

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

25 October 2017

Attendance: Pam Bagnall (President), Alan Millar (Vice Principal), Juliette Gordon, Margaret Snow, Carrie Cesarone (Secretary)

Minutes of 23 September 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Pam motioned to pass the minutes and Carrie seconded. All in favour and approved.

Vice Principal Report

- Discussion about parent teacher interviews.
- Hired 10 new teachers who are all very good. There was a question about how are teachers liking smaller classes. Some like it. Allows to create classrooms for special learners. Diverse. Students notice the smaller sizes as well.
- New RCMP initiative. Had a great liaison program in the past but ceased when Alana Dunlop left Maple Ridge. This year, it is not a liaison program, just two officers on different shifts (Constable Richard and Constable Brian) come by school and visit three times a month. Getting kids used to them being around and also hoping to remove some of the stigma around police.
- Fentanyl forum at Thomas Haney on Monday, October 30.
- Grad rings on sale.
- Five different modules of student teachers this term.
- WHO survey for Grades 8, 9 and 10 – studying and getting feedback on eating habits, physical fitness and healthy living life style choices of teenagers around the world.
- Remembrance Day assembly on November 8.
- New grad program has been postponed by a year. Will be initiated July, 2019. English 12 Exam this year. Literacy exam in 2019. Numeracy assessment in 2018.
- First poetry slam will be held November 2. Black and white movie night is the theme.
- Halloween fashion show October 31.
- Letter from the Rainbow Club thanking PAC for donation.
- Talked about vaping policy at school and on school grounds.

DPAC

- Last DPAC meeting Shoebank Canada presented. They collect bins of gently used shoes and distribute them in Maple Ridge.
- Ivan Coyote presents April 30 and May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2018 at Thomas Haney for parents @ 7 – 8 pm and May 1, 2018 at Westview for kids 9:30 am.
- Next DPAC meeting - Thurs SRT @ 7 pm – Road safety.
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Treasurer's Report (done by Pam)

- We received the money for BC Gaming and the amount will cover all on our list. Trevor has sent out notices to all groups.

Next Meeting 29 November 2017.

Meeting adjourned.