



**McGowan Park PAC  
Minutes September 30, 2014  
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

**Call to Order @ 6:35**

**In Attendance:** Cori Wickes, Nadine Hamilton, Gitte Nessman, Joanne Vorpahl, Loretta Espinoza, Wil Lonquist, Lorri Murray, Joanne Etherington, Shelby Killough, Julie Ford, Cara Fuzzen, Chelsea Corsi, Amber Piva, Leena Yahia

**Adoption of Previous Minutes:** Lorri motioned, Gitte seconded

**Correspondence of note:** Mostly fundraising opportunities were discussed

**Treasurer's Report:**

Gaming account balance of \$5,321.30 plus grant of approximately \$5,400.00 yet to be received. General account balance of \$8,362.39.

**Chairperson Report:** Nothing to report at this time.

**School Planning Council:** Gitte has volunteered to be on the SPC along with current members Cori, Joanne E and Julie. Next meeting will be planned for later in October.

**DPAC:** General meetings are held every month on a Tuesday from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, the schedule is available on our school website. They would like to have at least one rep from each school attend these meetings. There was a general discussion on goal setting for this year. The website has been revamped recently ([sd73dpac.bc.ca](http://sd73dpac.bc.ca)) you can access this through our school website. Next meeting Oct 21, 2014 at Henry Grube.

**Principals Report:**

September 30, 2014

Principal's Report to PAC

- Class Configurations & transition to a new school year - 15 divisions, 350+ students
- Prep time increases and scheduling
- New staff - Ms Lowrenoff, Ms Rymer, Ms Kossey, Ms Reilly, Mr Staginnus, Ms Mauro, Ms Arduini, Ms Wood, Mr Lowen
- Final Report cards - copy of letter attached
- Upcoming Dates - posted on website calendar but include
  - October 3 Terry Fox Run
  - October 7 Come Read with Me
  - October 9 Adam's River Salmon Run
  - October 15/16 Parent Teacher Interviews

### **Principal's Report cont.**

- October 22 Blues Berries
- October 24 ProD Day
- October 27 Picture Day
- October 30 Earth Rangers Assembly (animal conservation grades 1 - 6)
- Space Program – new date for launch is October 20. News coverage on local media and radio stations is increasing!
- School Planning Council – meeting date to be set to review data and begin to build a new school growth plan, third parent member needed
- School Funding Requests – new (yellow) sheet for teachers to use to apply for funds
  - Schoolwide funding requests for 2014 – 2015 year:
    - one to one reading \$300
    - classroom discretionary 15 x 150 = \$2250
    - art club \$300
    - intermediate class fee 8 x 150 = \$1200
    - primary gymnastics \$1500
    - Battle of the Books \$300
    - Spring Production \$500
    - cookie bake \$150
    - parloff ribbons \$250
    - Eureka science program \$500
    - music program (drums & other instruments) \$1400
    - Come Read with Me \$5 per child (40+ students)
    - smartboards for 2 classrooms per year (Reilly, Kossey, Abraham, Cone) \$2000 per board
    - wifi soon to be installed – we will be looking to purchase chromebooks or other wireless devices this year
    - library request for new non fiction and picture books \$1000
    - new school jerseys \$?
    - school portable banner to carry to events \$300

Thanks PAC! I look forward to a fantastic year ahead!!  
Cori Wickes, Principal

### **Ongoing Business:**

- Spring fundraiser will again be hanging baskets.
- Waiting to hear about playground equipment repairs. Approximate cost of \$6,500.00 to replace 2 slides.

### **New Business:**

- Halloween dance will be held Friday October 17, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Teacher's wish list discussed: see Principal's Report
- Julie motioned to approve list of teachers request estimated at \$9,500.00, Lorri seconded
- Suggestions for other PAC events, movie night?

Next Meeting November 19, 2014  
Meeting Adjourned 8:30