

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

With no meeting in December and attending Dr. Martin Brokenleg in January instead of having a formal meeting, the last meeting for PAC was back in November. All those who attended Dr. Brokenleg's presentation really enjoyed it and the other Linda S. had requested the powerpoint handouts from Dr. Brokenleg so they will be attached to these minutes.

Our meeting topic this month was a presentation by Brad Stelmach and Dana Sands, Counsellors at Miles Macdonnell. The presentation was on Transition to Life after Graduation, University, College or Work. Brad and Dana took a totally unexpected twist on this subject. They began the presentation with a clip from a CBC documentary called Hyper Parents & Coddled Kids. This documentary explores the cultural pressures on parents to be hyper-parents and how this spoiling and helicopter parenting is just setting the kids up for failure. They also presented some great points on the transition to Post Secondary school, suggestions for planning and how to survive. Something that I found really interesting was the side by side comparison of High School and University regarding class time, size, environment, course load, assessment, expectations and grades. Brad and Dana were fabulous, the information was so useful and it would be great to have some of this information provided to parents starting in Kindergarten. It may be possible to also have their powerpoint presentation attached to these minutes.

Reports

Staff and Music – B. McConaghy

- Harvey production Nov. 28 – 30
- Holiday bake and craft sale – Dec. 3
- Christmas concerts Dec. 14 and 15
- Senior Christmas dinner Dec. 13
- Key Club homeless dinner Dec. 19
- Provincial Exams and Semester 1 exams – January 2012
- Course changes semester 2 and class profiling – Feb. 2012
- Junior High tours and Student Leadership – Feb. 2012
- STUCO retreat – Feb. 24
- The Great Escape – Grade 11 IB Students at the University of Manitoba – Feb. 28
- MMC Ski Trip – Feb. 28 - Mar. 4
- GE Projects – Mar. 9
- Scotland Music Trip – Mar. 19
- Costa Rica Science Trip – Mar. 21
- Vimy Ridge – Apr. 6 - 17
- Course Registration Day and Post Secondary Info – Mar. 15

Administration and Alumni – V. Laurie

- Registration Process with Teacher Advisor Meetings, Feb. 27, Mar. 1, Mar. 6, Mar. 15, Mar. 20 and Mar. 22nd. Registration Day and Interim Reports on March 15th.
- Friday, March 16 – Divisional closure (PD at MMC)
- March Break – Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30 – first day back, Monday, April 2nd
- Parent/Student/Teacher meetings April 4 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm and April 5 from 1:00 – 3:15 (April 6th is Good Friday)
- “Pulse” Launch – Thursday, April 19th at 8:00 pm at McNally Robinson on Grant Avenue
- Thank you to PAC for Nourishment Break for Staff Appreciation Week, February 15th.
- Miles Macdonell Reunion being held June 22nd with 2 concerts and wine and cheese. On June 23rd with a pancake breakfast, volleyball, tea, memory lane walk through, performances, hotdog vendor, cotton candy, popcorn and yearbooks for purchase. From 3:00 – 6:00 there will be a Beer Garden at Melrose CC. Tickets are \$36.00 each.

New Business

- Colleen received a Safety Awareness magazine that was circulated
- MAPC conference is being held on April 27 and 28 at the Victoria Inn with guest speaker Barbara Colorosso – Parenting with Wit and Wisdom. Go to the MAPC website for more information
- MAPC 100th Anniversary is 2012/13

There are 3 meetings remaining in this school year. Our next meeting is March 20th with our topic to be announced. Possible topics are Resilience in Kids or Parenting. There was a suggestion to have the new Superintendent come to speak but it didn't seem too well received. The April meeting will be on the 24th and our last meeting will be May 29th which will be covering the School Plan.