

McNair PAC Meeting

PAC Chair: Vidhu Sharma

Treasurer: Linda Sabatini

Secretary: Seema Toor

Date: November 28, 2024

Time: 7pm

Location: McNair Secondary School

Approval of meeting minutes from September 2024 meeting

In Attendance : Seema Toor, Linda Sabatini, Vidhu Sharma, Maria, Linda, Sam, Mike Jaswal, Julianna Kung, Ali Safdari

Principal's Update:

School events that have happened/upcoming:

School has had a few incidents of bullying and to address the issue and create a community of understanding and empathy, the school has brought in members from different backgrounds within the community to discuss issues, educate and give knowledge to students.

Volleyball season has come to an end and now basketball season has begun.

Parent/Teacher conferences – Most parents are opting for in-person meetings with about 25% choosing the online method.

Santa/Winter Breakfast will be held on the last day of school before break, December 20th. All students and staff are welcome.

Grad 2024: Boat cruise and Winter formal have been held with 140 participants this year.

Prom date: June 13th and Valedictory will be the last day of school. Parents propose that the dates for future years should be switched so that Prom is on the last day of school, and this allows parents of Dry Grad to prepare the gym without interrupting class time.

Chair's Update:

Maria will investigate the Community Grant and if we receive approval, a few ideas for using the funds are, seniors brunch, hot dog BBQ for the school and community, increase accessibility by creating no cost events. Welcome new members, Ali Safdari, member at large and Julianna Kung who will be shadowing Linda Sabatini as treasurer and will take over duties in the new school year.

Treasurer's Update: See attached the allocation of gaming funds approved November 28th, 2024.

Next Meeting: TBA

Spending Criteria: Gaming Funds must enhance student's extra-curricular opportunities. Gaming funds may not be used to pay for goods or services used primarily by teachers to deliver curriculum or by students to complete curriculum requirements.

Student publications: newsletters or yearbooks
 Student competitions: writing, debating, chess, music
 Student computers: software, hardware, accessories
 Student societies: drama club, student council
 Student ceremonies: graduation, dry grad
 Student conferences or educational field trips within BC
 Uniforms and equipment for extracurricular activities
 Sports or playground equipment
 Awards and trophies Scholarships and bursaries
 Student transportation and travel within BC Capital projects (not including school construction)

If you have a request that fits one or more of the above criteria, you are welcome to fill out the application and submit it to Michael by Friday, October 25th. The accepted applications by the Gaming Funds Sub Committee of the PAC will be presented to the PAC. Please be specific and thorough when filling out this application, as we don't want to return it to you for more clarification, which will possibly deny the application. Please use one application per item or activity. Members of the PAC will review these requests at the PAC meeting on November 5, 2024.

Staff Member Name	Department / Club:	Description of Item:	Grade Level	Number of students who will benefit from this item?	Total cost of item requested?	Gaming Funds Approved 2024	Dry Grad Funds (from 2023)	Prior Year Amount	Comments for Prior Year	It may not be possible for PAC to provide funding for the full value of your request. Please describe what you would do if you received only partial funding?	Please provide rationale of why you are requesting this item?
PAC - Dry Grad						\$3,000		\$3,000			
Natasha Blair	Student Council	Holiday Breakfast	Gr8-12	Entire school	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$700		all funds go to purchasing all resources needed to provide the best affordable experience	this is an annual event that brings our school community together and these funds will help decrease the cost for tickets
Natasha Blair	Student Council	Year end Carnival	Gr8-12	Entire school	\$1,500	\$1,500		\$2,500		all funds go towards purchasing all resources needed for outdoor activities and carnival supplies	this is our annual year end event where everyone gets together to celebrate a successful school year.
Stephen Gold	Library	Reading Riot books	Gr. 8-12	Entire school	\$500	\$500		\$500		Possibly reduce the number of books purchased thus reducing the number of students who can participate	This is for the district-wide annual Reading Riot event. It is the single biggest effort to promote reading for pleasure. This money will be used to buy two copies each of 12 different titles across a wide range of genres to appeal to all students. The McNair version runs from just before winter vacation until just after Spring break. McNair PAC has most generously supported Reading Riot all of the eight years I have been the TL. Thank you very much.
Joel Jh	First Responders	Insurance and supply costs, equipment replacement, and training reimbursements	Gr. 8-12	Entire school	\$1,700	\$1,700		\$1,355		Try to reimburse only 50% of the First responders courses as FRs are needed to run the club and act as leaders for the club and in emergencies	The First responders have gone from a club to an essential service for the school as they address medical concerns and emergencies that occur among the student body. We have to pay annual insurance and membership fees to cover our supplies, equipment and insurance coverage for our FR team
Natasha Blair	Grade 8 Days	trips, supplies for activities, prizes, care package	Gr8	130	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$0	\$350 provided prior to 2023/24	all funds would go to decreasing price per student	to create the most affordable option for all grade 8s to engage in 2 days of connection
Neill McCallum	Science	Indoor Garden Tower	Gr 8-12	All	\$1,500	\$250		\$0		Looking for funds from other grants for purchase	Used for growing indoors to learn about where food comes from and lifecycle of plants (great for collaboration with science and foods). https://c-a.towergarden.com

Edward Liao	Science Club	supplies and fees for science competitions	Gr 8-12	Around 30+ Club Members	\$800.00	\$250		\$500.00		The science department has typically covered any overages that PAC has not provided. But in recent years, we have run a deficit in science so large costs for science club can not be covered. We would be forced to withdraw from these competitions.	The McNair Science club enters into two science competitions every year: Kwantlen Science Challenge and Physics Olympics. In addition to competing in events on the day of, students are also given 6 weeks to complete a design/build project that will be used on the day of the competition. Every year, the build is different, and the cost of supplies varies. The costs have been increasing every year. For Kwantlen Science Challenge, we have one junior team and potentially two senior teams. The junior team are building a motor propeller powered boat. The senior team is building a car that must carry 4 coke cans in a race. Our teams need funding for construction including sourcing materials, motors, and electronics. The Physics Olympics event is in second semester, so the events and therefore the costs, are unknown. Registration for Physics Olympics is \$20. The costs for the event are \$1000.
Aman Dhaliwal	Athletics	Volleyball uniforms	Gr 8-12	60-70	\$1,915	\$500		\$1,150	Basketball jerseys purchased (\$500 from Legacy)		
Maria Zanikos	Soccer	Sr. Boys Soccer Jerseys	Gr. 8-12	25 Soccer players	\$1,560	\$500		\$0		I would have to out tape on the jerseys to make out numbers that have peeled off.	
Chris Banks	Athletics	Rugby Jerseys	Gr 8-12	20-30	\$2,420	\$500		\$0			
Rob Young	Physical Education	Warm up equipment for PE classes	Gr 8-12	Entire school	\$975	\$0	\$500	\$500	Gym weight equipment 2 years in row	Buy as many as I can and supplement from volleyball account	
Dean Morris	Integrated Academics	IA grad hoodies	Gr 12	25 Grads	\$750	\$750		\$750		Fundraise, look for other avenues of support to help offset cover the cost.	
Jenna Dur	Integrated Academics Afterschool Activity Club	Board games for board game club and subsidized movie tickets for IA film club	Grades 11 and 12	Up to 45	\$215	\$215		\$0		Fundraise, look for other avenues of support to help offset cover the cost.	
Angel Ao	Mandarin Club	Prizes and items for club activities such as Talent Show, card games, board games, etc.	Gr8-12	club members 30+ and participants of the Talent show	\$300	\$150		\$250		cut down the number of activities	
Jenna Dur	Rainbow Cafe	Supplies to host monthly rainbow cafes with our 2SIALGBTQ+ students and allies	Gr 8-12	Club members	\$215	\$215		\$250		Fundraise, reduce the number of meetings per year	

Douglas Leung	Choir Club	Sheet Music	Gr 8-12	Club members (22) + entire school from enjoyment of new music	\$ 336.00	\$ 336.00		\$ -		Reduce the number of scores purchased and/or look for other sources of funding (fundraisers etc.)	This will allow choir club members to sing music they want to sing, which ultimately supports support member interest. This enables us to perform in more venues, and potentially resurrect the choir program at this school.
Douglas Leung	Choir Club	Performance Folders	Gr 8-12	Club members (22) + entire school from enjoyment of new music	\$672	\$300		\$0		Either fundraise or ask club members for money	In order to look presentable during performance, we will need something to hold our music in. These folders are also re-usable each year, and this would likely be a one-time purchase that should last for a long time and support the club for many years to come.
Naima Iversen	Grad Council	Support for our legacy project	Gr. 12 Current and Future Graduating classes	Each year the legacy projects benefit the grads of McNair.	\$336	\$0	Borrow from other school	\$1,000	Provided for Grad Icebreaker and Tshirts	We are fundraising.	
Julie Holden	Music	Various Instruments	Gr 8-12	Music program + school for many years	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,150	\$500 from Legacy	We will have to continue to ask students to wait or not participate in our programs.	We have nothing left. Band instruments, string instruments to lend to students. We are in need of violins, violas, cellos, all band instruments and they are all in the hands of students and as more want to join, I've had to turn people away or ask them to wait until I can find money for instruments. With this money we can buy some instruments to help students be part of them music program and they will be used for many years.
Ronnie Bains	Unity & Peace	supplies	Gr. 8-12	Entire school	\$500	\$250		\$250		We may need to cut down on some activities	To recognize and celebrate differences between people (cultural, identity) so everyone feels welcome and respected at McNair. The club members also fundraise for causes that they choose and deliver care packages to the DTES twice annually.
Marco Soriano	Theatre	New Projector for the Theatre	Gr. 8-12	Theatre Program and entire school for assemblies etc.	\$4,940	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$1000 from legacy	Our projector will need to be replaced. I am being pro-active. We would appreciate anything that the PAC would be willing to contribute	The projector is integral to our theatre. The current one that we have was bought in 2005 and is very much out of date. It has also been glitching lately. We use the projector for performances, ceremonies such as Mini School Grad and this year's Orange Shirt Day. The projector is also used for grade assemblies and showing of student films.
Joel Jh	Yearbook - Business Ed	Digital copyright licenses for fonts and other licenses, camera storage, equipment replacement and general supplies needed	Gr. 10-12	24 Yearbook members but the entire school benefits as well	\$200	\$0		\$0			The yearbook has miscellaneous costs for licenses for items such as fonts, pictures, designs, and other digital goods because the yearbook is a product the school sells. The yearbook also requires purchasing equipment such as SD cards for cameras, camera caps, tripods and other equipment needed for photography.
Kenneth Lui	Martinaires	Supplies for campaigns & food/drinks for year-end celebration of students' efforts	Gr. 8-12	53 club members Entire school and Richmond community with campaign efforts	\$500	\$500		\$500		Fundraising may have to be diverted evenly between charity donations and club needs.	On behalf of the Martinaires, the school's social responsibility and service club, I am asking for PAC's financial support of our 2024-25 campaigns that benefit the Covenant House Vancouver and other charities, alongside the year-end celebration for all our volunteers' efforts. This money will be used for consumable supplies like paper bags, bread, peanut butter, and jam for our homeless outreach; wrap, school supplies, and a ball toy for our Christmas shoebox campaign; paint to replenish existing supplies for poster and board work; packing tape for all donation boxes (whether is for books, warm clothing, or canned food donation); cardstock for art projects like thank-you cards and signs; candies/chocolates for campaign prizes; and other emergent uses throughout the year. A portion of the money will also be set aside to pay for the year-end volunteer celebration in June.

Kenneth Lui	McNair Tutors	Pizza/chips/drinks for semester-end "thank you" to volunteer student tutors	Gr. 9-12	45 student tutors School community	\$392	\$250		\$250		Cut down to one year-end celebration in June	<p>On behalf of the McNair Tutors, the school's free peer-to-peer tutoring service, I am asking for PAC's financial support of the semester-end celebration and thank-you for all our volunteers' efforts.</p> <p>This money will be used to fund a January and June "thank you" lunch (pizza, chips, and drinks) for all our volunteers who gave their time to help support students in need of academic support. McNair Tutors offer a one-on-one tutoring service for all students at McNair, with some even devoting time on weekends to remotely tutor via Teams. This group of 45 tutors, ranging from grades 9-12, freely share their expertise with students struggling in academic subjects on a purely volunteer basis, and the two student execs tirelessly answer all e-mail requests and match tutors with tutees well into their own personal time.</p> <p>I would like to express McNair's collective thanks for this group's efforts</p>
Kenneth Lui	Mini Council	Supplies/prizes for campaigns & food/drinks for year-end celebration of the Council's efforts	Gr. 8-12	10 student leaders Mini School community of 125 students	\$450	\$250		\$250		Plan alternate activities using existing classroom supplies; fundraising for the Council's own needs	<p>On behalf of the Mini Council, the annually-formed student group elected by their peers, I am asking for PAC's financial support for our Mini-related festivities and the year-end thank you for the ten Council members for their leadership.</p> <p>The Mini Council was created to address the needs of our Mini School population. We want to create a family of students with more cross-grade interaction beyond the annual trips and cohorted classes. The Mini Council's mission addresses four areas: community outreach (donations, charities, drives, fundraising), event planning (to foster community-building within the Mini School program), public relations (Instagram and other social media to spread awareness), and student voice (ballot box, suggestions, votes).</p> <p>Last year, Council was instrumental in a holiday gift exchange, group activities at Squamish, a food drive that benefited the Fish and Food Bank, and...</p>
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					\$27,677	\$15,916	\$1,500	\$15,355			
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				Remaining		73.25	1,804.55				