



McGowan Park PAC  
September 20, 2016

Call to Order @ 6:10

**In Attendance:** Gitte Nessman, Rebecca Warner, Joanne Vorpahl, Sam Meredith, Julie Turley, Tim Scallon, Amber Piva, Joanne Reilly, Carla Young, Jen Stuart, Coralee Kwiatkowski, Cori Wickes

**Adoption of Previous Minutes:** Sam motioned, Joanne seconded

**Correspondence of Note:** Mail was received regarding fund raising opportunities

**Treasurer's Report:** Nichole Rae

#### **General Account**

- The adjusted closing bank balance (once all cheques clear) is about \$9,450.
- The PAC has committed about \$3,860 for items requested by the school during the previous school year (ChromeBook cart, primary PE program resources, illuminated microscopes).
- Toward the end of the last school year, the PAC voted to set aside a reserve of \$4,600 for the 2016/17 school year, primarily to allow us to respond quickly to funding requests received at the beginning of the year. The majority of that reserve has now been released; however, \$1,800 continues to be held in reserve for the winter carnival (\$500 to cover floats, \$1,300 to cover volunteer expenses).
- Total unrestricted funds (available for spending) are now **\$3,782.50**.
- The current financial summary is attached, along with a final financial summary for the 2015/16 school year showing all program and fundraising costs and revenues received during the year.

#### **Gaming Account**

- Gaming account funds are received from the provincial Gaming Branch and must be used to enhance student extracurricular opportunities. Additional funds for the 2016/17 school year are expected in the next couple of weeks.
- The adjusted closing bank balance is **\$3,563.02**. There are no outstanding cheques and no outstanding commitments.
- The current financial summary is attached, along with a final financial summary for the 2015/16 school year showing all student extracurricular costs and Gaming Branch revenues received during the year.

### **Chairperson's Report**

- Welcome Back BBQ was a great success, a very good turnout with lots of new parents and students coming out to enjoy the wonderful BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs. Thanks to A&W for donating hamburgers and the Lions club for manning the grills! Thank you to all volunteers who came out to help set up and clean up, what a great way to kick off the new school year!

**DPAC Report:** Nothing to report at this time. Anyone wishing to be our school representative at the DPAC meetings please contact a PAC member, our previous rep, Lisa Kronebusch, has moved away and cannot continue. DPAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, please check our website or SD73 website for more information.

### **Principal's Report to the PAC**

#### **September 20, 2016**

Welcome to the new school year!

Our school enrolment is currently at 387 students which is quite an increase for McGowan! We have increased our school by another division with 16 divisions in total. There are eight split classes within the configuration, all based on student numbers.

This year the teachers will be working towards implementing the new curriculum. Parents can check out the Ministry website for more information. However, our District will be hosting parent information sessions – more information will be forthcoming.

McGowan is a busy school every month of the year and September is no exception! This month there are several X-country activities for students in grades 3 – 7 to participate in. September 27<sup>th</sup> is Raise a Reader Day to collect funds to support literacy programs District wide. Our school's Terry Fox Run is Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:15. All parents and young children are invited to any school wide events including upcoming Arts presentations. Story Theatre will be performing here on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:45. Individual Photo Day is October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The staff wish list to support programs and activities both curriculum and extracurricular will be provided to the PAC executive for perusal at the next PAC meeting.

Thanks again for everything the PAC does to support McGowan!

#### **Ongoing Business:**

- Direct Donation Fundraising Drive: Coralee motioned, Amber seconded, all in favour – stay tuned for information regarding the fundraising drive coming this fall
- Funding requests
  - \*\*One to One - \$50 district fee will be paid, Gitte motioned; Sam seconded
  - \*\*Teacher Classroom funds – no requests at this time
- Hot Lunch Program – there will be no more hot lunches available at the school at this time. If anyone is interested in continuing the program please contact a PAC member.
  - \*\* (Hot dog and pizza lunches, which are run by Ms. O for the sports programs, will still be held)\*

### **Ongoing Business cont.**

- Raise A Reader will be held September 27 from 8:00 – 8:30 am; volunteers will be outside the school to greet students and parents/guardians that morning to raise awareness about the importance of reading
- Halloween Dance – aiming for October 28, stay tuned
- Movie Night – our first family movie will be Friday, November 25, stay tuned for further details and movie title

### **New Business**

- **Winter Carnival** – This year's winter carnival will be Thursday, February 23, 2017, more information to follow.

**Next Meeting:** October 18 @ 6:30 – 8:00