

**McNeely PAC Meeting Agenda**

**Date: Monday, March 10, 2025**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Location: School Library**

1. Welcome and Attendance
  - a. Recorder: Claudia Chan
  - b. Attendance: Chrissy Benz, Claudia Chan, Pavan Dhudwal, Philip Ly, Carmen Mak, Karina Sanchez, Kelli Savage, Darryl Unger and Juliana Ng
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved forward to April Meeting – we did not have quorum today.

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – February 10, 2025

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5. Updates from the Executive Team
  - a. **March 21** [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
  - b. **March 21** [World Down Syndrome Day](#)
  - c. **March 31** [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#)
6. Administrator's Report
  - a. School Enrollment/Staffing Process
    - i. Currently 35 kindergarteners registered, we expect to have more, the volume where it's at currently is comparable to what we had at this time last year. We started this school year with 49 kindergarteners, however we could accommodate up to 60.
    - ii. Postings for staffing positions (teachers, resource teachers, education assistants etc) will normally come out in May, will know closer to then about potential staffing changes/hires needed.
    - iii. Currently there are 4 external groups in the McNeely space, if we continue to grow there is a possibility we may need to evict one of the groups. ICY, 2 daycares, StrongStart are the 4 groups.
  - b. Data Collection Update
    - i. Student Learning Survey (gr.4's and gr.7's). There were 72 questions in total, and McNeely's results were either on par or above the district average in 65 of the questions.
    - ii. Areas of development & concerns that were outlined:
      1. Question: I'm learning how to care for our physical health, McNeely is at 3-4% lower than the district average.

2. Question - I'm getting better at math, McNeely is 3% lower than district average.
  3. Question – I'm getting better at reading, McNeely is 2% lower than district average.
  4. Question - I'm getting better at writing, McNeely is 5% lower than the district average.
  5. Question – Self-evaluation of personal perseverance capabilities – McNeely is 2% lower than district average.
  6. Question – Perspective on availability of learning opportunities outside of school compared to counterparts, McNeely ranks at 6% lower than district average.
  7. Question – Feelings of the accessibility to clubs, dance, athletic programs etc – McNeely is at 8% lower than district average.
  8. 19% of McNeely students reported being bullied at some point – the school district average is 26%.
  9. 23% of McNeely students reported being hungry, whereas the rest of the district is at 25% - this could be a reflection of food scarcity in and outside of the home, or that kids are just growing kids.
  10. Most concerning - over 50% of students felt stressed or anxious about school
- c. Noon Hour Supervisors
    - i. Mr. Unger has spoken to noon hour supervisors, providing a reminder of the reason that they're there during the lunch hour. Noon hour supervisors do not have formal training, but should be reporting to Administrators if they see anything concerning. Both Mr. Unger and Ms. Ng are also outside during the noon hour to support as well.
  - d. Student Progress Reports
    - i. Will come out at the end of April
  - e. Basketball
    - i. Wrapping up basketball season – girls and boys basketball teams will be heading to Cambie Secondary for their tournament on March 12.
  - f. Track and Field
    - i. For grades 4-7, this will be coming up soon.
  - g. Monthly Display of Days of Significance
    - i. Working off of the district internal calendar, Administrators are open to feedback if there's something missing.

Questions for the Administrators: –

- a. Availability of free menstrual products at school? What, if any support does McNeely receive to ensure availability and privacy for accessing these products?
  - a. A lot of girls reach out through the teachers, teachers know there's a supply in medical room, and there's an individual washroom there as well. Supplies are not locked, if help is needed there are adults around that they can seek help from
- b. Is any support needed by the school? Supplies are provided by the school, but asking administrators and going to the sick room may not be accessible or welcoming to students. It is unclear how students are made aware of the product availability at school. Machines are in bathrooms, but they are empty. More communication and review of accessibility of products within the stalls can be examined by school.

- c. When will the Body Science program by Saleema Noon be offered again? – Let's discuss in September 2025 – Claudia Chan to reach out to the company to inquire about availability.
    - a. Schools do offer an annual education session regarding puberty, parents have stated that it may be beneficial to start providing the education in grade 4 as opposed to focusing on grade 5 and up, as there is a trend where menstruation is starting earlier and earlier.
- 7. Treasurer's Report (Chrissy Benz)
  - a. Gaming Account (no activity): \$7,624.88
    - i. Gaming will continue to support Field Trip Subsidies
  - b. Operating: \$35,913.76
  - c. Commitments (cheques written, yet to be cashed): \$2,400.26
  - d. Chrissy Benz has registered for the BCEID – takes about 10 business days for the PIN to be mailed to the school, this is now needed to apply for gaming in future years.
  - e. Gaming application portal is open April-June for 2025-26 school year.
- 8. Fundraising
  - a. Mabel's labels
    - i. No start up cost, 10% rewards back to the PAC, aiming to set-up so that we can roll out this information with the Welcome to Kindergarten communications.
  - b. Hot Lunch Update (Karina Sanchez)
    - i. A&W is now an option – launching in April
    - ii. \$340 profit for sushi \$733.67 profit for pizza
    - iii. April 11 – A&W Smoothie
    - iv. April 25 – Sushi
    - v. May 9 – Subway & Smoothies
    - vi. May 23 – A&W Smoothie
    - vii. June 13 – Pizza Hut & Smoothies
  - c. Treat Day Update (Pavan Dhudwal)
    - i. Frosted cookies & Popcorn (March 10) - profit of \$138.00
    - ii. Wednesday – April 9 – Kernels popcorn bags 😊
    - iii. April 30
    - iv. May 7
    - v. May 21
    - vi. June 11
  - d. Family Fun Night
    - i. We are continuing to accept donations for silent auction (letter is on our webpage), PetSmart and Canadian Tire have agreed to make donations, we have some great sports memorabilia that have been donated as well.
- 9. Roundtable
- 10. Adjournment

Next Meeting – April 14 at 7:00pm