

Members in Attendance: Cinda Wootton (Chair), Jon Lee, Leanna Sano (Secretary), Jane McFadyen (Principal), Tinh Ngo (Vice Principal), Dionne McFie, Kristy McLeod, Samantha Harrison, Nadine Seifert, Gargi Dixit, Carol Clark, Lucie Newman, Ashok Mathur, Helmut Daiminger, Megan Riter, Karen Fisher Hagel, Angie Pelaez, Michael Hempel, Carman Fung, Liliana Chamberlain, Ada Tse

The executive members introduced themselves to the PAC.

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda :** Dionne-Nadine
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** Kristy-Jon
- 3. PAC Executive Update:**
 - a. PAC positions filled are: Chair – Cinda Wootton, Treasurer – Jon Lee, and Secretary – Leanna Sano. Cinda asked the PAC if anyone is interested in the Vice-Chair, and Co-Secretary Positions.
 - b. The dates for the upcoming school year PAC meetings are: September 18, October 16, November 20, January 15, February 26, April 16, and May 28th.
- 4. Principal's Report:**
 - a) So far, the year has started smoothly. Students that wished to change classes were accommodated if possible. We have 1258 students, with 235 new Grade 8's coming from 18 different elementary schools. Every Grade 8 student will have a Leadership Buddy from grades 10, 11 and 12, as a contact person. There will be a dance for Grades 8, 9 and 10 on October 24th.
 - b) Class size and composition - We are trying to balance the classes with regard to students that need more support. We have 14 Educational Assistant's this year. They support the students with the greatest need in the classroom. They also help everyone in the class.
 - c) Meet the Teacher Night is Thursday September 20. The administration team and counsellors will introduce themselves. Parents can walk through their student's eight classes

d) Collaboration Time – The school starts later for students on Collaboration Days (940 AM). The teachers use this time to work on different subjects.

A question was asked about the use of the McMath portal system. Information about the portal will be on the school website. The portal provides administrative information about the students, such as their schedule, attendance and marks.

e) PRIDE acronym – PRIDE stands for Positive Attitude, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Effort.

f) Grade 8 Parent Night was held on September 13th. All Grade 8's will be going to Camp Stillwood at the end of October.

g) Grade 12 Parent Night – September 25th at 7 PM there will be a Grade 12 parent night to discuss post-secondary options, scholarship opportunities and Dry after Grad.

5. Finances and Funding:

Treasurer's Report:

- The general account is used for the operating expenses of the PAC. This account relies on donations. Since the last PAC meeting the current balance is \$366.70.
- The gaming account holds the money that the PAC receives from the BC Gaming Commission. The PAC receives \$20 per student. This grant comes in some time in October, and the money is used for various clubs and activities. The current balance is \$11,997.24.

As the general account is running dry, the PAC will be sending out a general request for funds, in lieu of ongoing fundraising. Donations of any amount are welcome, and parents can specify where or how they would like their donation to be used. The

The school fundraising letter is on the docs and downloads section on the school website, accessed by the following link

<http://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca/parents/parent-advisory-council/pac-downloads-and-documents>

It was also suggested that a request for donations added under, 'SchoolCashOnline', the same site where student fees are paid.

6. New Business:

a) The PAC has requested that the staff wish list be ready to discuss at the next PAC meeting.

b) Dionne introduced herself, and talked about her role as the president of the RDPA. Any Richmond PAC can come to the RDPA if they want any more information.

- PAC 101 is an informative session for chairs and treasurers, which will be held on November 1st at McNeill School.
- The RDPA meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the board office.
- McMath will be hosting Screenagers, possibly on October 11th. This talks about kids in the digital age, and discusses how social media, and screen time affects kid's brains.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24