



**McGowan Park PAC  
September 20, 2017  
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

**Call to Order @ 6:35**

**In Attendance:** Gitte Nessman, Nichole Rae, Rebecca Warner, Joanne Vorpahl, Coralee Kwiatkowski, Chris Brennan, Lindsay Williston, Sara Sundholm, Joanna Clark, Elicia Lee, Cori Wickes, Jo McKenna

**Adoption of Previous Minutes:** Coralee motioned, Sarah seconded

**Correspondence of Note:** PAC received a note from Julia Rae thanking all members of McGowan PAC for all they do.

**Treasurer's Report: Nichole Rae**

- PAC funds are held in two bank accounts, "General" and "Gaming".
- General account balance as of September 19 was \$18,651.25. However, there are several outstanding cheques related to the Welcome Back Barbecue, along with two outstanding commitments from the previous school year (One-to-One reading and Chrome Books) and two reserves (\$8,500 for a future playground expense and \$4,600 for 2017/18 school year spending); unrestricted General funds available at September 19 totaled \$3,506.79.
- Gaming account funds are generated through a grant from the provincial Gaming Branch and must be used to enhance student extracurricular opportunities. Gaming account balance as of September 19 was \$5,784.79. There are no outstanding cheques or school commitments; however, an internal reserve of \$3,500 has been set aside for a future playground expense, bringing unrestricted Gaming funds available to \$2,284.79.
- Between the two accounts, the total playground reserve stands at \$12,000.
- Final financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 were also presented.
- PAC approved the Treasurer's motion to reimburse the school for the total cost of 6 Chrome Books purchased over the summer with prior approval of the PAC. The total cost to the school was \$1,339.50, an increase of \$139.50 over the budgeted amount of \$1,200.

-PAC approved the Treasurer's motion to release funds set aside in the General account for the current school year (\$4,600), bringing unrestricted funds in the General account to approximately \$8,100.

**DPAC Report: Nothing to report at this time**

**Principal's Report to PAC for September 20, 2017**

Hello! I'm so happy to be the Principal of McGowan Park again this year! I know that Ms McKenna, VP at McGowan, joins me in looking forward to the year ahead.

Class configuration and numbers for the 2017-2018 school year – 19 divisions and 418 students!

Retirement – Mrs Miriam Cavani

New teachers -Kathryn Lundgren, grade 3/4 and library support

Rosanna Covaceuszach, grade 4

I-Wen Blum, grade 4/5

Beckie Littlejohn, grade 6 (with Sherri Oryschak)

Jamie Blower, grade 7

Kristin Engelson, LART

New CEA's -Colleen Baker, Linda Balyx, Johann Duncan, Dianne Bingley, Evelyne Murphy

Upcoming Activities/Dates

- September 22 Pro D
- September 26 Raise a Reader
- September 28 Photo Day
- September 29 Terry Fox Run
- September 29 Early dismissal and parent/teacher interviews
- October 6 Come Read with Me – grade 1's
- October 6 Pizza Day
- October 26 & November 2 and 9 Math Nights with Thor

Special Upcoming Event for PAC consideration – Norman Foote Parent Evening and two workshops for students (\$1500)

#### School Funding Considerations for 2017-2018

- One to one reading \$300
- Classroom discretionary 19 x \$150 = \$2850
- Art club \$300
- Intermediate class fee 7.5 classes x \$150 = \$1125
- Primary gymnastics and bussing \$2100 (2 sessions per primary class, includes fee)
- Battle of the Books \$300
- Spring Production \$500
- Parloff ribbons \$250
- Eureka Science \$650
- Come Read with Me \$275 (\$5 per student)
- Family Math Nights \$500
- Thanks! I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!!

C. Wickes, Principal

#### **Chairperson's Report:**

- Welcome back BBQ was another success with many new faces attending to meet teachers, staff and new friends
- Email list and family survey will be updated – Coralee will be taking this on

#### **Ongoing Business:**

- Direct Donation will be happening again – Coralee Kwiatkowski will be heading this up. Stay tuned for more information regarding pledge options

- Hot Lunch Program?? Possibly being resurrected; looking for volunteers to help organize this, please contact a PAC member or the school if interested in organizing hot lunches
- Winter Carnival – February 21, 2018 Co-ordinators needed ASAP!

PAC Executive Vacancies: with the departure of Gitte Nessman as Chair and Joanne Vorpahl as Secretary, we have two parents who have been voted in to assume the functions of both these roles. Please join us in welcoming as Chair: Coralee Kwiatkowski and as Secretary: Sara Sundholm. PAC thanks both ladies for coming forward to continue in these roles. Current McGowan Park PAC Executive members are the following:

Coralee Kwiatkowski	-	Chair
Rebecca Warner	-	Co-Chair
Nichole Rae	-	Treasurer
Sara Sundholm	-	Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

October 18, 2017  
Time TBD