Maple Ridge Secondary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 7:00PM

In Attendance:	Paulette Pears, Chair Heather McGregor, Vice Chair Joy Logie, Secretary
Administration:	Grant Frend, Principal
Parents:	various
Regrets:	Miranda Carpenter, Treasurer Nikki Pritchard, DPAC Rep

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1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
2. Introductions of PAC, Attendance and Regrets
3. Agenda Approval: motioned by Heather, seconded by Amanda
4. Minutes Approval: motioned by Amanda, seconded by Heather
5. Old Business:

    Confirmed meeting dates for the school year 2026/2027:

    October 28, 2026, November 25, 2026, January 27, 2027, March 3, 2027, May 19, 2027

6. New Business:

    BCCPAC - apply to the DPAC to renew (they will pay the $100 for the membership) - Paulette has asked everyone to vote on renewing our membership - membership will give opportunities for seminars, conferences and voting resolutions in educational issues in the province; Surrey and Langley have a very strong voice at the BCCPAC and our DPAC has encouraged all the PAC's in our district to join; all in favour; Paulette to send an email to

DPAC to request to renew our membership; students are possibly eligible for scholarships with membership

Gaming Grant Requests Allocations: compared what the clubs received last year and what they requested; can be paid for a funds for competitions through transportation and supplies but not entry fees

Looking to see who is requesting funds and who is submitting invoices for their grants; thought about doing an earlier deadline and see what is left and do a second deadline to make sure you are clearing the balance on the Gaming Grant; give the grant requests a deadline to use the money by and sign a commitment letter that they will use the funding by that date or it will not be available after that day; make sure the clubs know that they need to show full detailed receipts for purchases or they will not be reimbursed

Questions about dry grad club, weight room club

Change to Robotics Team request from $2000 to $791

Intramurals Club - change from $1000 to $1500

Poetry Slam Club - change from $900 to $1100

MRSS Tech Team - change from $2800 to $5000; indicate to Ms O that she needs to be very specific with her invoice(s) what she is buying;

Video Gaming Club - change from $900 to $1170 (includes online subscription with increase)

Athletic Leadership - change from $450 to $1350

Motion to approve the motion first Amanda, second Heather

7. Treasurer's Report:

Gaming funds not yet received. Gaming Account has a balance of $26,913.47; General Account has a balance of $773.08.

8. Administration Report:

All programs in full swing, lockdown drill yesterday and it went well and went through all the procedures; almost no noise!; late start on Friday; Lit 12 assessments in the library next week; Gr 8 rotation is ending in the next couple of weeks; Class cash comp; fundraising and charity work around the holidays; MS tutorial has been having a difficult start; went live with the interim updates - mix of comments with the bank and personal comments from the teachers - Mr Frend will discuss it with the staff and see what worked well and what did not; prepping for the Remembrance Day ceremony (Nov 10th) and student driven - 2 student readers, 2 student Emcees and 3 indigenous students; all teaching spots are filled and 1 EA spot left to fill because of medical leave

9. DPAC Report:

Focusing on literacy and numeracy - Edwin program- parents do not have access but can reach out to teachers; materials on dyslexia can be found at Dyslexia Canada; CPF bursaries and scholarships are available; video application for bursaries and scholarships; there is a membership drive for CPF; the more members they have, they more funding they will get - you do not have children in the french immersion program to become a member; public health nurse came and did a presentation on professional development, sexual health, community coalition, nutrition; new school board trustees on Nov 18 (it will be the first meeting); CPF is having their second annual skate day - skates and - held at Twin rinks at PMAP

10. Dry Grad:

Making sure to get approval and the dates to ; all fundraised funds has to go through the PAC; can be a designated Exec; know what licenses are needed; one license for all the dates of the Bingo - can drop days from a license but need to have all the possible dates; PAC must submit the dates; what do you believe your total revenue is and that is what should be, location and dates on the application; different types of game of chances will need different licenses; each event for each license; alcohol license; all the licenses are posted on the wall when holding the event; Nov 23 is the first 50/50 - Instagram page - Charitable donations - district staff through finance have to be contacted - cash donation needs to be submitted through the SD; donation of physical gifts can be held by the committee; revenue from events and donation of; wine survival game is not allowed to happen and cannot be prompted through the school; business sponsorship packages; gift bags and prizes; Trevor helps with the food; Paulette will share dates of all the fundraisers needing a gaming license with the PAC Exec

11. Parent Voice:

N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53PM.

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