

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

MINUTES

Present:

Executive: Borg Chan (Chairperson), Evelina Rubinchik (Secretary and Dry Grad Representative), Stephanie Booth (Treasurer), Tom Wells (Incentive representative).

Administrator: Ms. Marcy Timmins – Principal.

Parents: Dale March, Yokin Tsui, Dayanthi Adhihetty

1. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7: 05 pm.
2. Approval of September 20, 2016 meeting minutes: Motioned by Dayanthi. Seconded by Stephanie.
3. Approval of agenda for October 18, 2016 meeting: Motioned by Evelina. Seconded by Yokin.
4. Administration Report – Ms. M. Timmins
 - Marcy presented BC Gaming Fund requests:
Agreed that \$2,000 will be assigned to scholarships and approximately \$3,000 for Dry Grad (based on \$20/student).
Marcy presented teacher's requests including First responder, Business education, MacNeill against hunger, Raven readers, Library requests (various), Dance team, Leadership events, Incentive program, POWER, Urban safety rescue society, Athletics, Raven basketball and other sport-related requests. These requests were discussed and a draft funding distribution prepared. The final distribution will be approved on Nov meeting.
 - Expect a lot of curriculum changes next year, allowing for more learning responsibility for students. Teachers will be involved in guiding and monitoring this process.
 - Interim reports went home this week.
 - A lock-down drill took place on Oct 18 and was very efficient. Some changes to terminology used during the lock-down situation were implemented to standardize it with other districts.
 - Halloween dance on Oct 27 and a movie night is on Oct 29.
 - A presentation on the redesigned BC curriculum is scheduled for Oct 26 and an Information Evening meeting with a Q&A session will be held on Nov. 15. Both take place at 6:30-8:00pm at MacNeill Secondary. Due to the same date as the information evening meeting, the PAC meeting will be rescheduled.
 - Nov 2-3 are Parent-Teacher conferences; early dismissal on these days.
5. Chairpersons Report – Borg Chan
 - Borg attended the RDPA meeting on Oct 4. RDPA is considering getting a movie license for all schools in our District. Borg will indicate that MacNeill is interested in this.
 - Discussed fundraising events. Stephanie will investigate an option with Boston Pizza.

6. Treasurers Report – Dayanthi Adhihetty (outgoing Treasurer) and Stephanie Booth
 - October updates are not available. Stephanie will see the bank to be a signing officer.
 - 2016 September balances:
 - General account: Sept update \$280.45
 - Gaming account: Sept update \$5,597.01 (additional invoices were submitted for <\$500)
 - Dry Grad account: not available
7. Incentive Representative - Tom Wells.
 - Grade 10 went to Marine Centre. Grade 8-9 went to Squamish camp with a number of students participating in a camping trip to Garibaldi lake. Rock climbing, sailing, surfing, and other activities are also ongoing. Cooking, photography, and self-directed studies were also initiated. Teacher-Parent conferences are planned for early November.
8. Dry Grad Representative – Evelina Rubinchik
 - A first meeting took place on Oct 17. Initial plans were made and timelines were defined. Several representatives from the 2016 Dry Grad team attended and provided helpful advice.
9. Dates of 2016-2017 Monthly PAC meetings
 - November 22 (Note: meeting was moved forward by one week), January 17th, February 21st, April 18 and May 16th (AGM). Meetings will be held in the school library and start at 7 pm. The presentation (if available) will also start at 7 pm and the monthly meeting will follow afterwards.
 - Mental health presentation is tentatively planned for the Nov 22 meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Secretary: Evelina Rubinchik

Reviewed by: Borg Chan