



A.R MacNeill Parent Advisory Council Meeting Notes



Welcome and Introductions

-Call to order at 7pm, Oct 16th, 2024. (Library)

-Jag Reehal (Chair) in attendance, Elaheh (Treasurer) in attendance, Secretary: Kelly has resigned, where is Dickens Chen? (co-secretary)

-There was a call for a nominee for secretary, no volunteers – Jag has stepped in to be the interim secretary.

The Meeting Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Agenda was approved and there were no additions to the Agenda.

Administration Report – Mr. John Blair:

1. *Staying connected – Website, & Instagram - @armacneill*
2. *Updates around the school*
 - a. *Grade 8 Activity Day – Huge success.*
 - b. *T- Fox Run – Weather was average however fundraising and awareness campaign was great, and we surpassed our goal of \$1800*
 - c. *Clubs day occurred on Oct 9 – 34 clubs running at this time at the school.*
3. *Student & Family Affordability Fund*
 - *The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one-time funds for the [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:*
 - i. *school and course fees*
 - ii. *school supplies and course materials*
 - iii. *field trips*
 - iv. *school-related extracurricular opportunities*
 - v. *clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities*
 - vi. *Please reach out to your child’s school principal if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.*
4. *Graduation Assessments 2023-2024:*
 - a. *GNA 10 – Specifically for Grade 10,11,12 students who have not written.*
 - b. *October 30 & 31 – Alternate Bell Schedule*
5. *Informal Learning Update (Interims) – October 24*
 - a. *These will be emailed home this year and not on MyEd BC*
 - b. *They will include information on Engagement, Behaviour & Learning progress. These updates will all be connected and reported on with the proficiency scale.*
 - c. *Comments are only required if the student is emerging or insufficient evidence (IE).*

	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
Engagement How students function as learners	Attends class; needs to participate in learning	When prompted, takes responsibility for their own learning	Independently takes responsibility for their own learning	Independently takes responsibility for their own learning and supports the learning of others
Behaviour How students function as members of a classroom community	Requires frequent reminders to make choices that support learning	Shows growing independence in making choices that support learning	Independently makes choices that support learning	Independently makes choices that support learning and contributes to a positive classroom environment
Learning Progress Indicator to communicate student learning in relation to learning standards	Demonstrates an initial understanding of concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning	Demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning	Demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning

6. *Parent Feedback – WAAG*
 - a. *Who knows it exists.*
 - b. *What is on it.*
 - c. *Highlights of the calendar via Instagram, School TV's and MacNeill Website.*

Chairperson Report – Jag Reehal :

- DPAC will be hosting a PAC 101 Workshop at JN Burnett on November 5th – 630pm-830pm
- City of Richmond has an Active Recreation and Sport Fund for families that need assistance.
- City of Richmond is hosting Gang Prevention Info Sessions on Tues, Nov 19th 6pm-8pm at the Richmond Cultural Centre.

Treasurer Report – Elaheh (Treasurer) – Financial Report (General and Gaming Account)

\$20839.37 is in the Gaming account
\$5323.33 Dry Grad account
\$19.87 is in the General account

Dry Grad Report:

-Nothing to report

Fundraising Email

- Draft is complete, will go out to the community on November 1st.
- Campaign will run until December 15th with a reminder email going out December 1st.

Community Grant Application

-We will apply again for the \$2000 community grant from the city. Jag will ask for feedback from the city in regards to last year's application.

Garbage Can/Recycling upgrade update

-Jag contacted the city's garbage and recycling department to upgrade the receptacles at MacNeill. The city is looking into them and will conduct a study for a month to see if it is viable. Jag will follow up with them on Oct 25th.

Other Business

-We have been approved from the City of Richmond for an outside Mural!! Yay!! \$15000 will be provided to create a community mural for everyone to enjoy. It will be on the wall where the school sign is currently. It will be incorporated with the new sign that went up this summer. There are 8 artists that the committee will be choosing from. This has been a 2.5-year project. The whole community should be proud of this collaboration! Kudos to John for coordinating the final proposal and following through with the city.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm

Next Meeting date – Nov 20th 2024