



# Maple Ridge Secondary

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:02pm

### Attendance:

Leslie Higginson (Chair), Dana Hill (Treasurer), Miranda Carpenter (Secretary), Siusan Kenney (Vice Chair), Grant Frend (Principal), Hannah Lapensee, Amy Ma, Liz Zubek, Charlene Gore, Roman Rapoport, Kim Rhodes, Corine Underwood

- 1) Welcome – Introductions
- 2) Agenda Approved Siusan motioned, Charlene second
- 3) Review of Old Minutes:
  - a) Minutes from May 11, 2022 were reviewed. Dana motioned, Siusan second.
- 4) Old Business:
  - a) Meeting Dates – Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 17, Feb 28, Apr 18, May 23 (AGM)
  - b) DPAC Position is vacant
- 5) New Business:
  - a) BCC PAC Membership is due. Motion to spend \$75 for the membership. Corine motioned, Liz second. All in favour.
  - b) Gaming Grant Requests, informal meeting prior. Went over the requirements for club/team requests.
  - c) Executive Position for next year. Our Chair and Treasurer will be leaving the school, so we really need fresh faces for next year.
- 6) Treasurer's Report:
  - a) \$22,140 was the grant last year, we got \$20 per student. Should get our money for this year within the next month or so. We spent \$24,337.62 because we had some left over from the COVID year. General Account we have \$1907.14 (usually PST rebates back from the school district purchases) and Gaming Account we have \$1794.45 as of August.
- 7) DPAC Report:
  - a) Next meeting is Wednesday Oct 12 - 7pm; planned for zoom (that could change)
  - b) Nov 9 will have a capital funding report – looking at new schools, fund allocations, etc. Currently going on in our district – Eric Langton, Harry Hoggie and Blue Mountain will be seeing improvements.
  - c) Talks about the \$60M funds that came from the Province, to go towards food, supplies etc to go to students in need. \$1.6M went to SD42. Discussions on how to approach this in a sensitive way. Youth care workers, councilors, admin staff all know where these funds could be best used. Has to be spent by June 30. Broken down school using a \$10/student method.
  - d) DPAC is still looking for a recording Secretary.
  - e) Yennadon is hosting a BINGO night Nov 25, adults only – alcohol will be served
- 8) Administration Report: (Principal Grant Frend)
  - a) Grant is new to our school. Rotating principals used to be done regularly to help keep the culture in the school healthy. We are focusing on manners with our students, please and thankyou's, holding doors, proper use of bathrooms (not for social activities). The response has been very positive. Admin staff have been out and visible to students. Working

- towards making the culture at MRSS to be fun and respectful. Program through Johnstons called Renaissance to recognize students who are improving or doing well. Maybe looking to do student of the month for the A blocks. Wanting to recognize a wider array of students. How do we create a high school where students and staff don't want to leave.
- b) Financially speaking we are a little lean. We get district money; per pupil funding and school based funds; revenues from fees and kitchen, etc. Looking to replenish the Principals trust fund so we would have resources to pay for things at our discretion. This year we will need to be prudent this year so we can get to a point where we have funds to do bigger long term things.
  - c) Last years awards, will be looking at that this Thursday. They will be handed out, how is being discussed
- 9) Parent Voice:
- a) Anything new with the Indigenous groups. Main thing is the new grad requirements to have an Indigenous class. It is an additional core course. A student could take English 11 First Peoples instead of English 11.
  - b) Phasing out the Honors English, to be replaced by AP English.
  - c) Safer Schools what role to they play? They help with risk assessment, or violence. They are on a District level. Admin staff have training on this. It is a resource that we like to use, have them involved early is a great policy.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm

**Next Meeting Oct 18, 2022 at 7pm. Location MRSS Library**