

Members in Attendance: Samantha H (Chair), Jon L (treasurer), Leanna S (secretary), Jane M (Principal), Jacqueline C, Carol C, Miko M, Ivy G, Rupert W, Nadine S, Megan R, Louise C.

1. Adoption of the Agenda: Megan R – Carol C

2. Adoption of the Minutes: Carol C – Megan R

3. PAC Executive Update

- a. Update on blue slips from the last PAC meeting – at the last PAC meeting Jane asked the parents to write on the blue slips what they would like to see or discuss at future PAC meetings. Some of the topics mentioned are anxiety, mental health, ways to improve the parent/teacher relationship. The PAC will try to bring in some guest speakers to address these issues.
- b. A representative from the student council will come to one of the PAC meetings to present information about activities planned.

4. Principal's Report

- a. Athletics – McMath has busy fall sports season, including Field Hockey, Volleyball, Grade 9 Boys' Rugby, Swimming, Boys' Soccer, and Cross Country.
- b. Staffing – Mr. Ni (math) and Mme. Justine (French) have been filling in for the end of two maternity leaves. Ms. Salameh and Mme. Cowin will be returning on November 12. Ms. Robinson, the Business Assistant, has moved to Boyd, and Ms. McGarry has taken her place.
- c. Grade 12 Parents Evening- Tuesday Sept 24th – Approximately 150 parents came out to hear about Grade 12 requirements, post-secondary admissions, scholarship applications and Grad social events. Lisa Banks, last year's DAG chair, shared information about DAG, and recruited parents for this year's team.
- f. McMath has 8 new bike racks, which are situated in front of the school, and by the portable.
- g. Link Crew – On October 11th the Leadership students met up with their grade 8 students.

- h. Interim Reports/Parent Teacher Conference – Interim reports went home on October 17th. These reports focused on student work habits, which we know correlate to achievement. Booking slots for parent – teacher conferences booked up quickly. Parents that were unable to get a slot are encouraged to phone or email the teachers.
- i. Solar Wall – Fortis BC helped fund this project on the south wall of the South Gym. The metal wall will heat the air trapped between the two walls. This heated air will rise, and heat the gym when needed, therefore, reducing energy consumption.
- j. Student Council Activities – We have an active crew of students, sponsored by Ms. Li-Hindson, and Ms. Lim. Some of the activities planned are:
 - a. Halloweek – games held at lunch in the rotunda starting on October 28th.
 - b. A Junior Dance for Grade 8, 9 and 10 students is planned for October 30th. So far, 90 tickets have been sold.
 - c. Halloween Day – we hope to see lots of school, appropriate costumes. No weapons at all, even pretend ones.
- k. Graduation Numeracy Assessment for Current Grade 11's - the GNA is a provincial exam requirement for graduation and focuses on mathematical concepts learned from K – Grade 10. This is an online, multiple choice test, and should take around two hours. The grade 11's will do the GNA on November 6th, in a morning or afternoon time slot. The GNA is graded with scores of 1-4, which doesn't impact any of the student's grades.
- l. Grade 8 camp - 96% of our grade 8 students will be going to Camp Stillwood, near Cultus Lake from November 6th to 8th. The purpose of the camp is to build community, and have the students connect with one another.
- m. . Remembrance Day Ceremony – The Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Friday November 8th. Parents are invited to attend.
- n. Proposed Boundary Revisions – Two proposed school boundary revisions may affect our school. Any feedback from parents should be provided on the Let's Talk website, or by written feedback to the school office by November 15, 2019. The Board of Education will decide regarding the boundary revisions on December 11, 2019. This will not affect current students in McMath, Byng, or Westwind.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Samantha, Dionne and Jon have signing authority at the bank.
- b. The general account has a balance of \$1024. 93.
- c. The \$10,000 cheque written to the school for the scoreboard, cleared last month.
- d. We received the gaming grant of \$25,140 to give us a balance of \$30,856.41 in the gaming account.

Wish List Items and discussion:

- A. Jon L. made a motion to accept Block 1 as a whole – seconded by Leanna S. All in Favour.** Block 1 items included Scholarships, and Dry Grad.
- B.** Block 2 included requests from: 30-hour famine, Grade 8 Camp, Athletics – basketball, Coding Club, CPR for Grade 8's, Dungeons and Dragons Club, First Responders, Girls Group, Japan Bowl Club, Math contests, Multicultural Club, School Reach Club, Science Celebration, Science Club, Theatre Production, and Improv Team. After some discussion it was decided to decrease the requested amounts from science celebration by \$220, Science Club by \$266, and Theatre Production by \$514. All the other clubs in Blocks 2 were funded as requested.

Jon L. made a motion to accept Block 2 with the above substitutions. Seconded by Nadine S. All in Favour.

- C.** Block 3 included requests from: The after-school Learning Centre, Dance Team, Fine Arts, Jazz/Jam Band Club, Choral, Microwaves for the rotunda, and Wildgainz Fitness Club. After discussion it was decided to decrease the requested amounts from the Dance Team by \$500, and the Jazz/Jam Band Club, Choral by \$442.89. All the other clubs/items were funded as requested.

Jon L. made a motion to accept Block 3 with the above substitutions. Seconded by Megan R. All in Favour.

6. New business:

- a. December staff Appreciation breakfast – Parent bakers needed.

- b. Vaping handout was provided on how talk to your kids about vaping.
- c. Screenagers – Dionne M. will speak about this at the next meeting.
- d. Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm**

Next Meeting is November 19th @ 7:00pm