

A.R. MacNeill Parent Advisory Council Minutes
TEAMS Meeting
Tues. October 19, 2021
7:00 pm

Present: Marcy Timmins (Principal), Dauvery MacDonald (Vice Principal)

Pooja Kalsi, PAC co-chair
Aspi Ustad, PAC co-chair
Angela, Treasurer
Catherine Ellens, Secretary

Parent attendees:

Alvin Chow
Edward Law
Joena
Kevin Jiang
Max Hespanhol
Emily Pan
Jason
Xu Pan
HeZhu Yu
Ligaya Rayo
Kit Ying Ng
Shashi Goes
Yokin
Leticia

1. Welcome and Introductions. Again we had many parents join us - thank you so much.
2. Call to order 7:10 pm
3. Approval of the minutes via TEAMS minutes of September 2021
 - Pooja motioned for approval; Aspi seconded. Minutes were approved
4. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda.
 - There were no additions to the Agenda

5. 2021-2022 Gaming Fund Budget

- Every school gets money from the gaming fund through the province.
- We were unsure if there would be much money this year as casinos were closed last year.
- We did save money from last year and did get \$20//student this year so we received \$14,460 this year
- \$4000 set aside for 2022 dry grad and \$2000 for scholarships so \$6000 allocated right away
- Marcy gathered the requests from teachers and put it in an excel spreadsheet to share at the meeting
- Marcy put in \$3000 request for PLT support for the teachers and walked through all the applications
- Money that needs to be set aside for Dry Grad through gaming funds is \$3000-\$5000. There is \$2400 credit through Partyworks
- Total being requested by teachers: \$20,167.42

Allocations approved by PAC:

Art Buzz Club: \$250

Theatre: \$500

Dance Team: \$500

Rainbow Club: \$250

Incentive: \$500

Reading Riots: \$250

Author Visits: \$300

Laptops: \$0 -need more information

Student Book Club: \$250

Certification Subsidy and Insurance for First Responders: \$900

School bus costs for Zone Track and field championships: \$300 towards bus costs

Math contests: \$200

Dungeons and Dragons Club: \$0- apply to PLT funding through school

Educational Games PLT: \$0 - apply to PLT funding through school

Athletics-Basketball Feeder Tournaments: \$250

Athletics restock sports equipment: \$822

Animal Rescue/Biology: \$420

Board Games Club: \$360

POWER: Support the school wide positive behaviour initiatives: \$1000

Pickleball equipment: \$562.18

Grouse Mountain Snowshoeing field trip: \$300

Admin request for PLT funding (\$3000 requested): \$2000 approved

Laptops for library - further information will be obtained by Ms. Timmins and discussed at a future PAC meeting.

6. Administration Report—Ms. Marcy Timmins

- Interim reports were to be sent out yesterday, October 18, 2021, but apparently they didn't go out, will resend today. If they don't go out, will problem solve and get them out as soon as possible.
- Parent teacher conferences will be a hybrid. Last year parents weren't allowed in school. Parents will be able to select a time that works for them - will be a virtual TEAMS call or phone. Teachers will be deciding what works best for them. More info will be sent out to parents.
- Parent access to school appointments for parent teacher conferences will be opened online when grades are released.
- Haunted house - is the first event, by, with and for the students. The number of volunteers that came out is huge. In order to make it safe, teachers will sign up for a period of time and they bring their class through. Will stagger the times the students go through going through. Spaced out in hallway before going into haunted house
- Take your child to work day typically happens in November. In the past parents filled out forms to allow this to happen. They recognize that some parents may be able to accommodate their kids, but many won't, with COVID restrictions. Students who are cannot join their parents at work, are expected to come to school.
- PLT feedback - next month's PAC meeting, Marcy will do a presentation on PLT - will share photos
- Because of semester system, there is no time for advisory time. Connections class is how they've tried to rebuild the relationships that they had in advisory- 1x/month. Students are expected to attend Connections class.
- Is there an appetite on a presentation on social media and digital footprint? It is helpful for parents of Grade 8, 9 and 10 who are still learning how to navigate social media. Had a presentation last year that was interesting and helpful. Discussion happened and parents felt it would be helpful to have this presentation, even if it is a repeat of the same presentation from last year. Ms. Timmins is thinking to have this presentation in January or February 2022. The PAC said to go ahead and book it.

8. Chair Report - Pooja Kalsi

- Pooja had to leave the meeting at 8:15pm so there was no chair report. It will occur at the November meeting

9. Treasurer Report—Angela Ng:

- For general account. We have \$260.17. In our gaming acct \$22,410.88. For dry grad \$4208.18.

10. Other business

Meeting Adjourned 9:05pm

Next PAC meeting Tuesday November 16 at 7pm. Will meet again on Teams.

