

Myrtle Philip Community School Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes: January 17^h, 2017

Co-Chair: Shauna Hardy-Mishaw and Kerri Stewart
Recorder: Lee Schwartz

Attendees: Kerri Stewart, Shauna Hardy Mishaw, Jeff Maynard, Julius Dallago, Angela Dallago, Kathleen Cunningham, Annalisa Fiten, Lorraine Grills, Elena Murphy, Lee Schwartz, Don Schwartz, Liz Thomson, Melissa Perizzolo, Marcia Meszarus, Ric ???, David Perizzolo, Christine Reimer, Christy Craig, Monica Rampolodi, Linda Nicholson, Chris Vaillarcout, Dawn Bell, Cori Wray, Launie Wray, Lindsey Wray, Kathy Oliver, Mat Bouchard, Kayla Anderson, Tamara Beaton, Mark Beaton, Debbie Hampton, Mark Hampton, and many more people for the Expert Panel that are not listed.

Regrets: Alison Taylor Robb

Meeting was brought to order at 7:10

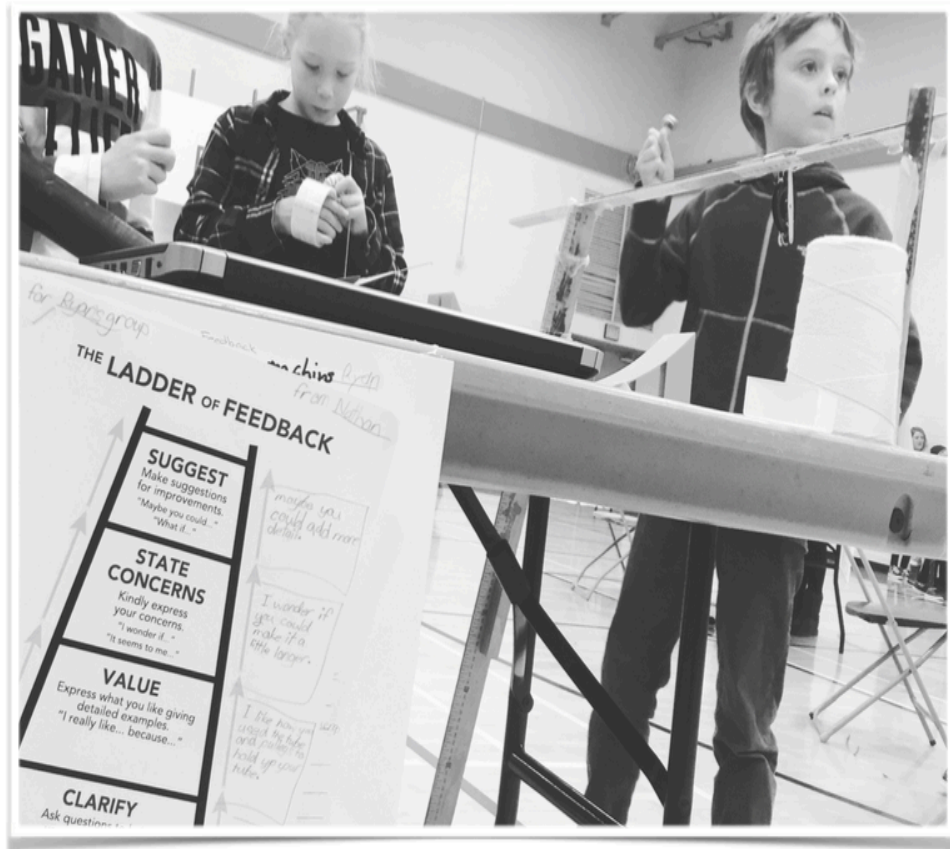
1. Introduction of the PAC Executive members
2. Minutes from the October 5th, 2016 meeting were approved
 - Kerri motioned
 - Melissa seconded
3. Principal's Report - Jeff Maynard
 - see attached report
4. Chair Report - Shauna Hardy Mishaw and Kerri Stewart
 - See attached report and budget
5. DPAC Report - Melissa Perizzolo
 - Melissa is MPCS DPAC representative and the DPAC chair
 - PACs are advocates for parents
 - DPAC meets with district staff regularly so DPAC members know what is going on within the district
 - Melissa encouraged PAC members to contact her with any questions by either telephone or e-mail
6. Next PAC meeting - April 10th, 2017
 - Looking for topics of interest to discuss after this meeting
 - Please list topics on sheet of paper at the back of the room or e-mail possible topics to Lee Schwartz (mochatoes@hotmail.com)

- Topics of Interest for Discussion from sheet at meeting:
 - a) Field Trip Financial Support - Kerri Stewart
 - b) What is happening with teacher hiring from BCTF ruling? - Don Schwartz
 - c) Last years artist in residence "Medicine Wheel" - Kathleen Cunningham

7. Meeting Ended at 7:25

- Melissa motioned
- Kerri Seconded

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Student Exhibition of Learning....

Making Student Learning Visible to the public

<http://www.whistlerquestion.com/news/local-news/myrtle-philip-students-open-up-classrooms-to-the-community-1.3828158>

Robotics and Goal Setting...

We received some ministry funding to start doing learning about coding and critical thinking around problem solving in an innovation based society.

Students will start to work with some of our robots while doing some mini-units around goal setting and reflection. We have built a curriculum that makes student thinking visible and the capacity to receive feedback and reflection immediate.



MyrtleEd Talks & Jordan Romero..

A few weeks ago, Jordan Romero came and spoke to the school about Goal Setting and Leadership and the need to rely on community and our family to support us in achieving our goals. It was an inspirational day, and will set the stage for our students as they approach the Myrtle Ed talks/speeches this coming semester. Our MyrtleEDtalks happen in all intermediate classes and will culminate in a school wide TedTALK production and we will be hosting another multi-school evening at Millennium Place like last year.



Studio News

Students will be working with Marimba's and Xylophone this term. Mrs. Edwards is going to be working with classes to learn and research some prominent Canadian artists to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday this year.

Our Winter Concert was a huge success thanks to the dedication of Mrs. Edwards and the staff for all their extra work.



Outdoor Learning

Teachers have been making use of the snowshoes and classes are getting outside to do some place based learning as often as possible. There are so many learning opportunities in our community, and we are looking for exciting opportunities to bring the community into our projects and learning design.



Our Schools and FSA.

We are currently starting a Our School Survey that will help inform our school Learning Plan around student engagement and perseverance and students abilities to take risks with their learning. This information will give us a base line for the work we are doing with goal setting and building a culture of reflection and critical thinking. This survey is from grade 4-6

We will also be starting the FSA (Foundational skills assessment), and this gives us a snapshot of how our students are doing with their reading, writing and numeracy.

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School Learning Plan.

We continuing to develop our school learning plan that focuses on developing students as reflective learners. We believe that when we focus on documenting the process of learning and are metacognitive through this process with the students, then they students will be more reflective and better equipped to form their own learning targets. We also believe that when students form their own learning targets they are more likely to take ownership in achieving them. This philosophy has informed our theory of action, and will lead to structures and collaborative teaching strategies that will target perseverance in our student population and an elevation of their overall competency development.



MPCS PAC Meeting January 17, 2017

Chair Report: Presented by Shauna Hardy Mishaw & Kerri Stewart

PAC UPDATES

Library Refurbishment

- \$2,095.75 Library Refurbishment: Purchased and installed a plasma screen to further enhance the library's new Research Centre, Listening Centre, bookshelf and seating area completed in 2015-16 funded by PAC (\$7,500 investment)

Classroom Supplies

- \$14,000 has been disbursed to the 14 classrooms with \$1,000 per classroom allocated for supplies and field trips

Field Trip Funding

- Increased to \$4,000 from \$3,500 for intermediates

Outdoor Classroom

- We are working with the principal and school district to build an Outdoor Classroom connected by an accessible garden pathway to schoolyard edible food gardens and local medicinal plant gardens
- Fundraising to cover \$60,000 budget (\$40,000 confirmed to date including \$6,250 for the accessible garden pathway, \$15,000 from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, plus approx. \$20,000 from MPCS PAC fundraising. Two other grants are pending at \$10,000 each including Squamish Savings and RMOW CEP
- Our intention is to begin the project in Spring 2017 providing funding is approved

Snowball Gala & Auction – Feb 3

- Friday, February 3, 7pm-11pm, Nicklaus North Golf Course
- This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and lots of fund for parents, teachers and our community to connect to our school
- Featuring appetizers and food stations, cocktails, a silent auction, raffle, live entertainment by Ira Peddle, dancing and more.
- Up to 200 can attend (50% sold to date)

Internet Safety - Date TBA

- Presented by the White Hatter – Darren Laur – about internet and social media safety
- To be shared with Spring Creek, and feature parent and intermediate student workshops for intermediate grades

PAC

- We are creating a sub-committee of the PAC executive to work on Ethics and Bylaws and to update our Strategic Plan, and are working to have completed to present at the AGM on June 6
- Parent Advocacy – PAC April Meeting Topic

Financial Update

- Our revenues are on pace with our budget for Q4, and we have netted almost \$50,000 in proceeds to the end of December 31 or 57% of our forecasted budget
- This is based on our capital expenditure revenue and donations being revised to \$40,000 and expenditures to \$60,000 for the outdoor classroom

What is MPCS PAC?

The Myrtle Philip Community School Parent Advisory Council (MPCS PAC) is made up of parent volunteers who oversee a wide variety of programs, fundraising initiatives and advocacy to help support our students, teachers and the administration of our school which serves 330 students from kindergarten to grade seven. The purpose of the PAC is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and the well being of MPCS's students to support the school's mission *"to ensure academic excellence by building a community of engaged learners"*.

We work to:

- Advise the principal and staff on parents' views on any matter relating to the school, including its programs, policies, plans and activities
- Communicate with parents to promote cooperation between home and school in providing for the education of children
- Support the teachers at the school in their work in the classroom
- Assist parents to gain access to the educational system
- Contribute to the effectiveness of the school by promoting the involvement of parents and other community members.

What are some of the PAC initiatives?

MPCS PAC oversees a variety of activities and committees for the purpose of fundraising and the cultural and educational enrichment of our students. We believe that by involving and informing parents, we will have a more supportive and effective school environment for our children. It is up to us to work together as a community to ensure our children have the best possible school experience. Each year we need to raise funds for our school, and we need your support!

PAC supported initiatives 2016-17:

- \$60,000 Outdoor Classroom connected by an assessable garden pathway to schoolyard edible food gardens and local medicinal plant gardens
- \$2,100 Library Refurbishment: Purchased and installed a plasma screen to further enhance the library's new Research Centre, Listening Centre, bookshelf and seating area completed in 2015-16
- \$14,000 Classroom Supplies
- \$4,000 Field Trip Fund (Intermediate 4-7)
- \$2,500 Artist in Residence
- \$10,000 Health & Wellness Programming
 - Internet Safety
 - Sexual Health (Opt-in)
 - Physical Well Being
- Parent Education Workshops

Our annual fundraising initiatives include:

- **Hot Lunch Program** (September – June) – Our most important annual fundraising activity, netting over \$20,000 over 35 weeks of the school year. For 2016-2017, this program includes a hot lunch program 3 days a week for 3 sessions:
 - I. Fall / Winter: September 20 to December 16, 2016 (13 weeks)
 - II. Winter: January 10 to March 16, 2017 (10 weeks)
 - III. Spring: April 11 to June 29, 2017 (12 weeks)
- **Snowball Gala & Auction** – held each year in February
- **Movie Nights** - held 4 times per year
- **Holiday Art Cards** (October – November)
- **Lovable Labels** (ongoing) – <http://www.mpcs.lovablelabels.ca>
- We also apply for several government grants to support programming and supplies

Our annual events include:

- Welcome Back Barbeque (September)
- Trinkets and Treasures (December)
- Movie Nights (Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb)
- Snowball Gala (February)
- Fun Day (June)

How do I get involved?

Being part of the PAC is a great way to meet other parents and for you to have a direct effect on your children's education. Look at the descriptions for the many volunteer positions, come to the PAC meetings to find out what the school's needs are or contact us directly. Or like us on facebook ([facebook.com/mpcspac](https://www.facebook.com/mpcspac)) or visit our website at mpcspac.wixsite.com/mpcspac.

Meeting followed by:

CONCUSSION

TUES, JAN 17

7:00 MPCS PAC Meeting
7:30 Presentations

**& BRAIN INJURY
EXPERT PANEL**

Brought to you by MPCS PAC

Allison McLean & Emilie Whittemore
Physiotherapists, Peak Performance Physiotherapy

Greg McDonnell
Counselor, Empathic Psychotherapy

Dr. Stephen Milstein, Registered Psychologist
Mountain Psychology and Neurofeedback Centre

FREE clinic to be preceded by a MPCS PAC Meeting. All parents and teachers in our community are welcome to attend.
Email mochatatoes@hotmail.com for more information.

Over 80 people attended this Expert Panel. All feedback was positive.