



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



Meeting Date:

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), Dickens Cheung (Treasurer), Stephen Lissack (co-treasurer), Mar Tinsay (Secretary), Davidson Sy, Krista Sy, Helen Lee, Yu Wang, Hailey Huo, Marine Walic-Berniolles, Gail Lam, Bolormaa Rentsenreelu, Theresa Wong

The Meeting Minutes of the previous PAC meeting in May 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. Staying connected – website and Instagram @armacneill
2. New Staff Additions:
 - Taylor Sadler – Teacher: French and Outdoor Inc.
 - Lenaya Sampson – Teacher: English and Socials (Temp)
 - Ariel Hunt-Brondwin – Teacher: Drama and CLC (Temp)
3. School size now 940 students (last year 878)
 - 50 International students from different locations in the world: Belgium, Brazil, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Russia, Turkey, and Vietnam
 - 65 Incentive students in Grade 8 (20), 9 (27), and 10 (18)
4. What has been happening in the first few weeks?
 - Assemblies and revisiting expectations within the school, specifically the Digital Device Policy. Each Grade 8 and 9 student received an agenda and a teacher went over these expectations within advisory.
 - Photo Day
 - PLT and Expectations
 - Grade 8 Activity Day at the Oval – great participation (over 95%)
5. Large Gym Sound System Project – about 90% complete
6. Classroom shift – about 90% complete and fully functional for students
7. MacNeill Exterior Project – 80% complete (building paint, speed bumps, and basketball court repainting)
8. Community Mural Project – complete: Celebration for those invited on October 8th with artist.

9. #4 Road Entrance – will reopen when work is complete (projected to be complete by the end of October).
10. School Swag – deadline is October 2nd
11. Upcoming Important Dates:
 - Terry Fox Run (Sept 25th)
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30th)
 - Clubs Day (Oct 8th)
 - Photo Day #2 (Oct 10th)
 - Collaboration Day (Oct 15th)
 - Interim Reports Published (Oct 23rd)
 - Pro-D Day (Oct 24th)
 - Halloween (Oct 31st)

Chairperson Report by Mr. Jag Reehal, Chairperson

1. DPAC has not gotten together yet
2. Richmond Public Library sent over information on teen mental health workshops
3. Parking Lot Etiquette: slow down and yield to pedestrians
4. Fundraising for General Account will start in October through December (last year we used the funds for teacher appreciation)

Treasurer Report – Financial Report

1. For September 2025, the PAC accounts have the following balances:
 - Gaming Account – \$3,848.92
 - Dry Grad Account – \$4,288.99
 - General Account – \$19.76
2. Applied for the gaming grant – find out on the 30th
3. Budget will be set in the November PAC meeting
 - About \$20/student in the gaming fund equates to about \$18,000
 - About \$8,000 to Dry Grad with the remainder to be used on extracurricular activities for the School

Dry Grad Report

1. Last year had about 105 students
2. Safe event that the kids enjoyed
3. Last year gave out prizes (grand prize was an iPad + Apple Pencil)
4. Funds come from fundraising, PAC contribution, and ticket sales

Other Business

With no further business, the PAC Meeting was Adjourned at 7:54 PM.

The next PAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library.