



Maple Ridge Secondary

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 7:04pm

Attendance:

Leslie Higginson (Chair), Dana Hill (Treasurer), Siusan Kenney (Vice Chair), Grant Frend (Principal), Lily Longmuir, Nataliia Spichanova, Rim Wichah

1) Welcome

2) Agenda Approved Suisan motioned, Dana second

3) Review of Old Minutes:

a) Minutes from Oct 18, 2022 were reviewed. Amendments were made to the Treasurers report (2 items were duplicated and 1 item needed number correction) Lily motioned, Siusan second.

4) Old Business:

a) DPAC Position still open

b) Exec Position Shadowing. Westview could potentially lose their gaming grant for next year. We need to have at least 3 members to constitute a PAC and without a PAC then you can't apply for the grant. Siusan – can we send an email out to all parents to explain the situation? Lily – can you tell more information about DPAC position? Leslie – you attend a monthly meeting (which has been on Zoom) and report back to our PAC. We must have at least a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary (3 executive members)

c) Student Teachers and Supporting Teachers

5) New Business:

a) Staff thank you's from: David Jamieson (Physics), Kevin Menic (Wrestling team), Christine Hilliard (best buddies club), Christy Kellington (Mental Health), Jason Hampton (Sr Girls Basketball), Carson Power (outreach), Graeme Ross (video game club).

b) PAC Gaming grant presentation for Staff next year? Might be helpful to educate the staff in the process in person for the next executive.

c) School Traffic/Safety Concerns – the DPAC chair is collecting information from all schools about their own examples of parking and safety concerns. Please submit by Nov 22 so she can compile her report.

6) Treasurer's Report:

a) General Account we have \$1,907.14. Gaming Account \$24,799.45. Receipts have been coming in, but no bills from the School District yet.

7) DPAC Report:

a) Next meeting is Wednesday Dec 14 - 7pm. The meeting didn't get recorded, so the information we have is second-hand from someone who attended. We are understaffed district wide – 22 unfilled positions currently. MRSS is good, only 1 vacancy which is a one day a week role.

8) Admin Report:

a) Remembrance Day ceremony last week. Next year we are looking to hold it outdoors to replicate a more traditional ceremony, regardless of weather.

b) Report cards out tomorrow, but viewable on My Class

c) Nov 3 music concert was great

- d) Fall sports wrapping up; Girls Field Hockey Team made Provincials – went to Kamloops, came in 15th but a young team who will all be returning next year. Boys Sr Volleyball Team came in 3rd Fraser North. Sr Girls still in playoffs.
 - e) Winter sports have started; Basketball, Lacrosse and Wrestling have started. Swimming has provincials this weekend.
 - f) Staff has been creating a statement about who we are as a community. Created this draft statement: “We are Ridge as our collective of students, staff, families, and community partners. We work together to build a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment in which all members of the Ridge community are encouraged to do their personal best. We acknowledge the rich history of our school while also looking ahead to what MRSS could be. At Ridge we recognize that we are all interconnected, and we work together to create a welcoming environment that celebrates diversity, inclusion, and life-long learning. We respect, support and recognize each other in demonstrating our commitment to these ideals through our day-to-day actions.” Pillars: Respect, Support and Recognition. We will be working on this over the year to finalize and so we all know what we are about and what we value.
 - g) Lots of illness in the school, high numbers of students away.
- 9) Parent Voice:
- a) Discussion around the honours programs in Math and English and why it was removed. AP will remain as long as there are students who want to take it.
 - b) Did we find out about Cara Roberts request – she was in discussion with Grant Frend and he has allocated her some money.
 - c) No December meeting, we will be back in January. Probably VPs attending for the Jan and Feb meetings – Grant is coaching Sr Basketball.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting Jan 17, 2023 at 7pm. (No Dec Meeting) Location MRSS Library