



**McGowan Park PAC
Minutes October 1, 2015
McGowan Park Elementary Library**

Call to Order @ 6:30

In Attendance: Cori Wickes, Nadine Hamilton, Gitte Nessman, Joanne Vorpahl, Joanne Etherington, Nichole Rae, Lisa Kronebusch, Hugh Murdoch

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Gitte motioned, Nichole seconded

Correspondence of note: Possible new fundraising options were discussed. We also received correspondence from a service called "Lice Treatment in Kamloops", this information will be posted on the public bulletin if anyone is interested in learning more.

Chairperson Report: nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:

General account has a current balance of \$9,628.17 as of September 30, 2015 with commitments of \$5,868.75 carried forward from prior year (unrestricted funds available: \$3,759).

Gaming account has a current balance of \$346.79 as of September 30, 2015. Expecting to receive annual gaming grant of about \$6,000 sometime this month.

Nichole motioned for approval to go ahead & pay up to 10% over budgeted cost on confirmed commitments (approved by PAC during meetings); however, anything over and above the 10% will have to be voted on via email voting, Joanne E seconded, all in favour.

Funding requests received:

- One To One Reading program (trained volunteers reading with students): \$300.00
- FoodSafe for school fruit & vegetable program volunteer: \$115
- Curling equipment cost increase: approx. \$115 (+\$500 committed previously)
- Smartboards cost increase: approx. \$590 (+\$2,849 committed previously)

- Supplies for Sept. 30 hot lunch: approx. \$890

All approved by PAC (\$2,010), though FoodSafe funding is conditional on there being no other reasonable options for covering FoodSafe requirement (Cori).

PAC approved approx. \$2,700 to cover music program equipment, come read with me, battle of the books, speed control. Family math night will also be funded if an external funding source can be found (Joanne E.)

As General Account funds are now more than fully allocated, classroom discretionary funding request deferred to next PAC meeting. Remaining extracurricular programs expected to be funded through Gaming Account and will be reviewed following receipt of Gaming funds.

School Planning Council Report: School Planning Councils have now been dissolved

DPAC Report: Lisa Kronebusch has volunteered to represent McGowan at DPAC meetings, thank you Lisa.

Principal's Report to PAC

Hello everyone, to a fresh new year! I'm so happy to be at McGowan once again!

Class configurations and numbers for this year - 15 divisions and 361 students!

New staff: Kim Hindle, Denise Underwood, Becki Littlejohn, CaraLee Nielsen, and Heidi Kotani.

September was a busy month that included school configuration and placement finalizations, a big Welcome Back assembly, the Terry Fox Run, three cross country runs, a schoolwide 'event' assembly hosted by Ms O's class, anaphylaxis training for staff and teaching and review of student responsibility and expectations in and around the school.

October proves to be a host of activity too! Please check out the website calendar regularly! Parents are always welcome to attend all assemblies and many school activities. We are trying to figure out ways to communicate with parents and have set up a new Facebook page to disseminate information. Parents who click to 'like'

our page will be able to view info from their smart phones. More info to be sent home.

Important dates for October:

6 th	Come Read with Me for K students and parents
6 th	Gr. 4 Parent Information Meeting
15 th	Individual AND Class photos
13/14/15	Family Math Nights with Thor Fridriksson
19	Schoolwide Assembly hosted by Ms Hindle's class
21/22	Early Dismissal and Parent/Teacher Interviews
23	ProD Day

School Planning Councils do not exist anymore and information will be shared with PAC groups

Funding:

Previous yearly commitments were -

- \$300	One to One Reading
- \$2250	Class Discretionary (15 x \$150)
- \$300	Art Club
- \$1200	Intermediate Class Fee
- \$1500	Primary gymnastics
- \$300	Battle of the Books
- \$500	Spring Production
- \$150	Cookie Bake
- \$250	Parloff
- \$500	Eureka science program
- \$1400	Music program (last year of 3 year commitment)
- \$155	Come Read with Me

Requests -

\$500	Family Math Night (Oct. 13/14/15)
\$899	'Speed Control' - evening performance for parents (Nov. 5@ 7pm)

Ongoing Business:

- Sex-Ed for grade 6 & 7's in conjunction with TRU nursing students will be held in Spring 2016

New Business

- Halloween Dance is Thursday, October 22, 2015 - Stan Bailey is the entertainment for the evening. Event is dependent on volunteers signing up to coordinate and assist. Decision to go ahead or cancel will be made and announced by Friday October 16th.
- Hot lunch online ordering system is up and running and will be a go for the next hot lunch October 28, Taco Del Mar
- Discussion surrounding lack of volunteers to help with school fundraisers and events. In order to run larger fundraisers or events new volunteers are needed - existing PAC executive members are over extended with family, work and PAC commitments. Decision to put out call for volunteers to school community. If no volunteers come forward to run winter carnival it will be cancelled. Cancellation of Halloween dance and winter carnival will dramatically reduce funds available to support classrooms, field trips, technology and extra-curricular sports and activities. Some funding requests have been deferred to January until we know what fundraising events will be possible.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2015, 6:30 in the library