

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

29 November 2017

Attendance: Pam Bagnall (President), Susan Coumont (Treasurer), Trevor Connor (Principal), Alan Millar (Vice Principal), Juliette Gordon, Carrie Cesarone (Secretary), Kim Dumore

Minutes of 25 October 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Amendments noted. Pam motioned to pass the minutes and Carrie seconded. All in favour and approved.

Principal Report

- Ed Dumas retiring; Facebook post was successful in finding replacement; Brian Weingartner hired (with one block of math);
- Alan Millar going to Edith McDermott; Alan said a few words of appreciation; Trevor stated that we have a good admin group; Ian Liversidge will be staying until June;
- Two people replacing Alan; understaffed in terms of admin at secondary level; 1 to 450; but not enough students at Westview and Garibaldi; Ridge should be 3.3 but cut to 3; other schools have 3; Mr. Grady will be a temporary replacement; Trevor hopes we get one more person for next year; kids with behavioral and attitude issues taking up lots of admin time; Grade 8 drug problem really coming to the surface;
- Assemblies important; regularly every second month; things getting better this week;
- Margin of error with drugs very small;
- How do we deal with drugs; kids can text admin anonymously; can't get rid of it but can marginalize the problem;
- Vaping in school big problem; need to re-educate kids; vapes getting stolen – have to deal with that; damage worse than smoking; non-issue last year but huge problem this year;
- Slam poetry night successful; volleyball - both senior teams went to tournament; basketball – full slate – 5 teams;
- Student council usually organizes Christmas assembly but not this year; Link kids organizing it;
- Elementary school kids coming for Christmas but not a full meal this year as there was a lot of waste; will be hot chocolate, candy canes, etc. this year;
- Implementation of new curriculum; letter grades only, no percentages; good debate about it at staff meeting;
- Report cards still on paper not electronic but can look at marks electronically;
- Concert next week Dec 6;
- Discussion about toasters for breakfast program; question about ice cream machine;
- \$1,000 wings program coming in;
- One family big donor for breakfast program said the don't want to do it anymore because it is getting out of hand – teachers eating, etc.; the premise is you feed everyone so hungry kids blend in; better if all kids go;
- School can share with food drive and get to some families for Christmas hampers.

DPAC

- New recycling contract for January; recycling in one bin; compost in another;
- Diversity event being planned; to include teachers from every school; SOGI backlash from Chilliwack has not affected plans; they are mindful of SOGI 123 hate and are prepared;
- DPAC meeting tomorrow night at Yennadon;
- DPAC social December 7 at 6:30 pm at the Witch – if you're free, come join

- Need better RCMP liaison/communications;
- Issues have come up about outside bank accounts; all money school related but not PAC must go through school office bank accounts ie. dry grad, basketball, cheerleading;
- Jan 25, 2018 meeting – surviving G8 registration at Garibaldi 7 pm.

Treasurer's Report

- No money spent yet; no extra money received;
- Will be filing Annual Report.

Pam will send Trevor Best Buy link for computers to look at for next year.

January – talk about course selection at meeting.

Next Meeting 24 January 2018.

Meeting adjourned.