



## **A.R. MacNeill Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** **Meeting Minutes / Notes**



Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting Venue: A.R. MacNeill School Library

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Mr. John Blair (Principal), Jag Reehal (Chair), Elaheh (Treasurer), Dickens Cheung (Secretary)

**The Meeting Minutes of last meeting October 2024 was approved.**

**The Agenda was approved and there were no Additions to the Agenda.**

### **Administration Report by Mr. John Blair, Principal of A.R. MacNeill Secondary School:**

1. School Play “GAME OF MYTHS” coming up on December 2nd-5th @ 6pm in the A.R. MacNeill Secondary Theatre
  - Tickets can be purchased by CASH PAYMENT ONLY. Parents can ask their teen for tickets and the teen can ask the school office. The cost is \$5 student/ \$7 adult if purchased in advance, and \$10 student/ \$12 adult at the door.
  - The show will last approximately 45 minutes
2. Term 1 Written Learning Updates are coming soon in December
  - In-Person Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Meetings will be booked through an MS Bookings platform
  - Meeting slots will be 7 minutes each, and parents can try to book back-to-back meetings if they feel that more time is needed, but it is not guaranteed that more than one meeting slot will be granted as all parents need to be given an opportunity to book at least one meeting slot with the teachers.
  - Need to mention in the notes/comments that they are back-to-back bookings by the same parent(s).

### **Chairperson Report by Mr. Jag Reehal, Chairperson**

1. Encourage as much support as possible from parents through discussing with their teen the reports on Core Competencies and Learning Updates.
  - Parents are also encouraged to communicate and discuss with their teens regarding responsible device use in school during school hours.

2. For the Dry After Grad meeting only 6 parents were in attendance, and no one stepped up to be part of the core volunteer team. We need at least 10-12 dedicated, core team members to plan and organize this amazing event.
  - Next meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00 PM in the A.R. MacNeill Library
  - If we don't get enough parent volunteers then the grads may not be able to have Dry After Grad this year, and that would be regrettable.

### **Treasurer Report by Ms. Elaheh, Treasurer**

1. For November 2024, the PAC accounts have the following balances:
  - Gaming Account – \$20,839.97
  - Dry Grad Account – \$5,323.33
  - General Account – \$19.87

### **Dry Grad Report**

1. PLEASE show up at the next DAG meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00 PM!

### **Budget 24/25**

1. Each student club must have a teacher sponsor. All of the financing/money for clubs goes through the school business assistant.
2. A fee of \$65-70 will need to be paid per student for Dry Grad to cover a portion of the costs.
3. After extensive discussion amongst all PAC attendees, the following amounts were approved for the Requests for Gaming Funds 2024-2025:
  - a. \$185.00 (100%) for Request #1 from the Dance Club/Team – Footloose Dance Competition @ Palmer
  - b. \$175.00 (100%) for Request #2 from the Dance Club/Team – Notorious Dance Competition @ McRoberts
  - c. \$156.69 (100%) for Request #5 from the KPU Science Challenge (Senior Team) – Purchase parts to build cars.
  - d. \$239.54 (100%) for Request #6 from the KPU Science Challenge (Senior Team) – Purchase parts to build cars.
  - e. \$50.00 (50%) for Request #8 from the National Biology Competition Club – UT National Biology Competition Fees
  - f. \$100.00 (100%) for Request #10 from the Board Games and Chess Club – BC Junior Rapid Tournament Entry Fee.
  - g. \$20.00 (100%) for Request #11 from the Board Games and Chess Club – BC High School Chess Tournament Entry Fee.
  - h. \$43.35 (100%) for Request #12 from the Kwantlen Science Challenge Jr. Team – 3 Boat motors for design challenge.
  - i. \$24.73 (100%) for Request #13 from the Kwantlen Science Challenge Jr. Team – Styrofoam sheet for boat building.
  - j. \$425.00 (100%) for Request #14 from POWER – Prizes for biweekly POWER card draws.
  - k. \$750.00 (100%) for Request #15 from POWER – Schoolwide POWER card competition Domino's Pizzas (Large) x 25
  - l. \$420.00 (100%) for Request #18 from the Buzz Art Club – 13 Bottles of 1.89 L Paint

- m. \$30.00 (100%) for Request #19 from the Buzz Art Club – Misc. Art Supplies
- n. \$450.00 (100%) for Request #20 from the First Responders Club – First Responders Training Upgrade
- o. \$280.00 (100%) for Request #21 from the First Responders – Reimbursement for First Aid Training (not Upgrades)
- p. \$1,000.00 (100%) for Request #22 from the First Responders – Reimbursement for First Responders Training (not Upgrades)
- q. \$420.00 (50%) for Request #23 from the Volleyball Team – Volleyball Referee Level 1 Clinic & Certification, priority given to Grade 10 and 11 students.
- r. \$3,000.00 (100%) for Request #26 from the Volleyball Team – Athletics Scorekeepers Table x 1 (can use for other sports also).
- s. \$2,000.00 (9.975%) for Requests #27 and #28 from the Wrestling Club – Wrestling Mats (Can be paid in installments over multiple years) and Mat Tape.
- t. \$436.80 (50%) for Request #30 from the Cross Country/Sun Run Club – Vancouver Sun-Run Club Registration.
- u. \$300.00 (50%) for Requests #31, #32, and #33 from the Pottery Club – Various materials.
- v. \$150.00 (100%) for Request #35 from the Rainbow Club – Rainbow Café/Movie Night
- w. \$100.00 (100%) for Request #36 from the Rainbow Club – Sticker Sheets (Marketing)
- x. \$75.00 (100%) for Request #37 from the Table Top Role Playing (Dungeons & Dragons) Club – 3 sets of D&D Starter Sets. 10 New students joining this year.
- y. \$110.00 (100%) for Request #39 from the Table Top Role Playing (Dungeons & Dragons) Club – D&D Play Materials.
- z. \$800.00 (100%) for Request #40 from the Reading Riot Challenge for all Students Grades 8-12 – 4 to 5 copies of 12 selected titles that reflect the district's strategic priority #2: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).
- aa. \$150.48 (100%) for Requests #44, #45, #46, #47, and #48 from the Knitting and Crochet Club – Various knitting supplies.

**Grand Total of Gaming Funds Approved: \$11,891.59**

- With \$20,839.97 in the PAC's Gaming Account, and setting aside \$8,000.00 for Dry After Grad, we still have \$12,839.97 left in Gaming Funds to disburse to the various clubs. After all of the Gaming Funds that have been approved, there is still \$948.38 left for contingencies.
- Do we actually need to come up with \$4,000.00 additional in the Dry Grad account for the new accounting year, or do we just need to have at least \$4,000.00 in the Dry Grad account. Elaheh will confirm with Angela.

**Fundraising Update**

- Our fundraising goal is \$10,000.00 for our A.R. MacNeill PAC Donation Drive, and so far we had \$720.00 fundraised in October 2024. We can use these funds for teacher appreciation programs and community outreach events.

### Garbage Can/Recycling Upgrade Update

- Jag is waiting to hear back from the City of Richmond on a second green bin at the front entrance.

**With no further business, the PAC Meeting was Adjourned at 8:49 PM.**

**There will no PAC Meeting in December 2024.**

**The next PAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**