

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

27 September 2017

Attendance: Pam Bagnall (President), Susan Coumont (Treasurer), Trevor Connor (Principal), Ian Liversidge (Vice Principal), Juliette Gordon, Kim Dumore, Carrie Cesarone (Secretary), John Mogk, Margaret Snow, Wendy Bastiaanssen, Dani Lee Milne; Julia Higo

Pam opened the meeting by explaining that presentations were to be made by individuals and groups requesting monetary contributions from the money PAC receives from BC Gaming. Trevor added that it was not necessary for a presentation in order to get grant and many requests had been received on paper.

Minutes of 14 June 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Kim Dumore pointed out an amendment in that the cheque for Dry Grad was from Kiwanis and not the Rotary Club. Pam motioned to pass the minutes with the amendment and Susan seconded. All in favour and approved.

Presentations commenced:

Epic Group - Annual event. Explained turning classroom into museum. Teach younger grades about world issues facing humanity and also the students themselves learn. Takes the whole year of planning. May be last year.

American Sign language club - request \$114 for 3 sets sign cards.

Student Choice Book Club – \$1,000. Double the members this year and new books are pricey.

Library - \$1,000 for Nikon camera. This would compliment the moving camera Ronen. For senior leadership. Right now, they are using borrowed cameras. Would only be used by Karen, Bailey, Colorado.

Book Review Club – Ken started it. Members do book reviews and their names are drawn to win a movies pass. Need funds (\$200) to purchase the passes.

Battle of the Books - \$700 - team shirts for the extra (usually \$500).

Spoken Word Club – Planning 4 events this year. Need money for advertising, decorations, and food.

Library Displays – trying to create a more visually stimulating environment – octagonal piece of furniture for entrance to display seasonal themes.

Metal Shop – proposing making benches for hallways.

Pam then asked the meeting if anyone wanted to tour the school while the PAC decided on money allocations. No one wanted a tour but questions were asked about the School App which Ian answered.

Susan than ask how many kids were enrolled as she believed we would receive \$20 per kid. The PAC received \$26,000 last year. The principal confirmed that we had approximately 1,300 students so most liked the PAC would again receive around \$26,000 with \$2,000 left over from last year. Also, a PST rebate may be forthcoming by the end of the school year. Susan also explained that any amounts had to be given for extra curricular activities only.

Trevor advised that currently the list of requests was at \$50,000. He also advised that everyone feels very supportive and are happy with what they've received in the past couple of years.

A thorough review of the list commenced and amounts were agreed upon.

Principal's Report

- Discussed District organized Pro D day – implementation of new curriculum. – less about knowledge more about character, skill sets 1– communication, problem solving;
- Movement to electronic report card but admin likes paper because more personal. Reports cards will be available on MyClass, which is working now. There are now discussions about progress reports, maybe number system, portfolio systems. District/teachers are talking about how that impacts post secondary entrance. Sometimes marks are not the best indication of how well a student does.
- Grade 8 Dance.
- Student council as a block this year.

Vice Principal Report

- Kris Crawford says best school start in a long time.
- 10 new hires. 6 were already here.
- 6 new classes, with 3 classrooms in Mount Pleasant which are still getting set up.
- Major curricular and structural changes on the horizon ie. no comparative civilization – will have a new name and be a little different.
- Grade 12 councillors starting to help students plan. Next step is getting Grade 11s to start thinking about Grade 12. Also councillors introduced in Grade 8 classes.
- School is looking at list of non grads 7 out of 230 potential grads, to see what happened.
- Post secondary night Wednesday, Oct 4 and grad parent night Tuesday, Oct 3.

DPAC – Kim Dumore

- DPAC meeting tomorrow night 7 pm PMSS – 1300 views on post about blocking social media – CBC interview.
- DPAC at every high schools and outreach – May 24, 2018 at MRSS.

Next Meeting 25 October 2017.

Meeting adjourned.