



McGirr PAC

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Date: September 15, 2025

Location: Learning Lab

Attendees: Nancy R, Kim W, Diana D, Marla D, Petra D, Sondra P, Jessica M, Keely F, Jillian R, Pauline F, Linda B, Huy N, Alexis K, Nicole C, Duong N, Twyla S, Robbie Dhillon, Glenda Robertson

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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action(s)
Call to Order & Chair’s Welcome (Nancy)	Nancy Calls to order at 6:20 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 June Minutes	Nancy R motions to approve and Kim W seconds	June Minutes approved
Additions to Agenda?	None	
Acceptance of Agenda	Diana D motions to approve. Nancy R seconds.	Agenda accepted
Babysitters tonight	Thank you to Eva, Amilia, and Paige	

<p>Principal's Report (Mr. Dhillon)</p>	<p>GENERAL UPDATE Current enrolment is 466, including 38 students in Kindergarten and 20 divisions. This includes 50 students who are new in Gr 1-7.</p> <p>In addition to an amazing parent community, we are fortunate to have such a caring and devoted staff. Teachers sent out emails to families on September 8th and were able to start in this year's classes quickly. Thanks to the parents for what I thought was a smooth, but always busy, start. A special thanks to Ms. Fox (our secretary) who was instrumental in helping with organizing all of us.</p> <p>NEW STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Frenette (EA) • Ms. Rehan (EA) • Ms. Gregson--Teacher (2 days with Ms. Lovstad's class, 2 days with Mrs. Heese's class and one day prep provider) • Ms. Crosby will be a counsellor here on Wednesday's • Mr. Creed is a new custodian to McGirr • Mrs. Robertson (VP and Grade 5 and French Teacher) <p>UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 25: Terry Fox Run/Assembly and event • September 26: Photo Day • September 29: Orange Shirt Day at School • September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation--Stat • Month of October: FSA, Grades 4 and 7 students • October 13: Thanksgiving, school closed • October 20: Next Meeting • October 20-23: 1 PM Early Dismissal • October 23: 1:30-4:00 and 5:30-7 PM Intro to Learning Conferences • October 24: Provincial Pro-D day • Bantam Football: Mrs. Forell, with parent coaches • Cross Country Gr 2 to 7: Ms. Paziuk/Ms. Galloway 	
<p>Treasurer's Report (Kim)</p>	<p>Update on PAC funding and spending</p> <p>Where does PAC money come from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaming Grant 38% 	<p>\$4900 to be allocated to the playground fund approved</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funfair 32% - Funlunch 8% - Various other fundraisers <p>Where does it go?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Field trips 37% - Performing Arts Funds 15% - Classroom Support 12% - Grade 7 Grad 10% - Pizza Day 10% - Scholarships 8% <p>Budget Update from 2024/25</p> <p>PAC ended our last budget cycle with a surplus of \$4900. Kim W motions to put it into the playground fund (for playground repairs or future capital projects). Diana D seconds motion. 11 in favour; no members opposed. Motion passes.</p> <p>Draft budget for 2025/26</p> <p>Kim W has prepared a draft budget for 2025/26. She proposes that money allocated to band to be increased to \$500 in the draft budget as per request from Zack F. PAC members agree that this should be increased.</p> <p>Kim motions to approve the draft budget with the increase to \$500 for band. 13 in favour. No members opposed.</p> <p>School Laminator</p> <p>Funding of a new school laminator to be discussed in October or November after teachers indicate priorities via a survey. Comments from various PAC members that the school laminator is in really bad shape and the teachers need to use it often.</p>	<p>by PAC members.</p> <p>Band budget to be increased to \$500 in the draft budget.</p> <p>Draft budget approved by PAC members.</p> <p>Laminator discussion deferred to October/November.</p>
<p>Priorities for the year ahead</p>	<p>Teacher funding priorities: Kim is getting Robbie to send out a simple survey to teachers. Will have the results by the next meeting.</p> <p>Parent priorities: Possible survey through website to solicit feedback and where parents would like to allocate PAC focus/money. On hold for now.</p>	<p>Kim W coordinating with Robbie to solicit teacher feedback.</p>

<p>Unplugged Pledge</p>	<p>PAC at Frank Ney is supporting the pledge to delay smartphones for kids and have requested our participation through Unplugged Canada. The organization gets parents to sign a pledge “no smart phones until 14 years old.”</p> <p>Overall, the consensus in the room seems to be that PAC members are generally in support of publicizing the pledge.</p> <p>Linda B adds that the Frank Ney PAC had brought someone in to explain the benefits of delaying smart phones.</p> <p>Other members suggest that it could be useful to get people like Constable Gary O’Brien or the Whitehatter in to talk to parents about the safety risks of the internet/smart phones.</p>	<p>Linda B to report back on who Frank Ney got to speak.</p> <p>Discussion to be included in October meeting to determine concrete actions.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events & Fundraisers</p>	<p>Monster Mash Our Halloween dance is on October 29. If anyone is interested in decorating/concession/planning, please email Nancy on chairmcgirrpac@gmail.com</p> <p>Community Values Coupon Book Marla D is coordinating and these will start to sell just before Thanksgiving week and will be sold through the website. Watch for the emails!</p> <p>Purdys Chocolates Marla D is coordinating; purchasing opens in mid-November with handouts in early December.</p> <p>Card project Hoping to run as a Christmas theme. Nancy to confirm with Jessa whether she wants to coordinate again. Sondra P has said she may be interested.</p> <p>Pedalheads Chasing final numbers; Diana D to report back in October.</p> <p>Funlunch The first Funlunch is scheduled for October 20th. Pauline will be sending out an email in the next few</p>	<p>Nancy R to confirm card project coordinator.</p> <p>Diana D to report back on Pedalheads fundraiser.</p>

	<p>weeks. Volunteers welcome to help sort lunches; required from approx. 11:15-12:00 in the music room on Funlunch day. Please email Pauline on mcgirrfunlunchpac@gmail.com if you can help!</p>	
<p>Open Roles on PAC for 2025/26</p>	<p>Fundraising coordinator: vacant Spirit wear coordinator: Tavia is offering to help coordinate the Spiritwear program for McGirr but could use assistance with things like “try on” days. Spiritwear will be sold through the website this year. Calls will be put out when we need volunteers. DPAC Representative: vacant Co-Secretary: vacant</p> <p>Jessica M suggests emailing PAC attendees the time expectations/tasks for these roles. Diana D to follow up.</p>	<p>Diana D to email out more details about vacant roles to PAC meeting attendees.</p>
<p>Other Business/Discussions</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Emailing Meeting Minutes Feedback from members that it might be useful to send meeting minutes/agenda out via email as PAC currently has no particular process for this. Is it possible to subscribe via website? Diana D to investigate and consider pros/cons and report back next meeting.</p>	<p>Diana D to report back in October on website subscription/e mailing meeting minutes.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Nancy adjourned the meeting at 7:38. Next meeting is scheduled for October 20th at 6:15 in the Learning Lab.</p>	