

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

24 January 2018

Attendance: Pam Bagnall (President), Ian Liversidge (Vice Principal), Susan Coumont (Treasurer), Juliette Gordon, Carrie Cesarone (Secretary) Kim Dumore, John Mogk

Minutes of 29 November 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Amendments noted. Pam motioned to pass the minutes and Carrie seconded. All in favour and approved.

Principal Report

- New VP, Kenneth Headley; from Surrey; curricular leader; we are very fortunate to have him;
- All sports back at it; cheerleaders undefeated in last little while; G8 boys basketball; rugby meeting; lax; badminton tourney;
- Karen Aitken took kids to VMUN (Vancouver Model United Nations) last weekend; also going to CAIMUN (Canadian International Model United Nations) in April; 3 students went to Greece for the World Scholar's Cup and one girl offered a job;
- Sign language club going for a year and a half; meet once a week;
- Pretty good handle on vapes;
- Putting course calendar together; kids will start choosing soon; no Planning 10 next year; new courses are Career Ed 11 and 12; English changing; new curriculum for grades 8, 9 and 10; 5 different English courses all 2 credits; you have to do 2 courses;
- Mr. Gill going to Vancouver; hired Tamara Langdon going to take over;
- Brian Weingartner new music teacher; 4 people in 3 years for fine arts; drama, band, choir,
- Grade 9s will have to take a fine arts and an applied skill; part of change in curriculum; maybe include some of the computer course as a fine arts course;
- Wrestling ramping up;
- Mental health group in G8, G9 and G10; good message; safe professionally delivered;
- G7 coming into G8; no G7 night; once kids placed will find out right after spring break; after that you can apply for transfer and then there will be a lottery; sibling school and then catchment; 900 G7 this year in the district; talking about restricting us a bit; become more catchment based;
- 6 teachers retiring this year; 15 in the next 2 ½ to 3 years;
- We get about 100 international kids;
- Student conferences soon; it will be the last time we use the current system to book conferences; new system in the works – will begin next year; report cards going to be electronic through MyClass; an email will go out with a instructions to sign up;
- Lots of great stuff going on;
- Student council 70 kids every Tuesday;
- New field – hammer throw across back; artist met with kids to do art work in concrete stamping;
- Homeless people being asked to move; are around at night but gone by the time school opens; no issues recently;
- Aboriginal grad rates way up, almost on par with non-Aboriginal kids. Award night for Aboriginal kids;
- Discussions about kids with anxiety;

DPAC

- Tomorrow night - surviving G8 meeting;
- Feb 22 – transitioning for our alternate learners from grade 12 to grade 13 (post-secondary);

- April 30 and May 1 – diversity event;
- DPAC involved in budget process – reached out to parents to ask for feedback - when budget comes down have an opportunity to review and provide more feedback;
- Putting on Glitz at TH; March 6 prep day and March 7 students’ day; Gaming doesn’t think PAC should be able to donate to it because it is considered a donation and money not being spent on a specific thing’
- Question from DPAC - can the school app be available for the Outreach kids so they can access their schedule; admin will look into it.

Treasurer’s Report

- Susan has to go to District Office to get PST form and complete;
- Bill McCray wrestling coach asked if he could get a letter from PAC addressed to Branch 88 ladies’ auxiliary requesting for uniforms, etc. Pam will do letter.

Next Meeting 21 February 2018.

Meeting adjourned.