

**McGowan Park PAC
Minutes May 15, 2013
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

Call to Order @ 6:35pm

In Attendance: Gloria Hall, Nadine Hamilton, Gitte Nessman, Shelley Marsh, Hugh Murdoch, Joanne Etherington, Sarah Gundel, Julie Ford

Adoption of Previous Minutes: introduced by Gloria Hall

Treasurer's Report: Julie Ford

- Gaming Account – Opening balance \$2956, with committed funds of \$2700 = current balance after commitments \$256.00
- General Account – Current balance \$10643 with committed funds of \$2664 = current balance after commitments of \$7979

Chairperson Report: Nadine Hamilton

- Sexual Health Education first session well received – 2nd session to take place next week
- Askable Adult session at school well attended by approximately 40 parents
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch was a success – thank you to all the parents who helped make it happen .

School Planning Council: Gloria Hall

- The School Improvement Plan was submitted in April (along with the “Tell Them From Me” student survey). The main academic goal was for the grade 4 and 7 students to meet and exceed district and provincial standards on the provincial FSA. This goal was met!

DPAC:

- Congratulations to our McGowan Park DPAC representative Wil Lonquist who was acclaimed as DPAC chair for a two year term!
- Report has been posted to the school website.

Principal's Report:

- **Staffing/Enrolment Update:** Interviews for the principalship will be held tomorrow. We should know the successful candidate before June. Two teaching positions were posted today – the grade K/1 and the part time coverage for KS in the 5/6 plus KP who is projected to be 2/3.
- **PAC Scholarship:** Thank you for supporting McGowan former students as they graduate from Sahali Secondary. The cheque for \$250.00 can be authorized and then made out once we know the recipient and Sherri Oryschak has requested that she present it on behalf of the PAC and school.
- **Cheers for Volunteers:** The school thank you celebration for volunteers will be on Wednesday June 5th between 1:15 and 2:30. All PAC members are invited. This invitation will be sent out in the May 31st newsletter.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:** I have appreciated PAC involvement with the parent portion of the K orientation. This year it will be on June 7th, and I am hoping for a similar sort of occasion. Hopefully the new principal will also attend.
- **Track and Field Season:** Ms Oryschak is the District master planner for Zone and District Track and Field. As such she will be frequently out of the school over the next 2 weeks.
- **SMART Board Plan:** The two Smartboards in the hallway are for Mrs. Cavani and Mrs Isakson. Hopefully they will be installed and ready to go by September.
- **The Bike Rack:** The beautiful bike rack has arrived and we hope to install it tomorrow. Teachers have asked for scooters to be removed from inside the school as they are tripping hazards.

Ongoing Business:

- Fun Day scheduled for June 21. Joanne Etherington and Joanne Vorpahl to organize the concession. Julie Ford to organize hot dogs for lunch.
- Last PAC lunch of the year scheduled for Wednesday June 12th.

New Business:

- Welcome Back BBQ scheduled for Thursday September 12th, 2013
- Elections for PAC Executive for the 2013/2014 school year.
 - Gloria Hall introduced the slate of officers put forward by the nominating committee, namely:

Nadine Hamilton, Chairperson

Gitte Nessman, Vice Chairperson

Joanne Vorphal and Joanne Etherington, Secretaries

Julie Ford, Treasurer

Joanne Etherington, Julie Ford, Terri Lynn Day for School Planning Council

Wil Lonquist, DPAC

The motion (HM/SM) to accept the proposed slate passed unanimously and those executive members were acclaimed to their respective positions.

- A huge thank you to outgoing School Planning Council member Cathy Sloan

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: TBA