

MEETING MINUTES

École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary School

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 11th, 2023

Location: McRoberts Library

Time: 7 pm

Attendees: Dave Madeira (Outgoing Chair), Hajira Hussain (Treasurer), Tasneem Damji (Co-Chair), Amir Mahani (Co-Chair), Erin M. (Secretary), Wynne Lam (Fundraising) **Members at large:** Sowon Huh, Cecilia Leung (CC), Johanna Siu, Mary Tsui, Colleen Howu, Sandeep Thind, Katherine Sun, Bill Yoni, Christina Yuan, Alex Teh, Joanne Austin-Teh

School Representative: Aviva Vaughan (Principal), Ms Julianne Mainville (Teacher Librarian)

Regrets: Anne-Marie Willcox (RDPA)

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chair Amir Mahani opened the meeting at 7:00pm and went through a round of parent introductions.
2. Review and approval of last meeting's minutes. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.
3. School Administration Report: Principal Aviva Vaughan presented with an update on school goals and upcoming activities including:
 - a) Clubs day: It was very successful, the best clubs day they have seen.
 - b) Orange Shirt day: The First People's Class prepared a gallery walk in the library for students focussed on the stories of survivors. It was well done and the first time an event like that was organized by students.
 - c) Grad Kick Off with Grade 12s: Very successful, a great day for all. Ms. Vaughan still has Grad t-shirts that are being sold for \$5 if anyone is interested.
 - d) Grade 8 / 9 Student Council Elections are October 11th and 12th
 - e) McRoberts has applied for a mural for the school. They are trying to figure out where it will be placed but they are in the process of choosing an artist. The theme will be around community, inclusivity and diversity. It will hopefully be done next year.
 - f) Other People Presentation: Will occur on October 25th for Grade 10 and 11 students. It consists of a panel of speakers from different cultures or religions who are there to try to eliminate racism and promote diversity and inclusion. They will answer questions around racism or biases that they have experienced.

g) Library Celebration: Coming up November 7th.

4. Library Learning Commons Presentation: Teacher Librarian Julianne Mainville provided parents with a presentation regarding the new Library Learning Commons (LLC). The library will have a Grand Opening on November 7th from 3:30 to 5 pm to acknowledge and share the gratitude the Teacher Librarians (Ms Hudson and Ms Mainville) have for everyone who helped in the journey.
5. Dates to remember: Amir encouraged all parents to check the school calendar available on the school website (<https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/school-calendar>). The following are some of the important dates to remember:
 - 19 Oct - Post-Secondary Mini Fair 9 am / SI Interims Published
 - 20 Oct - Pro-D Day - No School
 - 25 Oct - Photo Retakes (PM)
 - 26 Oct - Collab Day
 - 1 Nov - Grad Assessment (GLA 10) - TBC / Take Our Kids to Work Day (Gr. 9)
 - 8 Nov - PAC meeting (7 pm)
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Treasurer Report – Hajira presented the Treasurer’s report. All financials are in order. Gaming Application was approved. The Gaming account was at \$24, 977 as of September and in October PAC received an additional \$19,000 of new money. A cheque was written for last year’s wishlist which was approximately \$10,000 leaving the account with a total of approximately \$30,000. The general account was at \$3,759 and with a recent fundraiser by the fundraising committee the account is now at \$4,462.
 - b. Secretary Report – No report.
 - c. Dry Grad Report – Alex Teh reported that the first Dry Grad meeting was held this evening and the officers were elected. The committee also successfully divided into sub-committees and the next meeting they will iron out the theme. If any other parents are interested the next meeting will be November 15th from 6 to 8 pm in the library
 - d. Fundraising Report – The fundraising committee held a successful Krispy Kreme sale where they raised \$587. Look out for another fundraiser before Christmas.
7. Teachers Wishlist - Dave Madeira and Ms. Vaughan presented the items on the wishlist and all items were discussed one by one. The total for all items asked was approximately

\$20,000. Two items were denied as they do not fit the parameters of the Gaming funding and a third requires further information to confirm it can be included.

“Motion to approve \$19,945 for Teachers Wishlist items that were presented.”

Moved: Hajira Hussain; Seconded: Mary Hsi. Motion approved.

8. RDPA - The district received funding for food security which is open to children from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Ms. Vaughan is aware of the funding and has recently met with the district to discuss the details. There will be more information to come. She noted that sandwiches and snacks are delivered every day and are available at the office for students. It is hard to know which students require it and how it is best to distribute it. If anyone know families who are in need of lunches they can advise them to go to the office.
9. Old Business / New Business
No old or new business to report

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

<p><u>Next PAC Meeting:</u> November 8th, 2023</p>
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