



A.R. MacNeill Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



Meeting Minutes / Notes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

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 Jamaati (Treasurer), Dickens Cheung (Secretary)

The Meeting Minutes of the previous PAC meeting in January 2025 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. The re-painting for the school stairwells have been completed.
2. A shout-out for both parents and students to stay connected to MacNeill for news and updates via our website (<https://macneill.sd38.bc.ca/>) and Instagram (@armacneill).
3. Program Planning Update – The course entry is complete for students.
4. Current number of students enrolled at A.R. MacNeill is 886. Next year, we will have 912 without any further increases or additional transfers.
5. The deadline for our MacNeill School SWAG is February 26th, 2025.
6. The Mobile Studio for Artona Photos will run from February 21st to 27th for Grade 12's.
7. Some security cameras have been installed throughout the school premises, but not all.

Chairperson Report by Mr. Jag Reehal, Chairperson

1. The in-person RDPA meeting was cancelled and was made an online meeting via Microsoft Teams. Nothing much was discussed.
2. Suggestion: We can consider creating Google feedback survey forms to see what parents would like to discuss or focus on at PAC meetings or even RDPA meetings, in order to increase engagement and involvement.

Treasurer Report by Ms. Elaheh Jamaati, Treasurer

1. For February 2025, the PAC accounts have the following balances:
 - Gaming Account – \$18,210.14
 - Dry Grad Account – \$5,232.33
 - General Account – \$19.76
2. A number of cheques have been issued but many have yet to be deposited.

3. Mr. Tan is working on the finalization of the scorekeeping table. Nothing has been paid for yet.
4. We have 2 years to spend any gaming funds from the B.C. Provincial Government in order to remain compliant.

Dry Grad Report

1. There are 194 Grads this 2024/2025 school year, and we will need a minimum of 100 students attending Dry After Grad in order to move forward with the event. We will have the final number on April 4th, 2025.
2. The two storage containers currently containing miscellaneous unused Dry After Grad supplies will be cleared out, cleaned/sanitized, vented, and lighted. The school will definitely be using one for Athletics Gear storage. The other container may be donated if we don't find use for it.

Community Grant Application

Jag has submitted the Community Grant Application on behalf of the PAC, and we are now waiting to hear back. The application was submitted on time before the deadline. No confirmation of receipt was given.

Off-Leash Dogs

Jag followed up with the City of Richmond regarding this issue, but the City of Richmond is still adamant that it is not a City of Richmond issue but rather a SD38 and Bylaws issue.

With no further business, the PAC Meeting was Adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The next PAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library.