

A.R. MacNeill Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

MINUTES

Present:

Executive: Borg Chan (Chairperson), Evelina Rubinchik (Secretary and Dry Grad Representative), Yokin Tsui (Co-secretary), Tom Wells (Incentive Representative), Phoebe Xie (Treasurer).

Administrator: Ms. Marcy Timmins – Principal.

Parents: Dale March

The meeting started with Mr. D. Henderson's presentation "Career Programs – A future limits. Think different, set yourself apart" from 7:05 to 7:55 p.m.

1. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.
2. Approval of January 17, 2017 meeting minutes: Motioned by Tom. Seconded by Dale.
3. Approval of agenda for February 21, 2017 meeting: Motioned by Evelina. Seconded by Yokin.
4. Administration Report – Ms. Timmins
 - Marcy described new curriculum and indicated that it puts more responsibilities on students. As a result, teachers are also adjusting their methodologies.
 - The LED lighting installation is on-going and will be completed by the end of March.
 - The school district received a priority funding towards to create two additional teachers, 10 blocks at MacNeill. They offer support to several classes with special learning needs students. An additional funding is anticipated and this will have a positive effect on class sizes and composition.
 - A basketball tournament will be completed soon.
 - Pink shirt day celebration is planned for Feb 22.
 - Fourteen students participated in leadership classes and Kindness Rock project on Feb 20 at Cambie Secondary.
 - Both regular school and Incentive program are doing the same theatrical production (Beauty and the Beast) this year. Incentive is doing a traditional musical production for Apr. 24-26 and MacNeill is using a comical version for Feb. 28-Mar. 3.
 - Program planning and course selection are ongoing.
5. Chairpersons Report – Borg Chan
 - New signing officers are now approved by Coast Capital Savings Bank.
 - The Bank needs at least two signing officers are sponsors – at least 6 months long personal account in Coast Capital. Borg and Michelle Ng (MacNeill Business Assistant) are currently sponsors. As Borg's son is Grade 11 this year, he is encouraged some parents to open an account in the Coast Capital and to be the sponsor in the upcoming years.
 - Borg and Dale were not able to attend the RDPA meeting on Feb. 7 for personal reasons. The next RDPA meeting is on Apr. 4.

- Learning and the Brain Conference is scheduled for Sat., April 1, 2017 at MacNeill, starting at 8:15 a.m. Borg recommended parents attend this free presentation.
6. Treasurers Report - Phoebe Xie
- Balances as of Feb 20, 2017
 - General account: \$280.45
 - Gaming account: \$21,229.74; need to pay out some overdue bills (currently more than \$5,000).
 - Dry Grad account: \$3,405.94
7. Incentive Representative – Tom Wells
- Science fair on last-Thursday was very well attended by parents and students.
 - An annual snow hike is planned for Feb 22.
 - A number of students will participate in a math competition.
 - In April, a musical show (Beauty and the Beast) will take place.
 - Several information nights and open house were well attended. Incentive now has about 41 new applicants in September 2017.
8. Dry Grad Representative – Evelina Rubinchik
- 4th meeting took place on Feb 20 with 12 parents attending.
 - Dry Grad committee is facing a significant challenge this year with a smaller graduation class (this means \$3,000 less in receiving fees vs. 2015 and 2016). A meeting with the school administration took place last week to discuss alternative options (no Dry Grad but extra activities added to Dinner and Dance without extra charge). At this time, the Dry Grad committee is still interested in doing the full Dry after Grad party.
 - Fundraising activities are ongoing: Movie tickets, popcorn and other sales.
 - Dry Grad is asking for an additional support from PAC (last year approx. \$1,600 were given to subsidize buses).
 - A chocolate box was donated to PAC. Borg motioned to put this box as a draw prize to Dry Grad. All in favor. After the meeting, it was found out that the chocolate box was taken from the PAC mail box by unknown individual.
9. Dates of 2016-2017 Monthly PAC meetings
- The upcoming 2017 PAC meetings: April 18 and May 16 (AGM).
 - Meetings will generally be held in the school library and start at 7 p.m. The presentation (if available) will also start at 7 p.m. and the monthly meeting will follow afterwards.
 - Student presentation (marketing teams) may be possible for April meeting. Marcy will follow-up.
10. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Secretary: Evelina Rubinchik

Reviewed by: Yokin Tsui and Borg Chan