

# **PAC MINUTES**

## **OCTOBER 17, 2011**

Meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from last meeting of September 19, 2011 were accepted by all present.

In attendance were: Shannon Derinzy – Principal, Cathie Watkins - Vice – Principal, Dylan Watt - Vice – Principal, Elaine Salo – Treasurer and Corisa Bell – Vice Chair and 11 parents.

### **Correspondence:**

- Local coupon book for fundraising purposes
- Christmas Plant Fundraiser

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- No Report available. Refer to October's Minutes for Bank balances.
- Gaming funds were deposited to the gaming account for \$27,380

### **DPAC Report:**

- No report available. DPAC rep. absent tonight.

### **Chair Report:**

- Introductions were made around the table.
- After discussion around PAC position descriptions, the new PAC Executive for 2011 – 2012 is as follows:

PAC Chair – Brad Kalyk

Vice Chair – Corisa Bell

Treasurer – Elaine Salo

Secretary – Shared by Joy Mooney & Luella Gill

Signing Officers will be Brad Kalyk, Corisa Bell & Elaine Salo

- Discussions were had around gaming funds and where the money was to be spent. The Teachers' will provide the PAC with requests and the PAC will decide with the advice of the Administration where the money will go.
- The purpose of attending PAC meetings was discussed. High School PAC does not fundraise. We come to PAC meetings to keep informed. The parents that attend also get the chance to help decide where the gaming funds go. Last year the PAC spent \$15,000 to help upgrade the library computers. We received a thank-you note from some of the students.

## Principal's Report:

- Individual pictures are finished. Re-takes are being done now.
- Phil Boyte attended MRSS since last meeting and the feedback was “great” from everyone. He talked to the students in Grades 8 – 11. He spoke at the Grade 8 parent night where he encouraged parents to help their children to initiate situations and to be self-starters.
- A turkey bowl was initiated by students to generate school spirit. The kids had lots of fun.
- Fred Fox visited with the Journey's program. The kids had fundraised for the Terry Fox Run and raised \$1,035.
- Cabaret night (talent show) is on Oct. 26th
- Community Dinners have been a great success.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> dry grad meeting.
- Duathlon has happened along with a fieldtrip for the Biology 11 class and outdoor club.
- Job action is at Arms' Length for the kids. The Grade 12 Graduates should not be affected in any way. The school has been very busy with all the activities.
- Yearbook's are on sale now and are \$50.00 and worth every penny.
- It's very important to return the Student verification form. With the job action and no parent/Teacher conferences, this gives the Teacher's correct information if they need to contact parents regarding Child's performance.
- Parents are encouraged to contact Teacher's for updates, list of assignments etc. MRSS Counselors are also good source of info. Check website for more information. [www.mapleridgesecondary.ca](http://www.mapleridgesecondary.ca).
- Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday cancelled.
- Reports cards will not be issued this November due to job action. You can still get your Child's marks from the Teacher's.
- Friday is NID.
- MRSS provides a voluntary homework club afterschool, supervised by SEA's. Monday – Thursday, Room 1230 or 1231 from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
- We've had 2 fire drills and earthquake drill tomorrow.
- Wednesday there is a MADD presentation for the 11 & 12's.
- Nov. 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> is a 4 day week-end.

- MRSS is hosting a post-secondary night for grades 10, 11, & 12's at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is Take your kids to work day for the grade 9's only.
- Provincial Exams are as follows:
  - Grade 10, English, Math & Science
  - Grade 11 – Socials only
  - Grade 12 – English only
- Scholarship information is available through the school district website. Also check at the Career Centre for advice.
- MRSS first aid staff is asking the PAC to consider helping fund a Defibrillator for the school. The cost is approx. \$3,000. – \$5,000.
- Parents are asked to return forms authorizing kids to participate in Live at EDU. Kids can do their projects at school, store their information and then pick it up at home or elsewhere to complete.
- MRSS provides wireless internet.
- Please check the website for more detailed information and dates. Check out Today at Ridge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next PAC Meeting is on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

**\*Please Note:** these minutes are in “draft only” form. These minutes will be approved and accepted at November's PAC meeting.