

Maple Ridge Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

May 23, 2018

Attendance: Pam Bagnall (President), Susan Coumont (Treasurer), Kim Dumore (DPAC Rep), Trevor Connor (Principal), Juliette Gordon, John Mogk, Lyn Killick

Minutes from April 24th, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. Kim motioned to pass the minutes and Pam seconded. All in favour and approved.

Principal's Report:

There are about six retirements coming up for the end of this school year so that will make staffing status quo as the enrollment for grade eight is down this year to just under 200 students coming in.

There are no admin moves for MRSS at this time.

Coming up: Spoken word Thursday May 24th and Grad in June. Track is off to provincials next Friday and golf is off to provincials soon too.

Spirit Day video is out and can be viewed. Spirit day was a huge success again this year. It is student planned and about 80% of MRSS students participated in the day. The food truck and the weather were great contributors to the success of the day.

Jr girls soccer did well this year. Badminton did fantastic as well. 110 students went to Whistler on the Geography field trip. Good time was had by all those who went. Outdoor club hiked the "Chief" in Squamish.

Grad is ramping up.

Course planning/timetable building is taking time to sort out. Classrooms are being used 100% of the time.

Track and field for Elementary students is coming to MRSS June 7/8th.

The cafeteria wall was painted and is being prepped for a mural.

The school received \$47,000 from the district and with the \$50,000 the school had put aside, MRSS is able to spend the money on wish list items such as computers, desks, projectors and other much needed items.

There is a good vibe around the hallways. Surveys went out to the students and the results have come in. The percentage is high for students that feel well supported and that they have the opportunity to learn at MRSS.

Shannon Derinzy will be doing a 360 on Trevor as he has been here 5 years. This survey will include students, staff and parents.

Anxiety is still getting attention in the school with the staff working as a whole team to support the students.

As Trevor is principal of both MRSS and Outreach Secondary he was able to use funds to help facilitate learning in Outreach as well. Kim brought up the idea of getting Outreach PAC set up so that they could use gaming funds for projects. Currently the students are not eligible under the MRSS umbrella as it is a separate school.

DPAC:

BCCPAC conference took place on May 4th. Ivan Coyote and Rick Hansen were guest speakers. They both spoke about diversity. There is a great program through Rick Hansen about inclusion and accessibility.

Theatre sports and the MRSS choir are coming to the DPAC Appreciation Dinner Thursday May 24th at MRSS.

June 5th Student Voice follow up will be at MRSS. This is where the students that participated at the forum in January can have the chance to hear what the district heard at the forum.

May 30 7pm Kanaka - Raising Digitally Responsible Students

June 14th 7pm Parent Drug Talk - DPAC is hosting Alouette Addictions at the DPAC General Meeting being held at Outreach Secondary (MRSS Annex).

Humans of Maple Ridge will be coming to MRSS between flex and lunch on Tuesday.

DPAC took part in an ERM interview. They were asked questions by KPMG on what the school district is doing well and what they could be doing better.

DPAC hosted a Diversity Event with Ivan Coyote as the guest speaker. The teacher event was very well attended, the student event was well attended and the parent event had okay attendance.

Treasurer Report:

Still need a few more receipts to come in but most of the money has been spent for the year.

2018/2019 elections were postponed till the September meeting with the hopes of more parents attending. The June meeting was also cancelled due to lack of parent attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Next meeting: Wednesday September 12, 7:00pm MRSS Library