

McKinney PAC Meeting - Minutes

January 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Welcome & Call to Order	7:05 pm - Call to Order
Meeting Attendees:	Dora Groumoutis, Brenda Khoo, Leanne Santha, Mukta Surma, Anney Tong, Rula Mielke, Puneet Bains, Maria Ong, Tina Lau, Val Stillwell.
McKinney Administration:	Allan Osadchy
Approval of Jan 21, 2016 Agenda	Agenda was adopted as presented: moved by Mukta and seconded by Leanne. All in favour, Motion passed.
Approval of Oct 29, 2015 minutes	Minutes from Oct 29, 2015 were reviewed. Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion moved by Leanne, seconded by Puneet. All in favour, motion passed.
Reports: School Administration. Allan Osadchy and Jil-Ashton-Leigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Sherry Elwood is the new Richmond School Superintendent. - Life Touch has been taking school photos in the past. McKinney Administration is considering another company, Mountain West for next year. - The format for the Grade 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is going to change. Mr. O encouraged student participation in FSA's. - A school wide writing assessment was done in the fall. Results show about 5% of students did not meet expectations, 33% are approaching expectations, 47% were fully meeting expectations and 15% were exceeding expectations at both primary and intermediate levels. - January 29 is a district wide educational instructional day for the new curriculum. - Saleema Noon's session went well. - Ms. Mumford is considering ordering sex education books for the school library. She has asked if PAC would contribute towards the purchase. Some parents felt their kids would not be comfortable to borrow these books from the school library. It was decided not to contribute towards the purchase. - Mr. Miller, band instructor is trying to buy a new drum set for the school from Tom Lee. Mr. O asked if PAC would consider splitting the cost of the drum set. All members present agreed. See the treasurer's report for a motion to use PAC funds towards the purchase. - Basketball has started, Mr. Essex is the coach for Grade 7 boys and Ms. Green is the coach for grade 7 & 6 girls. - Teachers are volunteering their time for the multicultural club
Reports: PAC Chair – Brenda and Dora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brenda asked if there was an interest in inviting a guest speaker to talk about RESP for children. A concern was there could be a low turnout as most parents may already have set up RESP for their kids so decided not to have the session. - Brenda informed that McMath Secondary is going to have its parent information night for Grade 7 parents on February 4. - Denny Ma has got permission to blog on the school website. Brenda suggested contacting him if any announcements from PAC needed to be made. - Next PAC newsletter will be going out in February. Brenda suggested sending information to Val for the newsletter.

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Treasurer – Leanne Santha	<p>Financial statements as on January 21, 2016 were presented by Leanne:</p> <p><u>General a/c:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General a/c balance as on January 29, 2016 was \$24,049.36. Out of this balance \$3000 is allocated for school technology upgrade and repairs, \$1,278.90 are allocated to Eagles Nest and \$1,721.58 for playground funds. Balance of \$18,048.88 is for general expenses. - From October 29, 2015(last PAC Meeting) to date we raised \$2,817.50. This includes \$1,187.81 from Purdy’s Chocolate fund raiser, \$239.69 from pre orders for food days, \$550 from the donation drive. \$740 from cookie dough fundraiser and \$100 from clothing donation box. - We paid \$892.50 for Saleema Noon’s session, we gave \$600 donation to the DARE program, incurred expenses of \$554.81 for class room resources and office /miscellaneous expenses. <p><u>Gaming a/c:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaming a/c balance as on January 21, 2016 was \$3,782.07. - To date we have used these funds to pay \$1,700 for field trips and \$1,375 for Brazilian Soccer. <p>Mr. O said our school band teacher Mr. Miller was looking in buying new drum set for the school band. Cost of the set is around \$400. A suggestion was made to split the cost between the school and PAC i.e. \$200 each. Leanne said that PAC could use funds from Gaming a/c for this purpose.</p> <p>A motion was moved by Dora to use \$200 from gaming a/c towards the purchase of new drum set for the school. Seconded by Val. All in favour. Motion passed.</p> <p><u>Playground a/c:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The playground a/c balance as on January 21, 2016 was \$17,780.73. We received additional donations of \$15,000 from the following donors, Polygon Homes, G & F Financial and Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans. These funds will be used for phase II of the playground upgrade.
Library Liaison- Suzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report.
Social Responsibility Liaison- Suzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report.
Food Days Coordinator – Dora Groumotis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subway sales are low. It was decided to try new vendors for 3 months and continue if the sales are good. A & W will be tried In September. Timbits will be back for order due to demand.
Playground Committee- Val, Michelle & Leanne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Committee- Planning and Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An additional zip line is planned to be installed in phase II. Phase II is scheduled to be completed in March 2016. A grand opening is planned after the phase II is completed.
Fund Raising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Save around books: Brenda said, Jacqueline Ip is willing to take the lead on this fundraiser as it gives 50% return on each sale. She will print the labels and prepare the envelopes for the save around books based on class lists. She suggested the books could go home before the family day weekend so parents

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	<p>have an opportunity to decide if they wish to purchase it. Brenda said that Jacqueline will be preparing a notice to go with the books. Parents will be asked to return the books if they did not wish to buy it. However, Jacqueline has asked for parent volunteers to distribute books to each class. Anney Tong volunteered to help out with the distribution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A suggestion was made to give an incentive such as every sale by a child gets the child's name into a draw (one for primary and one for intermediate). The winner will be able to pick a choice of gift card (value \$25) from Chapters or iTunes or Toys 'R Us. - Vesey's flower sales: Next fundraiser will be sale of flower bulbs.
Caring Committee- Position vacant	
Fruit and Veg. Program – Puneet Bains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our school did not participate in the last distribution under the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional program as some students have allergies from kiwi fruit. Pears will be distributed in February.
School Planning Committee- Mr. O, Brenda and Suzie	No report.
Destination Imagination- Brenda	No report.
DPAC	No report.
RAM Chair- Kushal Samy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kushal was not present. Tina updated on RAM on her behalf. - A notice to go to parents of Montessori students for to know where they would like to see RAM funds to be spent. Some of the areas are teacher training, Montessori materials etc. - A Pub night is planned for March 5, 2016. Ticket cost of \$20 includes a burger and drink. - Net RAM meeting is on Thursday, January 28, 2016 @ Garden City Elementary.
New /Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 7 parents Liaison: Tina said the theme for the Grade 7 farewell this year is 'Glow in the dark'. They have already raised \$1200. Pizza day is tomorrow. They are considering hotdog days and popcorn days in the coming months. Dora cautioned preparing for the hotdogs would be time consuming and is labour intensive. A suggestion was also raised for a person who has completed the food safety course to be on the team. - A suggestion was made to create a list of grade 7 volunteers who would be assigned ongoing tasks to help with events sponsored at the school by the PAC such as Hot Lunch days and Fundraising Initiatives. Brenda asked permission from Mr. O for Grade 7 student involvement in PAC. Mr. O agreed. - A suggestion was made to send out a survey to the parents about the use of PAC funds in the next school year. This would help PAC in planning the budget for the next school year.
Adjournment at 8: 42 pm	Next Meeting on Thursday, March 03, 2016 at 7:00p.m.