

A.R. MacNeill Parent Advisory Council Minutes
Location: Library
Wednesday November 16, 2022
PAC meeting
7:00 pm

Present: John Blair (Principal)
Aspi Ustad, PAC Chair
Catherine Ellens, Secretary
Angela Ng, treasurer

Parent attendees:

Jag Reehal
Scott Falkner
Rebecca Lee
Sonia Kahng
Rena Shields
Emily Baum
April Tanzler

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Call to order 7:03 pm
3. Approval of the minutes for September 2022 meeting
 - Catherine motioned for approval; Aspi seconded. Minutes were approved
4. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda.
 - Add landscaping
 - Cannabis education follow up

Catherine motioned for approval and Aspi seconded

5. Presentation of Budget and approval

Budget was circulated at the last meeting and emails had been sent out in the interim to discuss the different categories of groups requesting. The PAC went through the list and had a discussion regarding the different categories - funded clubs fully except athletics - they were funded at 50%

as there were so many requests, no PLT requests were funded as they are linked to the curriculum based.

6. Administration Report - Mr. John Blair

Had Halloween dance on October 26, 125 tickets sold - Leadership group ran it

Halloween - had showcase for costumes

Halloween week was a busy week - Fire alarm pulled on Halloween. Firecrackers let off Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. RCMP were called as we still have our liaison officer. Graffiti was also sprayed twice that week.

Encourage your child to email the school email if they see something that is dangerous or risky. Silence is acceptance. Don't be a bystander be an up stander.

Remembrance Day assemblies were on November 10 and were great - had 2 because of the size of the school.

The band played and was great, had a student speaker (Student council president).

Parent teacher conferences - 542 appointments. If you didn't make it to parent teacher conferences, you can still reach out to the teacher to speak with them on the phone or by email.

Report cards are coming out on Dec 9. All on MyEd. Interims are already up - make sure you download it - it doesn't stay up there forever.

December 16 - Breakfast with Santa - theme for the school to get together to create community. Celebrate performances - will be in the gym this year. Schedule will come out later and will be on Instagram and the website.

Upcoming important dates:

Immunization clinic - Nov 22

Pro-D day - Nov 25

Theatre Production - Dec 6-9

Basketball Home opener - Dec 7

School re-opens Jan 3

Collaboration Day - Jan 17

January Pac Meeting Jan 18 at 7 pm

7. Chair report - Aspi

Went to DPAC meeting. Went to a group where all the PAC chairs met. Should always have a time frame for the PAC meetings - e.g. one hour - state if things will take longer so parents know

Treasurer - FIN 401 forms can be filled out on anything bought in last 4 years - if there was PST or GST paid, the forms can be submitted to the district to get the GST and PST back.

8. Treasurer Report—Angela Ng:

As of Nov 1, 2022:

Chequing account: \$290.17

Gaming account: \$28, 585.06 (the gaming funds for this year have been deposited)

Dry Grad account: \$4208.18

9. Incentive update - no representative present

10. BCCPAC - paid membership renewal. Rena Shields will be the representative

11. Dry Grad - A group of parents have got together and have started the process for organizing and fundraising for the event.

11. Other business

Landscaping - A parent asked if more trees could be planted as some trees were cut down in front of the school. These were cut down as they were very close to the school and were blocking the school name. Mr. Blair to consider request.

Two cars were towed that had been abandoned in the parking lot- thank you!

Traffic pathway on Granville - PAC and school should send a letter to the school. Aspi will draft it and send to the group to review prior to sending it to the City.

Cannabis education - Rena looked into parent and student cannabis education. She reported that it is free, through YMCA. They have a National Program - one for teachers, one for parents, one for students. Just a matter of scheduling it. 2 programs for students - one they make a video on how it affects their nervous system, the other one is like a Kahoot.

No decision was made on when this would be booked. Follow up at a later meeting.

Next meeting January 18, 2023 at 7pm in the library

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 pm.