

Members in Attendance: Samantha H (Chair), Dionne M (Vice-Chair), Jon L (Treasurer), Jasmin M, Heidi M, Brandy B, Sandra T, Larissa R, Oksana K, Megan R, Rebecca J, Joyce W, Zhi M, Helen B, Leona D, Angela N, Bernice M, Zoe X, Helmut D, Lesia W, Kert W, Nadine S, Carol C, Mary I, Ivy G, Arlene M, Kristy M, Rupert & Mardy W, Louise C, Jacqueline C, Gargi D, Emelyn W, Silvia B

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda:** Jon L & Kristy M
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes:** Last meeting minutes were not reviewed as these were not printed and made available at the meeting, but the [May 2019 minutes are posted on the website](#)
- 3. PAC Exec Update:**
 - a.** Introduce PAC executives:
 - i. Chair: Samantha Harrison
 - ii. Vice Chair: Dionne McFie
 - iii. Treasurer: Jon Lee
 - iv. Secretary: Leanna Neumann
 - b.** Request to fill co-secretary
 - c.** Future PAC meeting dates (@ 7pm): October 22, November 19, January 14, February 25, April 14, May 26
- 4. Principal's report:**
 - a.** Parent to parent introductions
 - i. Helping to fundraise for clubs = speak to Jane
 - ii. How does the PAC raise funds = the clubs get funds from the gaming grant, we request parent donations for the general account and can spend this on things such as parent education and the staff appreciation lunch
 - iii. What happens at the PAC = a PAC is needed to receive the community gaming grant, what is changing from the district on in the curriculum, feedback of what parents would like to see at the school, first hand updates from the Principal and other parents
 - iv. Feedback & ideas = paper was provided to all attendees of ideas for what parents would like to see or know about, and this can be added to a future agenda

- b.** 1,246 students this year including 260 grade 8s
- c.** 10 new staff members, all positions are filled, ~75 staff (including part time teachers, 15 education assistants, 4 admin assistants, 4.5 custodial)
- d.** A portable has been added for the first time since the school has been opened, it has been placed at the end of C wing (NW corner)
- e.** Class size limits are 30, with science at 29 and home economics at 24
- f.** Grade 8 parent night was held with a good turnout, met in the rotunda, then split in to 4 groups each with a counsellor and a grade 12 student
- g.** Meet the Teacher night = Thursday September 19 starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8:30pm, with the purpose to meet the teacher and understand their curriculum and how the course will be run (and is the same/similar night as many other schools which poses challenges for parents with children in multiple schools)
- h.** Collaboration time = teacher-to-teacher collaboration once a month, first one on Sep 25, school is open at the regular time but the class does not begin until 9:40am
- i.** Clubs Day = Wed September 25 at lunch, and you can also check the [clubs website](#)
- j.** Daily Notices = posted on the website, announcements are read over the speakers before 2nd period, and are posted on the office window
- k.** Interim Reports = Thursday October 17, will focus on work habits (G-ood, S-atisfactory, N-eeds Improvement) but not on Achievement information
- l.** Cell Phones = the policy is that cell phones should live in the backpack or the locker, not in their pockets or in the desk; although sometimes these may be used for educational purposes (students do not have to have one, they can partner up with another student or potentially use an iPad in the classroom); and can be taken away and kept in the office until the end of the day
- m.** Grade 12 Parent Night = Tuesday September 24 @ 7pm to talk about post secondary options (“Q” with booths from many post secondary institutions will be hosted at McNair Secondary on Thursday October 3), scholarship opportunities and student social activities including the Dry After Grad

- n. [McMath P.R.I.D.E.](#) = common language of expectations, and is posted in a lot of classrooms; Positive Attitude, Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Effort
- o. Year End Exams = Grade 12s will not have any provincial exams this year (unless they would like an opportunity to redo the numeracy assessment), Grade 11s will have a numeracy exam this year; these are graduation requirements with no minimum required score

5. Treasurer's report:

- a. General account: The main expenditure is the staff appreciation luncheons
- b. Gaming account:
 - i. Club wish list funds were claimed and reimbursed
 - ii. Approved three items carried over from last school year:
 - 1. Reserve: Scoreboard has now been claimed
 - 2. Sports tent: Not yet invoiced, will carry this forward to this school year
 - 3. Coding club Sphero ball has now been claimed
- c. Proposed budget for 2019-2020 school year:
 - i. General account:
 - 1. The only source of income is via parent donations:
 - a. any amounts are accepted any time
 - b. cheque (ideally) or cash
 - c. if every family was able to donate \$5 per student or family, this would be great
 - d. suggestion to ask for funds at the Meet the Teacher night
 - e. suggestion to add this to CashOnline, Jane noted that it is difficult to add this
 - 2. As there is a lot of fundraising by clubs during the school year and for the sports teams, there is no specific fundraising by parents or students for the PAC general account
 - 3. Main expenditure is the staff appreciation lunch, which will go from 2 per year to 1 this year
 - 4. Parent education has been budgeted in previous years, but last year was not needed – a mental health session was sponsored by the district, while the RDPA sponsored Screenagers which was hosted at McMath

ii. Gaming account:

1. Funds are received via the provincial community gaming grant @ \$24 per student
2. Last year, \$31k was requested and with \$28k actually claimed/spent
3. Allocation of funds to clubs is reviewed and decided at the next (October) PAC meeting

6. New Business:

- a. Staff Appreciation luncheon: ~70 staff members to feed, donations of food or money are much appreciated, less food is being received, moving to 1 event this year perhaps in December or May
- b. PAC email: mcmathpac@gmail.com

7. RDPA:

- a. Our vice-chair Dionne is also the President of the Richmond District Parent's Association
- b. Next meeting is October 1 @ 7-8:30pm
- c. Richmond Teacher's Association representatives will be speaking at the October meeting
- d. Teachers are currently in negotiations with the government
- e. The School Trustees are looking at policy changes for school closures, with feedback open until November 1 from Stakeholder groups
- f. There is declining enrollment in the district, and the demographic balance is shifting across the city
- g. 32 schools require seismic work

8. Meeting Adjournment: 8:40 PM