

**Parent Advisory Council**  
**Maillard Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @7:30 pm in Maillard's Library**

**1. Welcome and Introduction of parents, PAC Exec, Vice Principal Sviatko, and Principal McCutcheon .**

Present: Principal McCutcheon, Vice Principal Sviatko, Will Davis, Nora El Najjar, Stacey Albert, Laura Peterson, Natalie Peterson, and Ljiljana Oljaca .

Minutes taken by: Nora El Najjar

**2. Adoption of January 15, 2018 Minutes:**

Will approved

Nora seconded

**3. Adoption of February Agenda:**

Will approved

Stacey seconded

**4. Principal's Report:**

- Grade 8 is going to Quebec and spending the first night in Montreal. The kids will have a lot of cultural things to do.
  
- Student, teacher and Parent Conferences are respectively happening on the 12, 13, and 14 of March 2019. This conference emphasizes the participation of everyone involved in the learning/ teaching process of students and their families. It gives a clear idea of what's going on in class and encourages kids to do better.
  
- Year-end event (Play land) showed 75% interested. However, Principal, Vice Principal, and staff will be having a discussion about this trip and whether it would really reinforce the connection between kids on that day. There is a preference for an engaging inclusive activity rather than having absent kids on that day or people who don't want to be involved.

- The past PACs have been saving money for a brand new sound system which is happening soon. We have three quotes which Mr. McCutcheon will pass on to Will and Mr. Seah.

The first quote is for 12,000\$, the remaining two for 9,000\$ each.

There is an 8,000 \$ allocated for this sound system.

- The MDI (Middle Year Development Index) was completed by grade 7. It's a great tool that helps the school improve its involvement with the kids, kids among each other, and gives the students a window to express their concerns.

### **5. Treasurer's Report:**

Gaming account had two withdrawals:

13.44 \$for Jackie for 50/50 tax rolls and a 810.43\$ for the arts and cultural events.

Gaming had 1007.92 \$ deposit and 803\$ in expenses for Hot Lunch program.

### **6. New Business:**

- Leaving Ceremony- grade 8 divisions had suggested several ideas such as : escape rooms-paint ball -dance- laser tag -barbecue -photo booth -beach - basketball- Poirier Pool -cellphone permissions...

\*There is a need for parent volunteers .

- Spring School Dance Date Selection:

-Bake Sale suggested on the leaving ceremony day.

-Mr. McCutcheon will support the grade 8's Leaving Ceremony with a negotiable 500\$ -800\$

-A support for the presence of all grades during the Leaving Ceremony.

-After Spring Break, fundraising for the dance will commence. The date of the dance is to be decided later.

- Drama Club was launched with about 20 enrolments.

- Website and PAC Communications:

The PAC website is lacking and needs to show minutes.

- Year-end field trip support:

Vice principal Sviatko suggested PAC pays for the Winter Activity Day (hired and cancelled bus rides) as Maillard students may not be going to Playland and that will be determined through a general staff meeting. Will Davis agree to that payment.

- Sound System will be happening in the next few months.

- PAC will figure a plan to encourage parents' involvement and volunteering with the Hot Lunch program and other events

#### **6. Motion to Adjourn:**

Next meeting April 9, 2019 @ 7:30 pm at Maillard's Library.

Will Davis adjourned.

Nora Najjar seconded.