



A.R. MacNeill Parent Advisory Council (PAC)



Meeting Minutes / Notes

Meeting Date: October 22, 2025

Meeting Venue: A.R. MacNeill School Library

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

In attendance: Mr. John Blair (Principal), Jag Reehal (Chair), Dickens Cheung (Treasurer), Stephen Lissack (co-treasurer), Mar Tinsay (Secretary), Marine Walic, Nicole McKay, Luna Zhang, and Stanley Yick.

The Meeting Minutes of the previous PAC meeting in September 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. Updates:
 - a. Grade 8 Activity Day at the Oval – huge success
 - b. Terry Fox Run – weather was great however fundraising and awareness campaign was even better, and we surpassed our goal of \$2,500 for BC Cancer
 - c. Clubs Day on Oct 8th – 31 clubs running currently at the school
3. Grade 11/12 Parent Night – low turnout even with it being online
4. Informal Learning Updates (Interims)
 - a. They will be emailed home this year and not on MyEd BC
 - b. They will include information on Engagement, Behaviour, and 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).

Chairperson Report by Mr. Jag Reehal, Chairperson

DPAC 101 Workshop on November 4th at Burnette

Treasurer Report – Financial Report

1. For October 2025, the PAC accounts have the following balances:
Gaming Account – \$21,428.92 (received \$17,580 from the Province on Oct 3rd)

Dry Grad Account – \$4,288.99

General Account – \$19.76

2. November PAC meeting: budgets

Dry Grad Report

- Struggling to get parents to help
- Positive feedback from parents and kids last year
- Should we rename the event since young kids are not drinking anymore?
- Last year kids signed up when parents knew there was a budget to throw the party
- 6am release: get kids to eat breakfast out with families
- Should we lower budget? Contingent on sign-ups.
- This year: 183 graduates

Gym Mural Project

- Dean Lauze
 - o \$3,500 design fee
 - o Once design approved and have scope of work, can get detailed pricing
 - o Range would be from \$38k-\$48k + taxes for the big gym
 - o What would payment process look like?
 - o What would cost be for only one wall?
- Other options
 - o Vinyl Stickers: 5-6 decals for \$3,200
 - o Do we want to get art students to create mural? How would we scale and how would accountability work?

Fundraising Campaign begins

- Jag to email John and John can send out to community
- Same process as last year
- We'd take donations from Monday October 27th through December
- Tax Receipt for anything over \$20
- Raised \$2,500 last year

Other Business

- Incentive Program (District Program): waiting for feedback from current incentive group, both parents and kids
 - o Looking at what they think of the program
 - o School district asked about location: is MacNeill (location) driving force on enrollment or is it the program itself?
- District is evaluating program enrollment and capacity at schools

- No decision has been made; they want to gather information from surveys before moving forward
- Will *hopefully* have a decision by January 2026

With no further business, the PAC Meeting was Adjourned at 8:02 PM.

The next PAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library.