

PAC Meeting

Tuesday October 27th 6:30pm

Minutes

1. Welcome / Introductions

In attendance

John Stevenson- Board Member

- A lot of memories in this room with his children and now grandchildren attending MHS or YK1 schools

Alicia Stawnichy - Parent

Denise Grey- Parent

Elizabeth Brace- Principal

Cynthia Roach - Teacher

2. What is PAC?

- Opportunity for parents to get together with the school and board members to raise concerns and hear first hand what is going on in the school.
- Good connection with the board
- It was created through the policies/procedures set out by the school board
- Alicia has agreed to stay at chair of the PAC for the 2020-2021 school year
- There will be a 'chair' PAC meeting that is held by the Superintendent, TBA

3. Principal's Report

- Official Report

- Read over report with parents
- We all agreed that the kids are resilient and have started back the year with excitement.
- Teachers have been flexible and adapted to the rules of Covid. There is a lot more on their plates now with the rule.
- Over all the first two months have been smooth.

4. Board Trustee - Mr. John Stephenson

- A huge thank you to the parents for volunteering their time and to the school
 - a. It is a huge challenge to open up in the midst of Covid as every day there is something new and schools have handled this very well.
- Strategic priorities-these are the four pillars that YK1 focus on
 - a. Academic achievement,
 - b. Inclusive education,
 - c. Indigenous education and
 - d. Health and wellness as our 4 pillars.
- They have resumed the search for the Superintendent as Mr. Lippert has only agreed to stay on for a year. They had cancelled the process due to covid restrictions
- Board members just completed their self evaluations this past weekend. It is in conjunction with the Alberta School board association.
- There will not be an evaluation of Mr. Lippert as he is only sitting in for a year.
- Asked for PAC to review policies on website and send any questions/concerns to him as they are looking into them this year

- Tenor of board member, there will be an election in Oct 2021 and they will have a 1 year term, then in Oct 2022 another election and this will be a 4 year term and be in alignment with the City. If you know anyone that wants to run please have them contact John and he can help guide.
- Negotiations for YK1 teachers contract is commencing again. GNWT has signed their new contract, YCS will be next followed by YK1.
- The Chair of the School Board is Tina Drew and she recently met with the MInister and other chairs. It was a very positive meeting. NWT are education leaders. It is a good collaborative working group.
- The strategic plan for YK1 has a life of 2016-2019 and is currently up for a review. Yk1 are leaders in education, and others look to us for what our strategic plan is. Any ideas how this can be changed/added to please email Mr. Stevenson.

5. Questions/Comments/Concerns

- a. How can we raise money for the school as we can not have things like we used to in the past due to Covid-19. (no bake sales/craft sales/dances). There was no surplus this year due to expenses that had to be taken care of when we were out of school. School is on a tight budget this year. Spending will be carefully watched.
 - i. Car washes
 - ii. Pizza Sales
 - iii. Approach businesses (Cynthia to write letters looking for support for food programs) Mr. Stevenson will also write a letter of support if need be.
 - iv. Recycling
 - v. Grants
 - vi. Freezie sales in the spring
 - vii. Any other ideas?
- b. Drop offs in the morning
 - i. Seems to be going well with parents and the parking lot.
 - ii. Home base groups and teachers go out and pick up students. More work for teachers, but the hallways seem to be a lot calmer.
 - iii. Oh Canada has been moved until 9 am so that students are not late now until 9 am, this has allowed for less traffic in the office which is good.
- c. Christmas Feast this year, what will that look like?
 - i. Will be in classroom bubbles
 - ii. Will approach staff to see what we can do so that it is still a special event for the students.
 - iii. Will not be open to parents due to Covid-19 restrictions
- d. Parent Teacher Interviews
 - i. Will still happen only will be phone calls/on line interviews.
- e. Bussing
 - i. Some students are not on the bus and other accommodations have been put into place
 - ii. Bus company is buying more buses and trying to hire more drivers. They have also looked into rerouting some buses.
 - iii. We have some kids having to come in the taxi and some that Mr. Nichols has to pick up in the mornings. This is short term.
- f. Funding for the Food program is on the radar. This program is expensive to run and we will need to look into finding grant money/outside help. Sharon is a full time cook and delivers 90 lunches a day.
- g. How is the CYCC integrating into the school?
 - i. They are available for families during school times and also during holidays and the summer. This is a positive so that kids can access this when school is closed.

- h. What is the difference between BBDC and Forest School?
 - i. Forest school is a way to implement the current curriculum and the outside. Not all teachers are trained in this. BBDC is a curriculum based program run out of MHS and has specific multi level curriculum outcomes.
- i. What will the Remembrance Day ceremony for MHS look like?
 - i. It will be virtual with each class participating in some way.
 - ii. Still first and last post, and bagpipes, moment of silence
 - iii. Students will be in their own classrooms and connecting through google meet.
- j. Website
 - i. Can we look into getting this updated and current?

6. Time and Date for regular monthly meetings

- Third Tuesday of the Month for regular meetings
- 6:30 pm
- Next meeting will be November 17th in the Tipi but will also open it to parents virtually if they want to join
- Will put in agenda/newsletter so parents know and can attend.