

McNeely PAC Meeting Agenda
Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Teams

1. Welcome and Attendance
 - a. Recorder: Claudia Chan
 - b. Attendance Sukh Shergill, Carmen Mak, Cynthia Wong, Vivien Lo, Karina Sanchez, Jovan Renshi, Pavan Dhudwal, Darryl Unger, Julianna Ng
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Approval of the Agenda

Pavan Dhudwal motions to approve the agenda Cynthia Wong seconds the motion 8 votes in favour objections 2 abstentions, motion passed and carried.

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting – January 13, 2026

Vivien Lo motions to approve the agenda Karina Sanchez seconds the motion 8 votes in favour 0 objections 2 abstentions, motion passed and carried.

5. Administrator's Report (Darryl Unger & Julianna Ng)
 - a. Saleema Noon Program
 - i. Program has been presented
 - ii. 28 families represented at the online parent meeting
 - iii. 25 families opted out, so the of families majority attended and was well received
 - iv. 6/7's were allowed to submit questions via pieces of paper which were read out and then answered
 - v. Other than differences from one grade level to the next, information was identical to what was presented to the parent session
 - vi. Some feedback that was received was that children felt very overwhelming, and it made them feel uncomfortable, took the child some time to digest what was happening, parent of a grade 3 and 4 student felt that the topics were just too advanced for their age level
 - vii. The goal is to have children go home to have discussions with their parents after they go home, so it is good to hear that this happening
 - viii. Are there any programs available that teaches the science/body anatomy that we could also look into?
 1. Teaching staff in district have a couple of programs that are taught on an bi-annual basis
 2. Safe body, strong kids is an option, teachers themselves will share information
 3. Intermediate students there are family life presentations

- a. There is a broad range of understanding and knowledge around these topics
 - b. For some students, the information will be overwhelming, for other students it's important for them to know because what they think is factual may not be the case, the point is to present factual information to students.
 - ix. It is challenging to design a program with such a wide range, and whether children are ready to not, the stance is that it's still important for students to hear this information
- b. Shuffle Dance Program
 - i. Gabriella Gloria is the instructor
 - ii. Set of workshops begin on Feb 24, then the bulk will be within the first 2 weeks of March.
 - iii. Afternoon performance will happen on Friday, March 13
 - iv. Choreography will be shared with staff, audio tracks have been shared as well so that students can practice in class as well
 - v. Performance will likely be after lunch, exact timing to be confirmed
- c. Pink Shirt Day
 - i. Student Council are creating posters for awareness
 - ii. School-wide event will be collaborations on art pieces
 - iii. No formal assembly this year, as the actual Pink Shirt Day lands on the early dismissal day
 - iv. Encourage everyone to wear PINK
- d. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - i. Early dismissal on Wednesday, February 25
 - ii. Many staff are choosing to have a student sharing component, and there will be time to connect with teachers on literacy, numeracy, behavioural and social engagements within the classroom
 - iii. Please connect with your teacher if the times available do not work for your schedule
- e. September Registration/Enrollment
 - i. 35 students confirmed at this point after round 1, we have room for 50 students, so 15 spots still available
 - ii. Transfer requests should be submitted sooner rather than later
 - iii. 49 grade 7 students leaving our school this year
 - iv. District hopes McNeely will maintain current enrolment and number of divisions
- f. Bargaining Update
 - i. Negotiations are going well
 - ii. Potentially an agreement that will come down the pipeline shortly
- g. Evan Dunfee
 - i. Administrators have reached out to Evan, we are awaiting a response at this time to confirm time and date of the presentation.
- h. Before/After School Care program
 - i. District hoping to open a Before/After school care program at McNeely
 - ii. Students who attend McNeely would have priority for enrollment
 - iii. Ideally using the classroom which Ms. Saragoca used to occupy for this program if it moves forward
- i. Sensory Room

- i. Thank you to PAC for funding new materials for this space, Administrators are working with the Inclusion Support Teacher- Jean Posenjak and Richmond Pediatric Team (VCH) OT- Alex Tham as well as the EA team members and Resource team to figure out how to use the space in an equitable and intentional way
 - ii. Hope to have the room restructured and set-up by beginning of March
 - j. Universal Hot Lunch
 - i. Administrators attended a session this afternoon regarding the program
 - ii. Funded by “Feeding Futures” as well as “National Schools”, funding is from the Ministry
 - iii. 3 different ‘zones’ each will have their own vendor and their own menu
 - iv. Dietary considerations are taken into account ex) halal, vegetarian, gluten free etc
 - v. Munch-a-lunch platform would be used, if parents already order from PAC they now will have 2 profiles, 1 for McNeely PAC one for Feeding Futures
 - vi. Lunches will be labelled with names and dietary notes – awaiting confirmation on distribution details, more info to come early next week
 - vii. Are students who have the need being prioritized? - By offering this universally, it removes stigma
 - viii. Biggest part of the Feeding Futures program is supplying the community fridges at school, while it is also universal, the kids can access more regularly as needed
 - ix. Is funding coming from federal level, or from the district? - Ministry at federal level has allocated funding to the district for this program. The funds are from a different bucket, it is specifically allocated for this purpose to address food insecurity and nutrition, so not taking from one to fund the other, completely separate piece
 - x. The program is optional – there is no obligation to take part. The program is currently operating on a ‘temporary’ basis we won’t know whether the government will have funding until we receive the budget for the next school year
 - k. Vaccinations
 - i. Communications might have come directly being sent home via classroom teacher but from the health department with a list of lapsed vaccines etc, there shouldn’t be anything to worry about at the school level, though K’s and grade 6’s are getting vaccines if they’ve returned consent forms.
6. SD38 Projected Budget Shortfall
- i. As discussed at the February 3 RDPA meeting, the district is now projecting a \$3 Million operating budget shortfall for the 2025/26 school year. The Board of Trustees has requested input on budget priorities from PACs
 - ii. McNeely PAC has decided to present this topic at the PAC meeting to work with our Administrators on areas of priorities for our school
 - iii. District has committed to have decisions not impact schools for the 2025/2026 school year ex) vacant positions will not be filled for the time being. The hope would be for it not to impact school
 - iv. What would impact schools would be if our staffing levels need to change. We do not know what it may look like for the next year

- v. Administrators have also been asked to be especially prudent the way that expenses are incurred and discretionary expenses, limiting food/beverage for gatherings/meetings
 - b. What budget priorities are important to you?
 - c. Are there areas that you think the Board should consider allocating additional funds to support the priorities in the Strategic Plan?
 - d. Are there any budget-related suggestions that you would like the Board to consider?
 - e. What other questions or concerns do you have?
- 7. Treasury's Report (Vivien Lo)
 - a. Gaming Account Balance as of January 31, 2026: \$11,481, we've just paid for the Saleema Noon workshop, that will be reflected in the February update
 - b. Operating Account Balance as of January 31, 2026: \$43,488, an increase in funds due to the Munch-A-Lunch deposit of funds
- 8. Fundraising
 - a. Hot lunch (Karina Sanchez)
 - i. Reminder that Thursday we have Subway for Lunch
 - ii. Taco Luis will be the next one after that
 - b. Treat Day (Pavan Dhudwal, Jovan Renshi)
 - i. Haven't had the opportunity to present dates, hoping to do something before spring break
- 9. Indoor action day – sales were tremendous, raised \$600 for the outdoor ed program
- 10. Roundtable
- 11. Adjournment:
 - a. Next meeting – Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:30pm
 - b. May and June meetings will be at 7:00pm as they will be in-person.