



# Maple Ridge Secondary

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Agenda

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7pm

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Agenda Approval: motioned by Adeline, seconded by Heather
- 3) Review of Old Minutes (Jan 2025): motioned by Nikki, seconded by Adeline
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Gaming Grant: BC ID has been set up and registration is confirmed.
- 5) 5) New Business:
  - a) BCC PAC Annual conference - May 23, Prince George. It will also be live streamed. The AGM is May 24-25, 2025.
  - b) We discussed the request for PAC support for the petition for the School Board to reinstate the police liaison officer role. MRSS hasn't had one for a very long time. If there is a call for RCMP, they come and relations are good there. RCMP has a new local program running that addresses some of the concerns. Motion: we abstain from making a decision without more information, seconded by Nikki.
- 6) Gaming account - Dry Grad cheque for \$4,408.57 deposited, we currently have a total of \$32,747.41 in the gaming account. The general account balance is \$6,218.75.
- 7) DPAC Report:
  - a) January 23: liability insurance in schools for PAC members; all schools have been covered by the Schools Protection Program (SPP), since 1987. There is a handbook available if anyone would like to know more. SPP covers the school district and employees, and all school-sanctioned activities held on school property. Parent events are not covered. The SPP extends to PAC and DPAC members. It's important to always loop the principal in on any planning, to confirm it's officially a school-sanctioned event. For parents, they must have a Volunteer Form on file with the school/school district in order to be covered by SPP.
  - b) Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report - Narcan

training is happening for Grade 10 students and above (must be 16 to do the training), likely rolled out through PE classes. Nasal Narcan kits will be accessible in two locations at each school. An injection kit is already available in the office. Parents can do the training online. The Foundry and Alouette Addictions also offer Narcan training.

- c) Discuss the Aircraft Maintenance Program.
  - d) School Growth Plan - principals will have info to share at PAC meetings.
  - e) School libraries: the district is returning to staffing libraries according to the district ratio, not individual schools, as outlined in the collective agreement and to better support elementary schools. MRSS will lose 3 blocks of library, with minimal impact.
  - f) Krista in purchasing is the District buyer - email her directly to explore better vendors and pricing options for school purchases.
  - g) CPF: Grade 6-12 SFU speaking contest; \$300 bursary for continuing education in French.
  - h) District Volunteer Forms & Driver's Abstracts are to be filled in each year, and filed with the district.
  - i) Maple Ridge Climate Hub - promoting active school travel.
  - j) Another reminder for PACs to submit their events prior to DPAC meetings so they can help advertise.
  - k) Grant Guide for PACs - link on the DPAC website.
  - l) School Board Policies are under review and posted for public input.
  - m) Grade 8 registration night has passed and was livestream. The recording has been posted to the YouTube channel.
  - n) Putting on the Glitz is coming up on March 18, 2025, at Thomas Haney.
- 8) Administration Report:
- a) Report Cards will be posted electronically on March 6, and printed the following week.
  - b) TVs are now up and running in the school, and working well! There's an online form to submit content for signage.
  - c) Winter sports and concluding and spring sports are starting up.
  - d) A Spring Break 2026 trip to France will be announced soon, open to current grade 10 and 11 students. There will be a meeting in early March with Jen Simon, with a family meeting to be held on March 6 at Pitt

Meadows Secondary. MRSS will potentially have 20 seats available. Cost is likely to be just of \$5k per student.

- e) There will be changes to French Immersion for next year: grade 11 communication oral will be offered in grade 11, to ease the burden in grade 12 - they will take the equivalent of new media 11 but in French. Grade 12, they'll take FRAL 12 and Careers 12 in French to mix it up a bit. Next year, the school will look at potential updates for the junior program, keeping electives in mind.
  - f) There's been no change to the removal of spare blocks for next year.
  - g) Course planning is due before March break, but sooner is encouraged.
- 9) Parent Voice:
- a) n/a

Meeting Adjourned: 19:39 PT.

**Next Meeting April 16, 2024 at 7pm. Location MRSS Cafeteria**