DR. R. E. McKechnie Elementary
PAC Meeting
June 16, 2020

Welcome-Joyce Huang, PAC Chair

Principal's Message-Ankie Carswell, Principal

- Year in Review
    - Started school year off with Teams orientation in the first week. This was a fortunate start to the year and teachers made transition easily.
        - A tech committee was sent to learn about MyBlueprint.
        - Teachers weren't required to use My Blueprint, and internal communications was done using Teams.
    - Oct: Div 4 visited with Attorney General virtually, which we have done once in the past.
    - Notable events and actives this school year: Cross country, Basketball, Humanitarian Club, WE, recycling campaign, Peer Helpers, Winter Concert, Introduced scholars club (International competition run out of Yale), started math club to compete in mathematics centrum competition.
    - Permanent supervision aids were hired
    - Retirement of Ms. Ferraro in the New Year and McKechnie welcomed Sharmilla Patel as the new administrative assistant.
    - Several school performances.
    - First day of spring break: PM and Provincial Health Officer suspend in class instruction.
        - 2 weeks later all education went to remote online learning. Was incredible feat. Proud of teachers and support staff for managing transition. Had many pitfalls, late nights, long days of troubleshooting different issues.
    - June 1: Hybrid model with return to school. About 30% students have returned to school in varying degrees.
    - Next Year: Provence has announced it will be a hybrid model. Not sure what that will look like.
        - Planning 2 K classes, G1, G1/2, G2, G2/3, G 3, intermediate grades 2X4/5, 3X6/7. 269 students enrolled for next year.
        - Hoping and planning for a full opening but knowing that there may be changes.

Treasurer's Report-Geoff Kennedy, Treasurer

- Budget Update: With pizza and hot lunch program ending at spring break, there is no revenue to report since Spring Break.
- Strathcona Budget was 15K for 56 Gr. 7s this year, however Strathcona camp has been cancelled. Using some of funds allocated for Strathcona to make Gr. 7 Graduation time special.

    - Funding Gr. 7 Caricature, and Legacy gift, a rainbow walk (est. $5000-$6000).
    - This is substantially less that Strathcona budget.
- Subsidized Mathletics license. Given reduced spending on Strathcona we can afford to support that.
- Funding uncertainty next year.
    - With Pandemic protocols, pizza lunch/hot lunch program uncertain for next year.
    - Pizza lunches: If you have an outstanding balance in Munch A Lunch, it will be rolled forward to next year's orders. If you are a parent of a Gr. 7 you can ask for a refund cheque on the Munch a Lunch website by clicking refund button.

Volunteer Update-Leah Collings, Volunteer Coordinator

- Reaching out to current class parents, coordinators, volunteers to see who is interested in staying in their role for next year. Many parents intend to remain in their role for next year.
- Plan in making Sign Up Genius for roles, active in next couple of weeks, so that parents can sign up before summer.
- A lot of events were cancelled, so volunteers weren't needed.
- No safe arrival volunteers needed for next year.
- Still looking for two members to join PAC exec. Minimum 2 year commitment for PAC Secretary and Co-Chair.

Band Update-Tiffany Lee

- Band is underway with social distancing in mind. It was previously planned to break band into smaller groups for benefit of students. 2020/2021 Band Program will continue with junior and senior ensemble.
- Tom coming 3 mornings, 1 morning each for beginner strings, beginner band, and returning band. Planning some ensemble pieces and some solo pieces for each group.
- Rehearsal times shorter: 8-8:45AM.
- Small semi-private lessons to focus on specifics & 45 minutes in group setting at school.
- Ankie will include something in newsletter for band with link for instrument demos for online so students are aware of options. Tiffany to send to Ankie by Thursday.
- Overall cost is the same. $550 for one payment, $600 if you pay in two payments.

Open Floor

- Do Grade 7 students just go to their catchment school? Ankie: school is transitioning all students to their catchment school. Unless you got notification that students are accepted to special programs, you go to catchment. All paperwork is done at McKechnie and receiving schools already have them. Assume that students will be notified of elective courses/classes via email through parents.
- Will families receive any info? Gr. 7 did course selection before spring break, and everything was turned in. Ankie assumes studetns will receive timetable before September.
- Was Parents as Partners questionnaire about children's learning habits sent out this year. Ankie: Went out in May newsletter. There was a deadline, but Ankie has been

accepting late recommendations. Class casting has been finished. If there is something you'd like classroom teacher to know, please speak to them.

Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2020 PAC Meeting: Motion to approve made by Leah Collings. Erin Yorke seconded motion. March 10, 2020 PAC Meeting Minutes approved.

Approval of Minutes from

Closing: Joyce thank you to teachers and staff and to parents for their hard work. Be kind, be calm and be safe.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:35.

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AGM Minutes
June 16, 2020

Motion to Approve minutes from June 17, 2019 PAC AGM made by Leah Collings. Motion seconded by Tiffany Lee. June 17, 2019 PAC AGM Minutes approved.

Ankie Carswell moved to re-elect Joyce Huang as PAC Chair. Motion seconded by Sarah Picciotto. Joyce Huang re-elected as PAC Chair.

Call for nominations for Co-Chair. No nominations for Co-Chair. Co-Chair position vacant.

Call for nominations for Secretary. No nominations for Secretary. Secretary position vacant.

Ankie Carswell moved to re-elect Geoff Kennedy as PAC Treasurer. Seconded by Sarah Picciotto. Geoff Kennedy re-elected as PAC Treasurer.

Ankie Carswell moved to re-elect Leah Collings as Volunteer Coordinator. Seconded by Geoff Kennedy. Leah Collings is re-elected as Volunteer Coordinator.

AGM Adjourned at 19:45.