



**McGowan Park PAC  
Minutes April 26, 2017  
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

**Call to Order @ 6:35**

**In Attendance:** Gitte Nessman, Nichole Rae, Joanne Vorpahl, Coralee Kwiatkowski, Sara Sundholm, Catherine Cameron, Tim Scallon, Cori Wickes, Jo McKenna

**Guest Speakers:** Two parents from Summit Elementary PAC came to pitch an upcoming dodgeball tournament their school is hosting to help with their fundraising efforts. The outdoor tournament will be June 16 from 5 - 9 pm at Summit Elementary, rain or shine. More information to come.

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

**Correspondence of note:** We received a note from Cole Etherington thanking PAC for paying the entry fees for the students attending the district science fair. Also, information has arrived regarding summer KISSM camps, this will be posted on our school bulletin board.

**Chairperson Report:** Nothing at this time

**Treasurer's Report:** Nichole Rae

PAC funds are held in two bank accounts – "General" and "Gaming".  
Between the two accounts, the playground reserve now stands at \$12,000.

General Account:

Revenues received this period:

- No revenues were received March 5-31.
- Revenues April 1-25 are expected to include deposit interest only.

Expenses incurred this reporting period:

- Winter Carnival expenses – \$961.10
- Expenses incurred April 1-25 are expected to include banking fees only.

The adjusted General account balance (once all cheques clear) is estimated at \$19,300.

The PAC has previously committed approximately \$12,040 in additional funding from the General account, to cover the following:

## **Treasurer's Report cont.**

- \$8,500 toward the purchase of school playground equipment in a future year
- \$2,900 toward curriculum-related items requested by the school
- \$500 toward the 2017 Sa-Hali Student Award
- \$140 toward outstanding Winter Carnival expenses

In addition, \$4,600 has been set aside in a reserve for the coming school year. This will allow the PAC to respond quickly to funding requests received early in the new year.

Unrestricted General funds now available for spending are estimated at **\$2,600**.

### Gaming Account:

Gaming account funds are received through a grant from the provincial Gaming Branch and must be used to enhance student extracurricular opportunities.

Expenses incurred this reporting period:

- No expenses were incurred March 1-17.
- Expenses incurred March 18 to April 25 are expected to include banking fees only.

The adjusted Gaming account balance is estimated at \$9,550.

The PAC has previously committed to approximately \$9,100 in additional funding from the Gaming account, to cover the following:

- \$3,500 toward the purchase of school playground equipment in a future year.
- \$5,100 toward extracurricular activities requested by the school
- \$500 toward the family movie night program (public viewing license renewal plus Nov 28 movie rental (awaiting revised invoice))

Unrestricted Gaming funds available for spending now total approximately **\$450**.

An updated PAC financial report, including a detailed list of PAC financial commitments and a finalized winter carnival summary, will be posted on the school website during the first week of May. Printed copies will be available upon request.

**DPAC Report:** Food Safe course is offered Saturday, April 29 8:50 - 5:00 pm. DPAC will pay for the first 10 who register.

## Principal's Report to PAC for April 26, 2017

- School Configuration for the 2017 – 2018 school year
  - portables
  - playground
- School Plan – in process – presentation date is May 18<sup>th</sup>, could 2 PAC members attend? Stakeholder review of plan.
- Student Learning Survey – please follow the link on the website
- Funding considerations –
  - projectors for new classrooms next year (approximate cost \$4000)
- Upcoming dates:
  - April 27 @ 1:30 Artstarts performance – Jackie Essombe
  - May 4 @ 7:00 Kindergarten Parent night
  - May 9 @ 6:30 Digital Safety for Youth (Henry Grube Education Center)
  - May 12 @ 12:30 Early Dismissal
  - May 29 Luv 2 Groove Dance workshops schoolwide
  - June 9 Fun Day
  - June 14 Volunteer Tea
  - June 26 Gr. 7 Leaving Ceremony
  - June 29 @10:30 Year End Assembly

C. Wickes, Principal

**Ongoing Business:** Playground update ~ the current climbing wall playground area will be relocated to the area beyond the far bank of swings (this grassy area is actually school property). This space allows for more square footage for future expansion. More information will follow as to when this will happen and possibly having volunteers to help relocate and rebuild.

### **New Business:**

- The teacher appreciation lunch will be June 2, Coralee and Catherine have volunteered to organize this.
- Fun Day is June 9, please let a PAC member know if you are interested in organizing the volunteers/concession.
- Plans are underway for the grade 7 leaving celebration, date has been set for Monday, June 26, 5:30 - 8:30 in the school gym

#### Funding decisions:

- Funding approved for grade 7 leaving celebration - \$200.
- Funding support declined for student field trip to O'Keefe Ranch. Although the trip sounds very valuable and was supported by PAC last year, funds remaining for the current year are very limited, and PAC anticipates there may be additional funds needed next year (above what has already been considered in funding reserve) to support the new school configuration.
- Decision on funding for projectors for new classrooms tabled until next meeting.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 24 @ 6:30**