

McKinney PAC Meeting - Minutes

November 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Welcome & Call to Order	7:02 pm - Call to Order
Meeting Attendees:	Brenda Khoo, Dora Groumoutis, Gina Dowsett, Kushal Samy, Leanne Santha, Mukta Surma, Val Stillwell.
McKinney Administration:	Ms. Susan Roy and Mr. Harley Rollins
Approval of Nov 24, 2016 Agenda	Agenda presented by Brenda. Agenda was adopted as presented: moved by Dora and seconded by Leanne. Motion passed.
Approval of Sept 29, 2016 minutes	Minutes from Sept 29, 2016 were reviewed. Minutes approved as presented. Motion moved by Brenda, seconded by Leanne. All in favour, Motion passed.
Reports: School Administration. Ms. Susan Roy and Mr. Harley Rollins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students and teachers are excited to participate in a high energy bhangra dance performance on November 25, 2016. - Student individual photos were taken by Life touch in October this year. Life touch also takes photos for our school year book. Ms. Roy asked for parent suggestions if there was a need to change in the future from Life Touch to another photo company. Parents present in the meeting were in favour of Life Touch Photo Company. - Multi-graded SOAR teams had their first activity on October 28. SOAR acronym is used to teach social responsibility in school. Students used chimes to practice whole mindfulness. Next SOAR activity is on December 2. - Students enjoyed the pumpkin carving event on October 31st with their buddies. - Today grade 7 students are participating in a volleyball game at Diefenbaker Elementary. Ms. Dehnel and Mr. Brewis have been great coaches. - Remembrance Day assembly was on November 10. - Format of the report cards has been changed. A new area called Applied Design, Skills & Technology (ADST) has been added. Comments would be provided on core competencies in all subject areas. Letter grades would continue but the parents can request marks from the teachers if needed. NM is the acronym for "no mark". The reports cards would go home on December 14 as teachers have requested extra time due to new format. - Pro D day on November 18 was held at Blair Elementary for primary teachers and McNeely Elementary for intermediate teachers. The sessions focused on the new curriculum. Monday, December 5th is the 2d day for curriculum implementation. The session will be at Bridge Elementary. - Grade 6-7 students will be participating in an outdoor education program from December 7 to 9. 6 teachers will be going with the students. - Band concert is on December 14th - Some parents raised concerns about security in the school so it was decided to lock 3 of the 6 doors during school hours.
Reports: PAC Chair – Brenda and Dora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey regarding use of PAC monies: Brenda asked for suggestions on ways to survey parents for ideas on spending PAC monies. Mr. Rollins suggested using Survey Monkey to create a survey.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Val and Leanne volunteered to work on the PAC survey - Some of the topics suggested were inviting speakers for workshops, purchasing FM systems for the school from PAC monies, cost is around \$2000, and purchasing overhead projectors.
Treasurer – Leanne Santha	<p>Financial statements as on Nov 24, 2016 were circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General A/c: \$14,907.07 was raised to date out of which \$8353.29 is from advances sales for food days and \$5465 was from cash donation drive. Expenses paid from General a/c were costs totalled to \$229.08 which includes payments for classroom resources and office expenses. Cost for food days is not yet paid. - Gaming a/c: We received a grant of \$6,020 and raised \$506 from sale of Raffle tickets and \$82.50 from 50/50 tickets on movie night. Expenses paid from this account were \$2,863.35 for Bollywood dance workshop and \$846.07 were used to purchase carts to keep school sports equipment. <p>General Account balance as of Nov 24, 2016 is \$ 32,343.92. Gaming Account balance as of Nov 24, 2016 is \$ 6,257.73.</p> <p>PAC financial statements for year ending August 31, 2016 were presented by Leanne.</p> <p>Motion to approve the financial statements was moved by Dora and seconded by Gina. The financial statements were approved as presented. All in favour. Motion passed.</p>
Library Liaison- Suzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Book sale is next Friday, we are looking for volunteers. Contact Suzie if available.
Social Responsibility Liaison- Suzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report.
Food Days Coordinator – Dora Groumotis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report
Fund Raising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Earthquake kits fundraiser: A suggestion was made to purchase kits from SOS Emergency response technologies. Mr. Rollins suggested purchasing kits from Life472. Decided to compare costs from both vendors. - Spring fair: No updates
Fruit and Veg. Program – Puneet Bains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report
Communications-Denny Ma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report
DPAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report
Newsletter-Val	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Val is the editor of PAC newsletters. Next newsletter will go out in December or January.
RAM Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kushal attended the RAM meeting. Budget for the current school year was

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	<p>presented. Next fundraising for this year will be donation drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next RAM meeting – Thursday, January 26, 2017 @ 7 p.m. at James McKinney Elementary.
<p>New /Other business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase of speed bumps for school: Two options were discussed, one was to purchase portable prefab speed bumps at a cost of \$600 to \$1000 or the school administrators could add the cost of speed bumps to its annual project cost and the school district would arrange for it. The second option may take longer time however PAC would not have to spend money on speed bumps. The second option was preferred. - Donations to DARE program: If McKinney families choose Central Insurance Company as their insurance provider, the insurance company will make a donation to DARE program. - Government RESP funds: To raise awareness of the government RESP scheme it was decided to put the posters on the notice board in the school.
<p>Adjournment at 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Next Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00p.m.</p>