

## **McMath PAC: Minutes October 27, 2020 (Zoom meeting)**

**Parents/Guardians:** Andrew S, Cheyna C, Cinda W, Gargi D, Helmut D, Jessie F, Jocelyn B, Karen F-H, Kristy M, Ledi D, Lesia W, Lisa F, Meg R, Miko M, Peter M, Rebecca J, Ivy G, Silvia B, Timmy, Rupert W, Win L

**McMath Administration:** Jane M, Tinh N

**PAC Exec:** Samantha H, Dionne M, Jon L

**Start:** 7:01pm

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:** Meg R, Cinda W

**2. Adoption of the Minutes:** Meg R, Cinda W

### **3. Richmond District Parents Association (RDPA):**

- Andrew Scallion is the new president of the RDPA
- PAC chair at William Bridge for 7 years, working with RDPA for 6 years
- Every school has one vote to give a voice at the district level
- A myriad number of committees working with the school trustees
- Everyone is welcome to come to the monthly RDPA meetings
- Is now also a McMath parent (first year here, welcome!)

### **4. Principal's Report (Jane M)**

- **Review of Startup including Health & Safety**
  - Still hand sanitizing at the doors when students come in
  - Grade 8 and 9 students are in school all day, every day
  - Senior students, Grade 10-12, are in (mostly) once a day, either in the morning or afternoon
  - Focused on whether senior students are getting their full hours of instruction, and are following all procedures for labs, etc
  - Daily health declarations are continuing
  - Some teachers are staying home, in case they have symptoms
  - If a student has been absent for 3 days in a row, admin will contact the counsellor, and one staff is assigned fully to keeping track of which students are absent
  - The school administration are working on the November and December calendar and this will be published this Friday; are delayed as things are changing
  - Grade 8 day, instead of a 3 day camp, will be on November 27
  - Have adjusted the Grade 8 skills wheel
  - Grade 9 'Take our kids to work day' will happen virtually, students attend school the full day, teachers will dedicate 1 hour in the morning (including watching a video) and 1 hour in the afternoon to work on their virtual career – hoping to have this on MS Teams to record attendance and track documents

- Cafeteria is operating 15 minutes every day, 11:40-11:55am, with a limited menu of individually wrapped foods (eg. Wraps, sandwiches, burgers, etc) – will have a picture for the next PAC meeting
- **Quarters**
  - This quarter is 44 days
  - Students will attend each class 22 times, and each class is 2.5 hours
  - Mid-Term report was published in MyEd in October 9
- **Learning Support**
  - Did not have normal parent-teacher meeting, so are encouraging parents and teachers to reach out to each other (via email, phone or Zoom)
  - Career education / connections / Career life this year will be led with one of the school admin/teachers (Jane, Tinh, Adrienne, Farrah, Patrick) leading each grade, and Grade 12 will have a capstone
- **Reporting Student Learning**
  - Quarter grades will be collected by November 18, with reports published on November 25 in MyEd
  - For any students at risk of not passing, an interim report will be sent about 2 weeks ahead of the end of the quarter
  - The upcoming quarters will have a similar plan
  - Grade 8s have only received their first quarter schedule
  - Trying really hard not to have Grade 10-12 students having a morning and afternoon class, and thus being in the school over lunch
  - For grade 8-9s, their cohorts are where they are able to hang out – and they have checked to ensure that students are in the proper areas where they should be for their cohort
  - Will get their schedules the first week of November
- **Clubs and Sports (Tinh N)**
  - First launch of the [virtual clubs day](#), which is being hosted on MS Teams
  - 200 students have signed up so far
  - Clubs are not yet full, students can still join
  - Each club operates on it's own schedule, the student club executive decide on this
  - Clubs are not limited to a specific grade or cohort
  - If a meeting is held with 20 people it will be online, if a meeting is held in class (eg. A science lab) it would be limited to 15, and participants would need to wear a mask and be social distanced
  - Student grad committee has started: are tie dyeing t-shirts, have done a Steveston clean up, and have done a virtual games night on Discord
- **Safety Drills**
  - Have had 2 fire drills, one in September and one in October
  - Had extra protocols: students required to wear masks the moment they leave the room and keeping it on, then distancing 2 meters apart outside
  - Practiced lock-down and earthquake drills

- **Graduation Assignments**
  - There is no website of grad events
  - Everything goes through Ms Morin, the grad sponsor
  - Grad photos will take place in January 20/21/22, Artona will bring their mobile studio and will park it in the breezeway between the school and the gym
  - Traditional activities such as the Winter Formal, Boat Cruise, etc are on hold ... this information will be put on the grad page
  - There are no graduation assessments this year
  - Grade 11s will do the numeracy assessment in January that covers up to grade 10
  - Grade 10s will have two assessments
  - Grade 8 and 9 have no assessments
  - A grade 9 student who is taking a grade 10 Math or French (as examples) class, they might attend in C1 (for example) on the other day for C2, the parent has the option for the student to remain at home or come to school in a supervised study hall – none in quarter 1, but some in quarter 2 (and will be in another cohort)
- **Teacher Candidates (Student Teachers)**
  - 6 with 2 are McMath grads, 3 from other Richmond schools

#### **5. Treasurer's Report (Jon L):**

- General Account = \$1,139.15. No activity over the last month.
- Gaming Account = \$34,452.38. Government grant of \$24,940 received (\$20 per last year's student count).

#### **6. Wish List (Jon L):**

- 15 requests received so far
- Refer to attached approved October Wish
- Block 1 – Grad Requests
  - Scholarships – usually the request will come in the spring
  - Dry Grad – there was no dry grad for last year's grade 12s but some activities and money was spent, will wait to see what this year's dry grad committee will do and request
- Block 2 – Returning Requestors
  - Recommendation that all requests be fully funded, was approved
- Block 3 – New Requestors
  - Chess Club and Student Council requests were recommended to be fully funded, and was approved
  - The Library club's request for laptops, was cancelled after Jane M confirmed that they could utilize the existing
  - Jewelsmith's Guild has requested \$6,180 but some of this equipment could be utilized in the arts department, so the recommendation of \$3,000 was approved

**7. PAC Executive Update (Samantha H):**

- The Secretary position is open – Meg R and Cinda W have volunteered and will be co-Secretaries

**Next PAC Meeting is November 24 at 7pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm**