



McGirr PAC

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Date: October 20, 2025

Location: MPR

Attendees: Kim W, Diana D, Robbie Dhillon, Nicole C, Linda B, Sondra P, Marla D, Nancy R

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action(s)
Call to Order & Chair's Welcome (Nancy)	Nancy calls to order at 6:19 pm.	
Land Acknowledgment	"We acknowledge that we live, work, learn, and play on the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples – Snaw Naw As, Snuneymuxw, and Stz'uminus Nations"	
Introductions	Roundtable introductions	
Approval of Last Month's Minutes	Nancy motions. Kim seconds.	September minutes are approved.
Additions to Agenda?	Break in to earthquake kiosk to be added Vote for co-secretary to be added	Items added to the agenda
Acceptance of Agenda	Marla motions to approve. Kim seconds.	Agenda accepted.

Babysitters tonight	Paige and Eva F.	
Principal's Report (Mr. Dhillon)	Current enrolment is 468. School has done number of safety drills over the past month. New Staff: • Ms. Membrey (Grade 7—Div 19) • Ms. Falon Crosby (Wednesday half day counsellor) • Ms. Jordan Ross (Co-Teacher) Full time. Upcoming Dates and Events: • October 20: tonight's meeting • October 20-23: 1 PM Early Dismissal • October 23: 1:30-4:00 and 5:45-6:45 PM Intro to Learning Conferences • October 24: Provincial Pro-D day • October 28: Zone Cross Country meet • October 29: PAC Monster Mash (Dance) evening, 6 PM • November 3: Photo Retakes (most likely morning) • November 5: Cross Country Districts • November 6 or 7: Remembrance Day Assembly • November 10: School Based Pro-D day • November 11: Remembrance Day • November 24: Next PAC Meeting • Bantam Football: Mrs. Forell, with parent coaches, the regular season has wrapped up and "playoffs" are next • Bantam Volleyball: These teams are starting up as well • Cross Country Gr 2 to 7: Ms. Paziuk/Ms. Galloway/Ms. Kraft Upcoming Events: • November 26: First Term Reports will be emailed out Wednesday of last week before Xmas holiday is the Xmas concert. Other Business: Earthquake Kiosk: Damage done to the locks of the earthquake kiosk after attempted break in. Unable to open the door. Mr Dhillon has forwarded to the help desk. Draft District Code of Conduct:	Send any feedback to Robbie about the code of conduct by Friday.

	Mr Dhillon has circulated the draft code of conduct from the district to get alignment across different schools in the district. Any feedback on the code should be sent to Robbie by Friday. Note: VIU Mariners volleyball is in our gym Tues-Fri. Robbie needs 15 business days in order to give them notice that we will require the use of the gym.	
Treasurer's Report (Kim)	Updates: • Rutherford PAC requested support to get up and running. We agreed to match neighboring schools and give them \$500 to get started. • Spiritwear clothing sales have closed. Final numbers will be available next month. Kim noted that the Wix website required a shipping address, which caused quite a bit of confusion. Spiritwear will be delivered to the school and not home addresses. • Gaming annual report is due end of November.	
Funding priorities for the year ahead	Laminator Current laminator is old and teachers use laminator heavily for educational materials for students. PAC members felt that supporting the purchase of a new laminator helps teachers to efficiently deliver educational materials and enrichment to our students and therefore it is appropriate that PAC support the school with this purchase. Diana D motions to spend up to \$3000 on new laminator. Nancy R seconds. All in favour. Motion Passes. Gym Equipment: The school requires regular replacement of old balls for recess and gym. PAC agrees to allocate funding to this to be spent on recess/gym equipment as the school requires. Kim W motions to spend up to \$500 on new gym/recess equipment. Diana D seconds. All in favour. Motion passes.	\$3000 to be allocated to purchase of a new laminator for the school. Kim to liaise with Sandra. \$500 to be allocated to gym/recess equipment purchases.

Unplugged Pledge	When should you give your child a smart phone? Unplugged Canada panel discussion at Nanaimo North Library discussion on November 27, 5:30-7:00pm. Decision to share information about session in Facebook group. PAC Members have decided not to share the Unplugged Pledge itself as a few cited concerns about inviting families to share personal data with a third party.	Marla to post event in our Facebook group.
Stewardship Project	Linda B has proposed a pollinator garden to be developed at the front of the school. Plans have been shared with the PAC and PAC members are in support. PAC Members point out that the school and district have the final say so the next step is for Linda to liaise with Mr. Dhillon to discuss feasibility/possible next steps. Linda to send proposal to Robbie.	Linda to send proposal to Mr Dhillon.
Upcoming Events & Fundraisers	Monster Mash Committee is up and running and event takes place Wednesday next week (October 29). 6 people have stepped up to help plan. Thank you to everyone who has helped! Community Values Overall feedback was good. Total of 116 books sold for a net profit of \$1362. Purdys Chocolates Marla D is coordinating; purchasing opens in mid-November with handouts in early December. Card project Confirmed for the spring. Not available for Xmas. Pedalheads Grand total of \$50 made.	
Filled Positions on PAC since last meeting	Spirit Wear Coordinator: Thank you Tavia and Alexis! All but 6 grade 7s ordered so PAC ordered a couple extra.	Sondra P confirmed as co-secretary.

	Sondra P has volunteered for Co-Secretary. Nancy motions to confirm Sondra P as co-secretary. Marla seconds. All in favour. Sondra confirmed as co-secretary. Co-Secretary: Thank you Sondra!	
Open Roles on PAC for 2025/26	Fundraising coordinator: vacant DPAC Representative: vacant Members at large: one vacant	
Other Business/Discussions	Funfair: Our biggest fundraiser of the year takes place next June and is looking for sponsors from the community. Do you have a business or community group that might be interested in supporting this amazing school events? Get in touch with Nancy R on chairmcgirrpac@gmail.com Require an information sheet plus information on website. Nancy will be working on after Monday Mash. Emailing Meeting Minutes Diana D says Wix has the capability to manage email subscription list but highlights challenges such as keeping the list up to date and ensuring only parents/caregivers receiving information. Proposes sticking with using the listserve that the school maintains but sending out minutes to all attendees of the meeting. Members also suggest that we should email a meeting reminder out with the upcoming agenda for Mr Dhillon to send prior to the monthly PAC meeting. Kim reminds everyone to make sure all our communications have our footer with standard tagline and website.	Diana & Sondra to email monthly minutes to all meeting attendees. Diana & Sondra to ask Robbie to send out a meeting reminder with the meeting agenda prior to the upcoming PAC meeting.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:48.	