



**McGowan Park PAC  
Minutes April 29, 2014  
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

**Call to Order @ 6:35**

**In Attendance:** Cori Wickes, Nadine Hamilton, Gitte Nessman, Joanne Vorpahl, Shelby Killough, Lorri Murray, Wil Longquist, Joanne Etherington

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

**Correspondence of note:** None at this time

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie Ford

- Gaming Account – Opening balance \$4000.00 after commitments,
- General Account – Current balance \$7000.00

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

**School Planning Council:** Will meet in fall and look again at rewriting school goals.

**DPAC:** Wil presented:

- Would like to have another school rep for DPAC, will discuss further at next PAC meeting. Meetings are held third Tuesday of every month at Henry Grube.
- AGM was held April 22, Wil has been elected chair for another 2 years.
- BCC Pac conference coming up end of May, Richmond May 30 and 31
- David Comrie doing presentation, wants to create a process to assist parents to advocate for their children
- Book banning issue was talked about, looking for an alternative
- Touched on job action very briefly

DPAC put on a food safe course, anyone within the school who is handling food should have the food safe course

**Ongoing Business:**

- Spring hanging basket fundraiser ongoing
- Hot lunch May 14, Taco Del Mar

- Fun Day, Friday June 13, Little Caesar Pizza will be offered at this event

**New Business:**

- Look into fencing at far end of field by swings and near main staff parking lot

**Principals Report:**

Many thanks for all the parent support at our recent Spring Production!

March highlights included:

- Basketball playoffs
- Artstarts presentation (One Woman Circus)
- Come Read with Me – program for grade 1's
- Science Fair
- Primary music students to Arts in the High Country
- Skating
- Swim to Survive – grade 3's

April highlights included:

- Jump Rope for Heart
- Legion presentations
- Day of Secwepmec Assembly
- Battle of the Books
- Spring Production of The Nifty Fifties

Brief outline of enrolment and class configurations for 2014-2015.

School Improvement Plan to be signed. Next year we will be working closely on a new three year plan.

Concern that some of the playground slides will need replacement due to cracks.

Funding considerations for the PAC: Total of \$3037

- Space Program donation (\$500)
- More portable grey tables (\$200)
- Music/choir program Yearly Commitment of \$1400
- Music costs for this year: Orff instruments, djembes, choir music, music stand storage (\$2337)
- B-ball winches (\$1500?) (not included at this time)

Thanks!

Cori Wickes

PS Reminder that bees/wasps are now out! (I was stung)

Everyone in support of music program  
Gitte and Wil motioned to support space program

Next PAC meeting: June 3 @ 6:00, library  
Meeting Adjourned 8:15





2080 Tremerton Drive  
Kamloops, BC V2E 2S2  
Telephone: (250) 374-4545 Fax: (250) 374-6272

---

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

- Many thanks for the numerous items for the school, funded at the last meeting! It is very much appreciated and the laminator especially has been a big hit!
- Please check out the new school logo banner hanging in the gym! Some students planned a 'Spirit' assembly to kick off our 'magic' theme. We will use this logo on our letterhead, sports jerseys, etc.
- The last three months have been extremely busy and exciting and have included Arts performances, numerous field trips and guests to the school in a variety of areas. Teachers have been heavily involved in academic pursuits with their students and report cards will be issued today. It has been delightful to see the number of One to One readers involved in our school's program.
- Christmas Assembly – there will be a school concert on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 followed by a parent concert at 6:30. Primary music classes will perform, along with the two Strings classes and a group sing-a-long!
- Two new smartboards have been installed in Mrs. Cavani's and Mrs. Isakson's rooms and internet was installed on November 25<sup>th</sup>. We still will be seeking funding for two future boards (Abraham's & Fredin's).
- The Mother Goose program will be starting January 17 and running until March 14 on Fridays from 1 – 2 pm
- A new event this year is our upcoming Talent Show to be held on December 4 (and probably 5) at lunch time! All welcome!
- Funding requests:

- Musical instruments - \$500
- Basketball winches - \$2500 estimate
- Smartboards – two – (long term goal)
- Foldable chairs on trolley - \$500 estimate
- Foldable tables - \$200 estimate