

L.A. MATHESON SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, September 17th, 2015

MINUTES

Present:

Mellanie Wakeland, Chair	Wes Daase
Ana Brand, Vice Chair	Leanne Burgess
Christy Foubert, Treasurer	Parm Bassi
Mr. Paulo Sarmento, Principal	Lorela Valdez
Mr. George Voros, Vice Principal	Cecilia Lozano
Mr. Vim Valera, Vice Principal	
Mr. Denton Muir, Principal	
Ms. Vicky McKay, Yearbook	
Mr. Jason Anderson, Drama	
Mr. Greg Ferugia, Band	

Meeting called to order @ 7:05PM

1. **Motion** to approve the agenda: {Ana} – Seconded {Leanne} – Carried.
2. **Motion** to approve the minutes from May 20th, 2015 meeting: {Ana} – Seconded {Christy} - Carried.
3. Principal's Report
 - ♦ Vicky McKay, Yearbook = Presented the idea of a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser for Christmas 2015 to help offset the cost of yearbooks for students. Orders for Purdy's need to be submitted by mid-November for delivery before Christmas. Order booklets distributed.
 - ♦ Jason Anderson, Drama = On the board of the Surrey Drama Association which organizes activities for the entire district. Highlighted the proposed upgrades to the theatre program and the desire to increase the enrolment in Fine Arts. Explained the proposed plans for a Fine Arts Department 5-6 day trip to New York in March 2017 (~\$3000/student), with a tentative student interest meeting on Oct.1 and a parent interest meeting on Oct.7. Presented the calendar for "Breaking Boundaries", the theatre company, which had 45 students attend the first meeting:
 - October 30 Halloween Haunted House
 - November 18 Coffee House (coffee provided by Starbucks)
 - December 8-10 Winter Production
 - March 2 Coffee House
 - May 17-20 Spring Production
 - June 1 Coffee House
 - ♦ Greg Ferugia, Band = New to L.A. Matheson Secondary this year. Excited about the band/choir programs and hopes the P.A.C. will support them.
 - ♦ Start up at L.A. Matheson was rough as some grade 8 classes had to be collapsed due to lower enrolment, but some grade 10, 11 and 12 classes were expanded. Enrolment for the 2015/16 school year is around 1,200 students. The Friday time schedule was revised because this school year started late and ends early, so additional minutes had to be added to overall time spent in the classroom. Soccer and volleyball have started.
 - ♦ Linear setup for grade 8 and 9 students has proven successful. Grade 8 students have Math/Science and Humanities all year with the same teacher. This is being extended to Grade 9 students who will have English/PE and Math/Science all year with the same teacher. Both grades 8 and 9 will be receiving letter grade only, without percentages and student/teacher assessments will be completed throughout the school year.
 - ♦ The new education plan for grades K-9 allows more personalized learning for students. University professors have been involved in the curriculum revisions for higher grades, especially the grad curriculum.

♦ Upcoming calendar of events:

- September 22 Photo Day
- September 24 Grade 8 Parent Night @ 6:00PM / Grade 12 Parent Night @ 7:00PM
- September 28 SCHOOL CLOSED for Non-Instructional Day
- September 30 Terry Fox Run
- October 2 Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast
- October 12 SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving

4. Officer's Reports

a. President – Introduction of current officers. Welcome to guests and parents.

b. Vice-President – none.

c. Treasurer – As of July 31, 2015 the General Account balance is \$858.10 and the Casino Account balance is \$6,257.59. The General Account and the Trust Fund both have term deposits that should be transferred into usable monies. Mellanie, Ana and Christy will discuss options. The Dry Grad Account for 2014/15 needs to be closed or signing authorities need to be removed/transferred. Mellanie will speak to Linda from dry grad committee.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: {Leanne} – Seconded {Wes} – Carried.

d. Secretary – none.

5. Dry Grad Committee – The first Grade 12 parent meeting is on September 24th where parents will be encouraged to join the dry grad committee. Mellanie, Ana and Christy will discuss protocol options for financial reporting from the dry grad committee to P.A.C.

6. Old Business – none.

7. New Business

a. Election of Officers for 2015/16: The following individuals were voted in as executive officers by a nomination and voting process for the 2015/16 school year.

President = Mellanie Wakeland

Vice President = Ana Brand

Treasurer = Christy Foubert

Secretary = Christy Foubert (until someone volunteers for the position)

b. P.A.C. Fundraising Ideas: Jason Anderson will provide Mellanie with a list of possible fundraising ideas. Paulo will let P.A.C. know the available dates to schedule a fundraising event. P.A.C. will support the Christmas 2015 Purdy's chocolates.

c. Gaming Funds Allotments: Paulo will distribute applications to departments within the school and present them at the P.A.C. meeting in October.

8. Next P.A.C. Meeting: Thursday, October 15th @ 7:00PM in the library.

9. **Motion** to Adjourn Meeting @ 8:29PM: {Leanne} – Seconded {Ana} – Carried.

Submitted by Christy Foubert