

Members in Attendance: Samantha H. (Chair), Dionne M. (Vice-Chair), Jon L. (Treasurer), Leanna S. (Secretary), Jane M. (Principal), Patrick A. (Teacher), Kristy M., Helmut D., Nadine S., Ivy G., Louise C., Cinda W. Sharon G.

1. Adoption of the Agenda : Dionne – Kristy
2. Adoption of the Minutes: Jon - Helmut
3. PAC Executive Update:
 - a. This year's Dry After Grad Co-Chairs, Aandra Currie Shearer & Sharon Gould spoke to the PAC about the 2020 Dry After Grad.
 - In overview, the last year had surplus funds for various reasons, and did not use the \$4000 from the PAC. They gave this money back to PAC at the beginning of the school year. This year's DAG committee started with \$2000 in the bank account, and will use the \$4000 from PAC.
 - Students will be charged \$90 per ticket. This is decreased from the \$100 per ticket charged last year.
 - The DAG committee has 60 Grade 12 volunteers who signed up in November.
 - Entertainment, transportation and the Red Carpet are booked.
 - The Save the Date announcement will go out to all the Grade 12 parents next week, as well as to Grade 11 parents to ask them to help volunteering that night.
 - The next DAG meeting will be held on Monday, February 3rd.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a) Patrick Anderson, one of McMath's teachers spoke about the Career Education Model being implemented next year. The hybrid model was approved by the SCC (Staff Collegial Committee), and then voted on and accepted by the staff at McMath. The hybrid model consists of 2 conference days and 1 In-class period per month for 8 months.
 - On the Conference Days there will be 4-5 pre-planned sessions, and the students will work on their Capstone projects. The Capstone project is one which will be

started in Grade 11 and will be personal to the student, and have a subject matter which they are passionate about.

- The 8 classes will build on : Career Education, Career Life Education, and Career Life Connections

b) Staff Breakfast – Thank you to the PAC

c) Winter Concert December 12th. Madame L'Abbe and Mr. Fee showcased the talents of our bands and choir. There was a market portion where crafts and food were sold.

d) Breakfast with Santa was held on December 20th. The student council did a great job organizing this event.

e) Staffing Updates: Mr. Thiessen, who teaches Physics and Math, and Mr. Milholm who teaches Geography and PE, are back from their leaves. Mr. Smythe has taken over for Mr. Lalonde until further notice. Mr. Lui is covering for Ms. Chen (Counsellor) until the end of the year.

f) Graduation Literacy Assessment (GLA) will be administered to the Grade 10's on January 21st and January 22nd. On those 2 days we will have an adjusted bell schedule – 50 minute classes followed by lunch and then either an assembly, personal learning time or the GLA exam. Details will be posted on the website.

g) Program Planning:

- This morning McMath staff met with teachers from the 7 different elementary schools (Byng, Homma, Steves, Westwind, Diefenbaker, Dixon and Gilmore). Our counsellors will begin visits to Grade 7 classes next week.
- Grade assemblies will be held for our current students on January 21st and January 22nd. Students will learn information about courses, graduation requirements, and the timetable process.
- Our Parent Program Planning Night is Thursday January 30th at 7 PM for parents of current Grade 7's, and 7:45 PM for parents of current Grade 8 – 11's.

h) Winter Formal: Winter Formal will be held on January 24th at the Riverside Banquet Hall. Most of our Grade 12's and many Grade 11's will be attending.

5. Finances and Funding: Treasurer's Report:

- The current general account balance as of January 13, 2020 after reimbursements are paid out is \$1256.95.
 - 11 clubs have submitted receipts and been given money from the gaming account. There remains approximately \$23K in the gaming account which has been allocated to various clubs, but not spent yet.

6. New Business:

a) Parent Information Sessions will be held at the Brighthouse Branch of the library:

- Thursday January 16th, 4:00-5:00 PM – School Resources for Emotional Support – find out what resources and supports are available in schools
- Thursday February 6th, 4:00-5:00 PM – Coding and Computational thinking – find out what kinds of digital skills your child will be learning in school
- Thursday March 5th, 4:00-5:00 PM – Preparing for Graduation – What is required to graduate and how can you start making plans for Post –Secondary life?

All sessions have Mandarin translation available, and registration is required.

b) Sexual Exploitation Seminar – The PAC is considering whether to bring in a speaker on Sexual Exploitation for the students and PAC. Different options were discussed.

7. RDPA:

a) “Screenagers: The Next Chapter” will be shown at 6 PM January 21st at Richmond Senior Secondary. All the tickets are accounted for, but if you are really interested in going there is a Wait-list.

b) Parents as Career Coaches will be held on February 5th, 6:00-9:00 PM at McNeill School, for parents of Grade 9-12 students. Great advice, career projections, sites and websites for information are shared with the parents.

c) Boundary revisions: 27 out of 35 boundary revisions were approved at the board meeting. This information is on the SD 38 website.

d) Rob Lang spoke about social media and PAC safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

