

**Maple Ridge Secondary School  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**

19 April 2017

Attendance: Pam Bagnall (President), Susan Coumont (Treasurer), Ian Liversidge (Vice Principal), Juliette Gordon, Kim Dumore, Carrie Cesarone and Elaine Yamamoto (Co-Secretaries)

Minutes of 29 March 2017 meeting presented for approval. Juliette motioned to pass, Kim seconded. All in favour and approved.

**Vice Principal's Report**

- Report Card Distribution
  - More than 50 % of the school on the honour roll
- Spring Concert including the Maple Ridge Adult Band
- Choir event at the ACT including the Soul City Adult
- Sports seasons rolling over, into Track and Field, Boys and Girls Rugby, Badminton, Ultimate Frisbee, Golf, etc.
- Time table under construction - this is the beginning of the staffing and set up process for the next school year
- Anticipate hirings as a result of lower class size, teacher movement, and 2 teachers accepting SD 42 Admin positions
  - We wish K. Elphick and D Drapeau good luck
- As a part of the reduced class sizes, we will be collecting 2 additional classrooms from Mount Crescent
- Gr 7 to grade 8 transitions is underway
- Gr 8 intake was held at 210 students; this did cause a number of students to be placed in their second or third choice
- Course selection is progressing at the level of fine tuning
- GTP Presentation Fair well done thanks to the volunteers
- Wheel Chair Basketball in PE Classes
- Question about kids transferring from other schools (not Grade 8s). Must make an application to the new school. Cautioned "fresh start" situations typically don't work. Best to apply in Feb or March so change takes place in September

**DPAC – Kim Dumore**

- No meeting yet; next week April 23 Alexander Robinson at 7 pm featuring Children of the Street;
- Elections in June – all positions open
- May 25 DPAC appreciation night – LEAP coming – deal with child and teen stressors – social issues and emotion/anxiety – Garabaldi
- Gave Trevor cheque for Dry Grad made to MRSS PAC
- Dealing with budget – last night was a rebuttal/public meeting – where are the shortfalls – counsellors have not been increased – will be a 1/693 ratio – Ridge has 3 ½ counsellors; working with ideas but have to follow Supreme Court settlement – they have draft plans and they are acutely

aware – librarians also have a problem – 2002 numbers in a 2017 schools – no gradual integration – not full time principals in 3 schools

- Earth quake preparedness meeting – all high schools have pods – find space to put it - high school needs to decide what goes into it – suggested 5% every year PAC needs to pay

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Lots more bills paid – received bill for wood working equipment – District will pay it to claim GST - \$15,219 in total
- Got back \$1,500 from District from paid item
- Epic Project – money can be rolled over to next year but they thought that was on top of what they were getting \$650 + \$1,300 = over by \$300

### **Miscellaneous**

- Poetry Slam is May 11
- Cheerleading uniforms very nice – update on competition
- Discussions on international students – lots of benefits

### **Elections**

Susan Coumont – Treasurer

Pam Bagnall – President

Carrie Cesarone and (we hope) Juliette Gordon – Secretaries

### **Next meeting May 17, 2017**

Meeting adjourned.