



Maple Ridge Secondary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

7:00PM

Attendance: Miranda - Chair
Heather - Vice Chair
Adeline - Treasurer
Nikki - DPAC Rep

Administration: Grant Frend, Principal

Parents: Amanda Nicole

Regrets: Pauline - Secretary

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Agenda Approval:** motioned by Miranda, seconded by Nicole
3. **Review and Approval of previous Minutes** (November 2025). Motion for approval of Minutes: by Adeline, seconded by Heather
4. **Administration Report:**
 - Caught up on Provincial Assessments and make-up sessions (due to strike)
 - Grade 12 did their assessments last week, earlier this year than previous years
 - Immunizations coming up in February
 - Alouette Addictions is back doing classroom presentations (PE classes), particularly around vaping. Grant Frend working on a pilot project around vaping, with support from Fraser Health.
 - March Break, early spring concerts before.
 - April show - little shop of horrors
 - Winter sports are nearing playoffs.
 - Spring sports: tryouts before March break; season starts right after.
 - Course planning will begin soon, and counsellors will be visiting classrooms before March

Break.

- There are changes coming on how we do Student Aid (learned through the audit); centralized training for Student Aids in September (Grade 11 and 12).
- Grade 10 provincial tests - April (literacy) & June (numeracy)
- 146 English and 87 French for enrolment next year.

5. **Old Business:** no updates.

6. **New Business:** no updates.

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance in the Gaming Account is \$22,969.88.
- Balance in the General Account is \$17,111.85. We have received the bingo transfer from the Grad Committee.

8. **DPAC Report:**

- District organizational structure is changing: two assistant superintendents are retiring; instead of replacing, there will be role/title changes. Two zones (east and west zones) will remain, collapsing elementary and secondary.
- Proposed calendars for the next school year are on the website. The survey closes on February 16.
- Modularity at Golden Ears and one other school are being built.
- October is elections for Trustees.
- MRTA bargaining for the teacher contract is in process as of last week.
- CPF membership drive, family day ice skating for free at Pitt Meadows arena (3:30-5:30pm)
- DPAC needs school hosts for the March 12 & May 14 meetings.
- Gaming Grants: Considering a Treasurer 101 course to go over rules, with the recent changes, avoid mistakes, etc. Gaming webinar on February 25th, at 11:00am, for any Treasurers who want to participate. The current recorded overview of a Treasurer position will be recorded in the next few months and made available to all PAC Treasurers.
- Grade 8 registration info night is full, it will be posted on Facebook.
- The SD42 budget online public survey, Part 1, is available until February 19th. The budget presentation will be on April 15th at Thomas Haney.
- Foundry - is available to provide support with disordered eating, and will be getting an anxiety support specialist in February. They have harm reduction supplies available, and the annual plant sale starts on April 1st.
- Next DPAC meeting: February 19 at 7pm at Thomas Haney.

9. **Parent Voice:**

- More support is needed for parents of incoming Grade 8 students before the school year begins. Parents need to understand how to read the timetable so they can support their children in advance. They should also receive information about clubs and intramural activities in May/June of Grade 7, so they can learn about opportunities and help with the transition.
- Providing a list of clubs ahead of time, sent directly to Grade 7 parents in May/June, would be very helpful. Increased communication and guidance are also needed around course scheduling so parents understand the process. PACs are encouraged to work with school administration to offer training and information sessions that make the transition easier.
- Grade 8 students are often overwhelmed, and better-informed parents are better able to support them. A list of clubs should be given to Grade 7 students when they are here for Grade 8 Day, and Link Crew can also help share information about these clubs.

10. **Termination of Meeting:** Meeting Adjourned: 7:42PM.

Next Meeting: February 25, 2026 at 7:00PM
Location MRSS Cafeteria