



# Maple Ridge Secondary

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7pm

Attendance: Miranda, Chair Nicki – DPAC Representative Adeline

Heather - VP

Amanda Paulette – Secretary

Parents: Shireen

Liz

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Administration: Grant Frend (Principal)

- 1) Meeting called to Order at 7:05pm
- 2) Welcome & Introductions
- 3) Agenda Approval: motioned by Adeline, seconded by Nikki
- 4) Review and Approval of Old Minutes (September 2024): motioned by Nikki, seconded by Adeline
- 5) Administration Report:
  - a) Review of upcoming events:
    - i) Grad photos start Oct 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Oct 17<sup>th</sup> is Shake Out,  
Friday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> no classes,  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> is “Four days of Fright” for Halloween
  - b) November 6 is Grade 9 ‘Take your kid to work’ day
  - c) Conferences are November 7
  - d) November 11 is Remembrance Day and no classes on November 12
  - e) Still looking for a science teach – there is a province-wide post
- 6) Gaming Grant Requests:
  - a) Frend will pay some of the funding requests - \$2,000
  - b) The PAC received \$25,340 in Gaming Grant funds. Requests received and the following were recommended to the PAC for approval:

- i) Dry Grad - \$1,000
- ii) Culinary Arts - \$1,200
- iii) Chowder Contest - \$500
- iv) Video Game - \$440
- v) Cheerleading - \$ 8120
- vi) Outdoor learning – look at next year if plan submitted
- vii) Cooking Club - \$1,000 [if include fruit / veg]
- viii) Woodwork Club - \$1,000
- ix) Vocal Jazz – \$4000
- x) Intramurals – pingpong - \$1,200
- xi) Athletics - PE Hallway photos \$400
- xii) Circus - \$4,900
- xiii) Theatre Prod Club - \$1,000
- xiv) Ridge TV - \$5,240
- TOTAL - \$30,000

7) Treasurer's Report: Gaming Account – balance of \$28,338.84 - from grant allocation and leftover from previous year. General Account - balance of \$7623.75 - \$5062 allocated to wrestling and basketball.

8) DPAC Report:

- a) Athletes Arena – is offering \$10,000 for PAC Elementary and \$10,000 PAC Secondary in the district based on 30% of enrollment fees [fee is month-to-month - \$109 per month]. Various programs – kids and adults. The owner is hoping to get more small businesses to help out the schools / community.
- b) Feeding Futures – less funds this year. Budget allows for one staff member per school. The Breakfast program is universal but varies on number of days per week. Lunch program – register if needed.
- c) 'Relief Teachers' – The District has hired 'Relief Teachers' for when no TOC available. 150 applications with 45 hires. Are completing training at the schools and so far it looks good. This ensures the students have a teacher for the day when teacher / TOC not available.
- d) Kiwanis Plant fundraising program – they do the work and split 50/50 proceeds with the school

- e) 'HIVE' donation from Nov 4 to Nov 29 at Eric Langton. Gently used condition of kids' clothing, boots, etc.
  - f) Family Education & Support is Tuesday evenings.
  - g) Bullying issues – start discussion with the principal
  - h) DPAC topics / speakers: Looking for subjects to bring in speakers. A few were noted: self harm, vaping, addiction / stress, anxiety, social media
  - i) Next DPAC meeting is October 24 on ZOOM
- 9) Parent Voice:
- a) Open Floor – A couple of parents asked how to add a flag to the cafeteria walls as their child's flag was not there. The parents will donate the flag: Qurdistan and South Africa. Suggested to contact the Office.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:24 PT.

**Next Meeting Nov 20, 2024 at 7pm. Location MRSS Cafeteria**