

Minutes
McBride PAC
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6 pm – 730pm: McBride Library
Attending: Sarah, Grace, Chris, Kim, Dee, Carrie, Lisa, Madeline, Michelle, Jennifer DG, Jen F,
Erwin, Nicole, Paola

1. Call to Order

- Welcome and Introduction
- Land Acknowledgement - Principal Sleep

2. Standing Items

- Adoption of the November 2024 PAC Meeting Agenda - Approved
- Approval of October 2024 Minutes -Approved

3. Chair report (Sarah)

- Purdy's fundraiser going well. We are close to our goal. Ends Monday Nov 25.

4. Treasurer Report (Grace)

- See attached Nov spreadsheet
- Chris Adderley voted in as co-treasurer

5. Principal report (Carrie)

- Update on upcoming surveys:
 - Middle Years Developmental Index is a research project conducted by UBC in partnership with the provincial government that looks at the health and well-being of children. In Jan/Feb, Gr 6 students will be completing the MDI questionnaire. It focuses on connectedness, school experiences, use of after-school time, social and emotional development & physical health.
 - Early Developmental Index is for the K students and is completed by K teachers.
 - School Satisfaction Survey completed in Jan by Gr 6 parents & staff.
- Priority Kindergarten registration happening now till Jan 31. Please remind anyone in the catchment with a child born in 2020 to register.
- Remembrance Day Assembly went well.
- Trees will be planted in early December. There is a recommendation from the grounds people to plant new garden boxes and two new picnic tables, in addition to the trees. We need funding to secure this. **Carrie will propose the garden boxes and picnic tables to the tree committee and come back next meeting with more information and a cost estimate.** The trees will be planted in the middle of the gravel field with rock seating benches around them. Two additional cement picnic tables will allow full classes to work out there when the weather permits.

- **Carrie will talk to teachers about their direct ask list. We will vote on the timing for the direct ask and what we'll be raising money for at the next meeting.**
- We have had an increase in enrollment and Carrie has asked the district for 1 more EA. There is an ongoing EA shortage, and it can be challenging covering breaks and sickness.

● 6. New Business

- Winter Market – drop-off & volunteer sign-up to come this weekend. **Kim to connect with Carrie about coordinating this. Newton is leading this initiative.**
- Babysitting/Stay home safe courses is booked for Feb 14. Two parent volunteers are required. **Sarah will connect with Sherry to see if this can be moved to another Pro-D day not attached to a long weekend and to see if we can book the parent volunteers in shifts.**
- Coffee Mornings with JJ Bean. General support for regular coffee mornings throughout the year with a suggested donation. Will JJ Bean provide a discount if we continue with them on a regular basis? **Rebecca to explore further.**
- Soccer Program. **Rebecca will speak on this at the next meeting as she is not present today.**
- YMCA Camp Elphinstone for Gr 7: We have done this in the past. We need teachers to volunteer. We will discuss this for 2025/2026 year as this year's Gr. 7 money is already allocated. **Christina will speak more on this at the next meeting as she is not present today.**
- Pumpkin Patch: Cost of the pumpkins were high so can we combine with the Annex next year? **We should think about timing and if this is a good use of funds for next year.**

7. Fundraising and Events

- Direct donation campaign: timing to be determined at next meeting. The money is PAC money held in school accounts because the donations are received via school cash online. **Carrie will ask the teachers what the needs are, and the direct donation ask will focus on their top priorities.**
- Use Giving Tuesday as an opportunity to ask parents for a PAC donation. Kim to work on this.
- Walk-a-thon/Spell-a-thon, End of year school BBQ/carnival event, Adults only event are all possible fundraising initiatives we can take on this year. General support for all the suggestions but walk-a-thon is complex to run and requires a volunteer/teacher to organize. **Christina to propose a schedule at next meeting to be voted on.**
- Winter school function will be held after-school (in conjunction with the Winter Market) on Dec 19. A casual drop in for families with hot chocolate and treats. Will be held indoors in the basement outside of the gym. **Sarah/Christina to arrange details.**

- Spring Dance booked for Thursday March 13th with DJ Rachel Beau in the school gym.
- Staff appreciation holiday breakfast will be the last week of school before winter break. Cost is approximately \$250 and is very appreciated by the teachers. **Lisa and Amanda will plan this with Carrie. Please reach out to Lisa or Amanda if you want to help.**
- Yearbook is typically done by Gr. 7s. If there is interest, Paola can help with a yearbook committee. When it was done in previous years, it was a good fundraiser for the school. **Paola will submit a proposal for having a yearbook to Carrie in hopes of finding a teacher who can lead this initiative and speak more on this at the next meeting.**