

- 1. Members in Attendance:** Valerie Allen (Chair), Jon Lee (treasurer), Kristy McLeod (co-secretary), Jane McFadyen (Principal), L. Stewart, H. Kroepflin, H. Salman, A. Aniceto, A. Mark, L. Chow, D. McFie, R. Abbott, C. Wootton, J. Chang, D. Young, T. Calvert, I. Geng.
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda :** D. McFie – L. Chow
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes:** C. Wootton – J. Lee
- 4. PAC exec update**
  - a. Valerie Allen introduced herself as the chair as unfortunately Linda Stein had to step down
  - b. The PAC now needs a new vice –chair. Position is open for anyone interested. Cinda Wootton volunteered! Thank you Cinda.
- 5. Principal’s report**
  - a. Mrs. Jane McFadyen provided a great hand out
  - b. Mental Health support groups/focus groups for students by age group are beginning with counselors. Mr. Pattern improving mental health board to make more accessible to students.
  - c. Parent evening “supporting teen mental health” last Wednesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> was well attended and the feedback was very good. Copies of power point slides are available.
  - d. Approximate cost of new scoreboard would be \$13,200
  - e. Wish list spending is underway – thank you.
  - f. Emergency supplies for school: different situations dictate need or not for food etc. Some rooms have comfort kits. District reviewing emergency plans and need for Earthquake supplies (likely housed offsite)
  - g. Halloween week was fun, with great McMath spirit. Junior dance was a success. Also, Leadership bagged over 6,000 bags of candy, which was donated to downtown eastside.
  - h. Interims went home end of October. Conferences the week after. Contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions. Also, learning strategies is now available after school. If your child wants a place to do homework or needs extra help they can drop in to the learning strategies centre.

- i.** New Curriculum going ahead for grade 10 next year. <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum10-12>. English 10 replaced with two exciting options from which students will choose. The Planning 10 course will be changing in the future as well.
- j.** Fall athletics at McMath – very successful season so far for volleyball, soccer, rugby, field hockey, cross-country and swimming.
- k.** Remembrance Day Ceremonies were excellent
- l.** Mariposa pancake breakfast – multicultural club
- m.** REMINDER that school starts at 8:15am. There are a large number of students who are regularly late. If they are repeatedly late they will have to make up time at lunch with Mrs. McFadyen. They will call parents as well.

**6.** Treasurer's report:

- a.** Discussion of handout
- b.** August 31<sup>st</sup> is end of fiscal year. Gaming report to be filed by end of November, this has been completed.
- c.** Changed signing authorities: Jon, Valerie, Jane (any two can sign).
- d.** Check on scoreboard fund – when does it need to be spent

**7.** New business:

- a.** Emergency supplies: discussion around this topic. Do we have any, where are they, how are they accessed. Note that the district is reviewing emergency situations like earthquakes. Parents suggested asking school to collect a nominal fee per student at the beginning of the year to bulk purchase shelf stable food/water.
- b.** RDPA – Dionne provided an update:
  - i.** Policy 100 for the District is being looked at by the District and its Stakeholder groups to update the mission, vision, and values of SD38. District is looking for parent feedback.
  - ii.** Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> **FREE** screening of the Sundance-selected educational documentary “Most Likely to Succeed” which examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world.

- c. Dry After Grad (DAG) – Terri gave a description about DAG and gave an update about what they are currently doing, also thanked the PAC for the donation. Any parents can volunteer to help, it is a great way to see what it is all about so you know when your own child is in grade 12. Also typically grade 11 parents help the day/night of as well.
- d. Canadian Parents for French (CPF): This is a national organization, their website [www.cpf.bc.ca](http://www.cpf.bc.ca) they support French language learning opportunities in Canada (core French & immersion). Mitchell elementary is hosting a “winter festival” geared towards elementary students with activities and food on November 30<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm. They will have a guest performer as well. The Richmond Chapter is always looking for new and existing members to come up with event ideas.  
Email: [cpfrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:cpfrichmond@gmail.com)
- e. Parent question: how do students “make” a McMath team. The answer was it is merit based. Always a teacher involved in when selections are made. Also intramural sports available so all kids can participate in sports in general.
- f. Parent question: is there a list of all clubs at McMath. Jane will post on the school website.
- g. Staff appreciation: Ruca and Dionne lead these events. This year’s holiday staff luncheon is December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Staff are extremely appreciative. The Parent volunteers create a fabulously decorated room each time. It is a wonderful way to give back to the staff. Always looking for volunteers on day of for set up, assisting with luncheon, donating food, clean up, monetary donations for food purchase. Contact [rucabbott@shaw.ca](mailto:rucabbott@shaw.ca)
- h. Enjoy the Winter break and Holidays everyone

8. Meeting adjourned 8:35pm

9. Next Meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm