

McKinney PAC Meeting - Minutes

October 29th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Welcome & Call to Order	7:03 pm - Call to Order
Meeting Attendees:	Brenda Khoo, Trish Jardine, Tammy Ross, Leanne Santha, Mukta Surma, Rula Mielke, Puneet Bains, Julia Nickerson, Cheryl Neufeld, Kelly Stickle, Jacqueline Yip, Suzie Thomas, Val Stillwell.
McKinney Administration:	Allan Osadchy and Jil Ashton-Leigh
Approval of Oct 29th Agenda	Agenda was adopted as presented: moved by Suzie and seconded by Trish. All in favour, Motion passed.
Approval of Sept 24th 2015 minutes	Minutes from Sept 24, 2015 were reviewed. A spelling error was noticed and suggested to be amended. Minutes were accepted as amended. Motion moved by Suzie, seconded by Leanne. All in favour, motion passed.
Guest Speakers:	<p>Brenda introduced guest speakers Sandra Shewchuk-Public Health Nurse in McKinney Elementary and Rani Wangsawidjaya-Public Health Dietitian for Richmond Community.</p> <p>Sandra Shewchuk: There are no full time nurses in Richmond schools. She has nine schools to look after, so she comes to our school only once a week on Tuesday morning. She believes in good nutrition and encouraged parents to follow the Canada Food guide, limit sugar, salt and fat, be mindful in eating and reading labels when buying food. She encouraged parents to call her anytime Monday to Friday for any questions or concerns.</p> <p>Rani Wangsawidjaya: Rani encouraged healthy eating. Provided the food & beverage guidelines, explained different food groups and gave ideas for healthy school lunches for kids.</p>
Reports: School Administration. Allan Osadchy and Jil-Ashton-Leigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School newsletter has gone out today. - Ms. Ashton-Leigh has been working on the new website for the school. It will be up soon. - Our school custodian, Pushpa has retired. McKinney staff is organizing a lunch for her on Nov 6th. Our new custodian is Ricky. - Mr. O thanked the library volunteers. First smart board in the school district has been installed in our school library. - Parent conferences were held on Oct 21st and 22nd. - Brazilian soccer lessons will be conducted from Nov 2 to 6th. - Report cards will be sent home soon. Mr. O said the format of report cards has changed. - Mr. O appreciated Kushal for a very well organized movie night. - Multicultural club will be organizing the Diwali workshop - Monica Sood and Ms. Sahota took the grade 6 & 7 for the 'Me to We'. - Remembrance Day assembly is on Nov 10th 2015. - The Ministry of Education of BC has added two additional Pro D days to discuss implementation of the new curriculum. One is in end of Jan 2016 and other in April 2016. The new curriculum will be fully operational next year. - Dream Riders theatre came to school on Oct 29th. The topic was -Clean up your

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	<p>Act. The students enjoyed the performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our school has adopted the field next to the school. - Ms. Ashton-Leigh said the new school website has a section for parents.
Reports: PAC Chair – Brenda and Dora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorothy Woo was the recipient of Steveston London Secondary scholarship. This scholarship is funded by McKinney PAC. Brenda read a Thank You letter from Dorothy to the McKinney PAC. - Parent volunteers are needed for the parking lot Blitz. - No parents from Div. 3 & 6 volunteered for being class parents. - No report from DPAC as no parent volunteered to attend the session. - Saleema Noon's session is scheduled for January 2016. A session will be held for the parents in the evening and the following day for the students. - Parents were encouraged to attend the BCTF presentations. They are offering presentations such as anti-bullying, internet awareness for parents, supporting your child's learning, etc. These presentations are free of charge.
Treasurer – Leanne Santha	<p>Leanne presented McKinney PAC's financial statements for 12 month period ending Aug 31, 2015 for approval:</p> <p>Financial statements were approved as presented. Motion moved by Jacqueline and seconded by Kushal. All in favour, motion passed.</p> <p>Financial statements as on October 29, 2015 (for 2 months) were presented by Leanne:</p> <p><u>General a/c:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General a/c balance as on October 29, 2015 was \$22,679.42. Out of this balance \$3000 is allocated for school technology upgrade and repairs, \$767.30 are allocated to Eagles Nest and \$71.61 for playground funds. Balance of \$18,840.51 is for general expenses. - We received \$7,552.55 from pre orders for food days. \$2,309 was collected from the donation drive in Sept 2015. \$440.33 on sale of movie tickets and food on movie night and \$25 from sale of a save around town book. - \$151.01 has been used so far on office /miscellaneous expenses and \$703.91 were used for classroom resources. <p><u>Gaming a/c:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We received gaming grant of \$ 6,160. We raised \$504.48 on basket raffle and \$122 on 50/50 draw on movie night (These amounts are net of expenses). Gaming a/c balance as on October 29, 2015 was \$6,857.07. - These funds will be used for field trips, arts festival, school camp, Brazilian soccer and Multicultural/lunchtime art club. <p><u>Playground a/c:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The playground a/c balance as on October 29, 2015 was \$2,720.95. 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report.

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Liaison- Suzie	
Food Days Coordinator – Dora Groumotis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food days are going well. Subway was given last time. No reviews from students and parents but the sales were low. Dora thanked all the food day volunteers.
Playground Committee- Val, Michelle & Leanne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Committee- Planning and Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Topsy Turny spinner is to be installed; however, Val said that we are waiting for donations.
Fund Raising:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kushal: Thanked all the volunteers & Suzie for helping organize the movie night. It was a success. She said we made a profit of \$1000. Other fund raisers that night were 50-50 draw that made \$132 and basket raffle. - Kushal said the Spirit wear orders will be in next week. - Clothing drive- Bin outside the school is for donations to diabetic society. - Cookie Dough: Notices will go out soon. Orders will be due by November 20th and delivery by December 9th. - Purdy's orders are due by November 10th. - Save around books: A suggestion was made to send the books home for families to see and buy if they wish.
Caring Committee- Position vacant	
Fruit and Veg. Program – Puneet Bains	Grapes were distributed to kids under the BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional program. Organic Apples will be given next week.
School Planning Committee- Mr. O, Brenda and Suzie	No report.
Destination Imagination- Brenda	No report. Parent volunteer are needed.
RAM Chair- Kushal Samy	RAM meeting is on Wednesday, Nov 25, 2015 @ James McKinney Elementary. French Immersion is a federally funded program. However, RAM did not get this support. Richmond School district has decided to give additional funding to RAM of \$4,000 additional funding from school district. These funds will be given to purchase materials for Montessori classrooms.
New /Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 7 parents Liaison: A committee has been set up of parents of some grade 7 students to fundraise for Grade 7 farewell. The committee members are Kushal, Tina Lau, Lisa, Rula, Maria Ong and Nilofur. They have planned a sale of 2016 hoodies, bottle drive and pizza days to fundraise. - Following agenda items from September 2015 meeting were postponed for discussion in the next PAC meeting on January 21, 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Asian Parent liaison (b) Grade 7 assistance in PAC initiatives (c) Survey regarding PAC monies
Adjournment at 8: 50 pm	Next Meeting on Thursday, Jan 21, 2016 at 7:00p.m.