

3. Treasurer's Report

Carolle Bruce presented the report. Funds come from fundraising and gaming grant. She shared her spreadsheet with all the requests and recommendations.

Currently

General Account - $827.07

Gaming Account - $26,580.47
BC Gaming Grant Credit - $22,920.00

Budget: $24,000 (Gaming grant + $1080 unspent last year) for McMath clubs and teams and $6,000 for Dry After Grad (DAG), the same amounts as last year.

32 clubs and teams requested funding, for $32,383.25 total against the $24,000 budget.

Approved allocations (2026–2027)

Department / Team	Teacher	Amount Requested	Approved at Oct. 26 PAC	Description
Aeronautical Eng Club	Matthew Crowe	$225.00	$225.00	New club, new items to get started. DIY paper airplane remote controls.
Art Club	Ann Thinghuus	$250.34	$250.34	Alcohol Markers, Paint pens, acrylic paint
Book Club	Greg Thiessen	$336.00	$336.00	Purchase 20 books (5 copies of 4 books)
Comic Book Club	Ann Thinghuus	$164.77	$164.77	Alcohol Markers, paper, sharpies, fine felt black pens.
Concert Choir Club	Manninagh L'Abbé	$750.00	$650.00	Sheet music, backing tracks for performances, replacement zip folders

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Dance Team	Emily Riddell & Arshie Jagdeo	$2,000.00	$800.00	As Dance does not fall under the athletics department, the costs of competitions and operation are covered separately. They are funded as a club, which means we rely on PAC funding and the team to make individual payments. The season can be quite costly and we are hoping to fund as much as possible with PAC funds, to minimize costs for the participants.
Display Club	Greg Thiessen	$200.00	$200.00	General supplies (poster paper, paint, glue) for making amazing displays for the school.
Drama Club / Theatre Play Production (Costumes / Sets)	Joel Garner	$1,392.87	$400.00	Costume, set, and paint supplies. See also line item for scripts.
Drama Club / Theatre Play Production (Scripts)	Joel Garner	$634.60	$634.60	In order to put on the play, we need to acquire both the license for the show and scripts for the actors. I will be purchasing 10 scripts and have groups share to minimize cost.
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Greg Thiessen	$249.55	$249.55	Dungeons and Dragons Story Books (4)
Ethics Club	Patrick Anderson	$1,875.00	$800.00	To pay registration fees for tournaments at SFU ($375 x 2 teams), UBC ($375 x 1 team), and Thompson Rivers University ($375 x 2 teams)

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Fashion Club	Andrea Philpotts	$453.90	$150.00	Build fashion community through fashion challenges with basic supplies, upgrade existing clothing with inexpensive beading, grommets, chains.
Fashion Show / Textiles	Akiko Kato	$300.00	$300.00	Purchase fabrics and sewing notions for their projects, allowing students to create additional pieces for the Fashion Show; meaningful opportunity to showcase their creativity, skills, and talents.
First Responders	Lin Lim	$2,775.00	$2,000.00	Request: Insurance and participation fees, supplies, and partial subsidies for courses. The First Responders team is called to attend to any student first aid concerns at McMath, averaging between 150-200 calls per school year. The team members also volunteer and serve at various community and sports events. The club meets regularly during the school year to practice scenarios and help train other general members towards CPR certification and standard first aid.
Interact Club	Yvonne Sun	$1,150.00	$250.00	Connecting local community and charities. Encourage community volunteers to join through meetings, food drives, year end gala, Jingle & Mingle. Purchase supplies, pizza party, etc.

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Japan Bowl team	Grace Ho	$797.28	$500.00	Speaker/performer for 3 presentations; materials for 4 cultural workshops, general activity supplies
Jazz Club	Ryan Naso	$633.08	$633.08	To obtain funds to purchase a collection of Jazz charts for the students in Jazz Club to learn and perform at extracurricular school and community events.
Jewelery Club	Emily Riddell	$200.00	$150.00	Jewlery club is an open-door club in which students meet weekly to work on various projects such as jewlery making, beading, embellising clothing, making accessories and homeware. The purpose of the club is for students to connect with each other, de-stess and learn new skills. This year, the students hope to run a craft fair and have a number of projects they would like to take on. We are asking for some funding to purchase supplies for the students this year. Thank you!

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K Wave	Arshie Jagdeo	$150.00	$150.00	$ 150 will be used for club giveaways that will be available for all club members throughout the year. The president of the club will purchase K-Pop albums and other merchandise for these giveaways. K – Wave would also like to host events such as mini vinyl decorations, K – Pop dance days and more which will require the purchasing of supplies. These events will be open for all McMath students.
Makerspace (Library)	Greg Thiessen	$2,360.96	$2,360.96	New Prusa MK4 3D Printer for Library (existing 4 are 12 yrs old and at least 2 need replacing due to failed prints and waster printer filament.
Math Club	Lin Lim	$504.49	$300.00	Contest participation fees for team challenges. The Math Club pursues these two main purposes - to provide free tutoring services to support our McMath students with their math homework, and to train teams in developing problem-solving abilities to compete in international mathematics competition. We are requesting funding for three sets of contest fees.

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Math Department	Kathleen Awadalla	$1,550.00	$900.00	We would like to provide the opportunity for students to take the Waterloo Math Contests (Euclid, Pascal, Cayley, Fermat, Gauss). They range in price from $6 to $18 per contest.
McMath Science Celebration	Julie Grondin	$1,540.00	$900.00	Registration fees for the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair (GVRSF) ($65x 16 students = $1040), misc lab equipment beyond the usual lab materials ($500).
Medical Club	James Yeung	$750.00	$450.00	HOSA COMPETITIVE Registration Fee: 5 people x $150 each
Model Kit Club	Ann Thinghuus	$443.50	$200.00	Supplies for kits, tools, glue
Reading Riot (Library)	Greg Thiessen	$960.00	$350.00	Lots of Books! 12 titles x 5 copies each. Plus any left over money going towards end of event celebration
Robotics Club	Matthew Crowe	$5,102.33	$1,275.00	4 x VEX V5 Robotics Kitsto complement robotics class kits, used for competing in competitions.
Science Club	James Yeung	$2,500.24	$900.00	Largest science based club. Wishlist: Luminol; Preserved fetal pig for dissection; Nature Gift Store - 10 Live Caterpillars For Butterfly; Potassium bromate; Lab perch specimen for dissection; Tryptic soy agar plate; Micrococcus Luteus; Ferroin indicator; pGLO Bacterial Transformation Kit; Bambu Lab 3D Printer

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Science Team	Miguel Garcia Chavez	$480.00	$480.00	Registration and funds to purchase supplies for the Engineering Pre-Build Activities for competing at the UBC Physics Olympics and the Kwantlen Science Challenge.
Ski club	Andrea Phillpotts	$1,000.00	$500.00	Support in defraying the costs of transportation to Cypress Mountain for our 3 ski field trips. These trips can cost around $3K each.
STEM Club	Greg Thiessen	$464.34	$400.00	Supplies to make robotic arms, including 18x Servo Motors ($20/piece) 3x Motor Drivers (5.48/ piece) 3x ESP32's (Control Chip) (7.99/piece) 120 pack of jumper wires ($1.74) 6x MPU6050 (Inertial measurement device) ($6.22/3pieces).
Trivia Club	Emiko Radakovich	$190.00	$190.00	Competition fees (grad write, ren write, trivia related events in the school) and supplies (packs of trivia)

Total requested by clubs and teams: $32,383.25

Total approved for clubs and teams: $18,049.30

Annual Dry After Grad (DAG) commitment: $6,000.00.

The approved amounts and descriptions above reflect the PAC Wishlist Approved Funding for 2026–2027 spreadsheet.

Motion: To approve the proposed allocations.
Moved by Cheyna. Seconded by Annelisa. Carried - Sue-Ann.

4. Other Business

- Purdy's fundraiser: Orders close December 5. Pickup is December 10th and 11th. Will be posted on Instagram.
- Dry After Grad: Stephanie Kennedy has taken on the role of DAG Chair. DAG will be promoted on Instagram.

5. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:37 pm.