

Agenda  
McBride PAC  
Wednesday Feb 20, 2025  
6 pm – 730pm: McBride Library  
(Sarah, Chris, Carrie, Lisa, Amanda, Dee, Nicole, Litsa, Tara, Rebecca, Paola)

1. Call to Order

- Welcome and Introduction, Land Acknowledgement

2. Standing Items

- Adoption of the Feb 2025 PAC Meeting Agenda - Approved
- Approval of Jan 2025 Minutes - Approved

3. Chair Report (Sarah)

4. Treasurer Report (Chris)

- See attached report
- We should have a fundraising target for the end of the year.
- We have about \$7000 total
- ***Chris/Grace will be applying for the gaming grant for next year shortly***

5. Principal's Report (Carrie)

- Hannah Beech came to talk to the teachers about the rise of anxiety in children. This rise could be due to loss of unstructured playtime. Play is when children build resilience and process anxiety. Thus, kids were given unstructured snowball fight time during the snow, which went well and was appreciated by the kids.
- Sports Day will be **May 23**
- Gr 7 Grad will be **June 18** (Conflicts with PAC meeting, which will be rescheduled)
- Report Cards go home **March 10**
- Karima Essa Bollywood Dance Residency **May 26-30**
- Kelty Foundation resources will be used to teach kids for Kind Mind month in April. It will end with a Confi-dance on **April 30**.
- Basketball City Championship tournament for both boy and girls teams. Boys **Feb 26**, Girls **Feb 27** - both at McBride at 3pm. All families are welcome to come watch and cheer!
- Planning for next year's student numbers has begun - all parents should respond to the survey to ensure proper resourcing for the 2025-26 school year.
- Pink Shirt Day Assembly **Feb 27**.

6 . Updates

- Bank Update
  - o We are losing a lot of money to bank fees (approx \$400/year). PAC will be moving banks (likely) to Gulf & Fraser, which charges no fees.
- Coffee Mornings starting **March 7 @ 8:30 a.m.**
  - o Monthly feels too much so the suggestion is to have them every "term". Opportunity for local businesses to sponsor coffee mornings and we will reciprocate with promoting their business. They will be held inside when it rains - need help to ensure people are directed inside - propose a sandwich board

outside. **Kim will post on facebook page asking if anyone has a sandwich board and Rebecca has a lawn sign that could be repurposed.**

- We will do a call for PAC volunteers during coffee morning - signup sheet on the table with the coffee.
- Spirit Wear update
  - Lisa has shirt samples and logos. Final logos TBD but shirts should be ready by the end of spring break and ready for order through Munch-a-lunch by April. May be able to provide samples for viewing at the Coffee Morning so people can see sizing. We could also use samples on a rolling bulletin board that shows the various options. **Chris will share a few logo ideas on the slack channel for the PAC group to see.**
- Fundraising update.
  - Dance-a-thon and Family Photos **March 13.**
    - Pledge forms going home Feb 26. Prizes will be put in glass cases so kids can start getting excited. Edge imaging will be at the dance-a-thon. The PAC will get the \$25 sitting fee and Edge makes money with any prints ordered. **A volunteer list for the event will be sent.**
  - Fresh to you fundraiser. \$25/box of vegetables. We will get 40% of orders. This fundraiser will be promoted after the dance-a-thon.
  - Purdy's fundraiser for Easter. Deadline for ordering will be April 6.
  - Mother's Day bouquet fundraiser. Deadline for ordering will be April 25th.
  - Art Cards happening in April. Teachers are prepared and will have the kids prepare art with a spring theme.
  - Parent Social: Details TBD. **Need volunteers to help lead/be part of this event.**
  - Year end event - scope under consideration. **Need volunteers to lead/be part of this event.**
  - Direct ask timing: The fundraisers we have will get us through September. We will prepare for a direct ask in September and plan for it annually.

## 6. New Business

- Track & Field Inquiry.
  - No discussion with teachers yet. **Carrie will bring it up at the appropriate time.**
- Grade 7 Update
  - Gr 7 Grad Committee (kids) is formed so we should have a parent one as well. The kids would like a yearbook. They made one last year and took their own pictures on their phones and we created them at London Drugs. **Carrie will connect with Gr. 7 parents about the yearbook.**
  - Will there be monthly field trips? Playland is on the agenda. Paddleboarding is coming up. **Carrie will ask the teachers.**
- Website/Comms Channel/PAC Calendar
  - It would be helpful to have a PAC Calendar where we could list planned events.
- School Yearbook (Paola Hass)
  - We did one for 2022/23 and skipped it last year.
  - Good to get Gr. 7 kids involved.
  - Paola is volunteering to lead this year so that we can learn and be set up for next year. However, we do need a teacher to support the project.
  - See if a digital copy is possible for families that miss the cut-off to order.

- It is advantageous to use Edge Imaging because we already have a contract with them.
  - It is mid-year already and it is unlikely a staff member could take on the project. Thus, we should set up for next year.
  - ***Carrie will connect with Paola to set up for next year.***
- Open registration for Babysitting and Stay at home course (**April 28**)
  - ***Carla will open registration soon.***
  - It has been subsidized in the past but will be offered at cost this year.