Maple Ridge Secondary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 7:00PM

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

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1. Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Introductions of PAC, Attendance and Regrets
3. Agenda Approval: motioned by Heather, seconded by Nikki
5. Old Business:

    The MRSS PAC By Laws are currency being reviewed and refreshed. Updating the dates of the meetings for the 2026-2027 year. They will now fall the week after the monthly DPAC meetings.

6. New Business:

    Emails sent out for funding requests. Deadline of October 9th to submit. Exec will meet on Oct 25, 2026 to review the requests.

7. Treasurer's Report:

    Gaming funds not yet received. Gaming Account has a balance of $1,597.13; General Account has a balance of $773.08. Still outstanding from last year $131.

    Balance sheet as of September 17, 2026 will be in the MRSS PAC Google Drive.

Spent a good portion of the gaming grant from last year.

8. Administration Report:

2 new vice principals (Lisa and Karen) and admin coordinator

Marianne - new admin, limited tech for the first week; the team is getting along really well;

Week 2 – meeting to review class size and composition with all the departments (needed to collapse 1 class of physics 11); working on the class sizes, due to collective agreement; grad parent info night tomorrow night (led by Mr Wade) (Thursday, Sept 17th)

Oct 6 first dry grad meeting

Fall sports in full swing – 7 volleyball teams, sr soccer for boys

120 International students

Need to hire 1 more EA but all other positions are filled

Tomorrow is teams and clubs day in the courtyard

Interim reports – pivot to MyEd interim reports in October – all of their classes will be listed in this interim report – will replace conferences in October – no conferences in the fall term – get back a full day of instruction

Mr Wade is the grade 12 liaison – will need to let the grade 12 parents know that they need a grade 12 parent to come to the pac meetings to request fundraising events

9. DPAC Report:

No DPAC meeting for the year yet. First meeting is Thursday, Sept 24 at 7pm and tour of new school - location Eric Langton

Talk about MRT rep – grade 6/7 funding for ipads was reallocated
Upcoming election – candidate meetings coming up - Sept 28 – 2 open candidates for school trustees

CPF mentioned they have funding for French and increase the French culture – check out the grants

Talk about the gaming report and treasurer report – a lot of PAC's move through a lot of money and making sure that there are more people involved in the finances -there will be more education for the SD42 PAC Treasurers

Upcoming DPAC meetings: Oct 22 – SRT; Nov 19 – TBD; Dec 10 – TBD; Jan 21 – TBD: Feb 25 – TBD; Apr 8 – Appreciation Dinner at GSS [need to RSVP]; May 7 – TBD; June 10 (AGM) - TBD

10. Parent Voice:

Parent question – stress of the timing of the release of the schedules – it was late this year because of new admin and will be coming out on the Friday; if a student has a free block A – Mr Frend is their home room teacher - muster station is the garden;

Tutorial – student concerns about the lack of communication; Pitt and SRT similar systems and how they will accommodate if they do not have a phone; especially if students have an IEP where do they go; Grant will improve the front end communication; no official rollout for the new tutorial system and Grant takes responsibility for that and missed it in the opening newsletter; 4-5 weeks will be the rollout for the new tutorial system; sign up for tutorial or show up with student id and scan in; will work out the kinks in the next 4-5 weeks; month by month sign up; there is no auto adding to their Teams calendar – needs to be added manually - Grant will look into that; secondary survey – looking for extra help for tutorial; if you have a free block and it is before tutorial, you are allowed to come to the second block of the day – you do not need to go to tutorial; this is not apart of the regular school attendance – will communicate more with student council and student voice

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2026 at 7:00PM

Location MRSS Cafeteria