

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 25th, 2012**

Welcome and Introductions

It was noted that Linda Storoschuk is the Secretary for the Parent Council, but we do require a Chair Person. Mr. Daniels let it be known, asked for a volunteer with no response and deferred the subject to the end of the meeting.

Mr. Greg Daniels (our new Principal) introduced himself and gave us some information on his background.

Mr. Robert Campbell (our new Vice Principal) and Brenda McConaghy (Student Services) did the same.

We then went around the table and introduced ourselves and gave information about our children and what Grades they were in at Miles Macdonell.

Reports

Staff and Music – B. McConaghy

Grade 10 Welcome to MMC

- first day Welcome Barbeque hosted by the MMC Student Leadership Team
- Student Club Fair held on Friday, September 7th
- “Are you Buck Enough” – Welcome evening hosted by the Student Leadership Team on Friday, September 14th

MMC Student Leadership Team

- Camp Arnes Retreat – September 11TH AND 12TH
- Grade 10 representatives to be selected this month
- WE Day Celebration in November 2012

Student Exchange Programs

- KLAS Japanese students from Switzerland
- Manitoba/Quebec Student Exchange
- Encounters with Canada participants

Music Program

- Flute Ensemble at the Grade 10 and 11 Honours Evening
- Musicians to perform at Good Neighbours Senior Fundraising Fashion Show
- Prodigy Auditions/Selection
- Musical Production - :Mamma Mio” auditions in November 2012
- Holiday Craft Sale – December 1

Grade 12 Parent/Student Information Meetings

- Grade 12 IB Parent/Student Meeting – Thursday, September 27th
- Scholarship Information Meeting – Wednesday, October 17th
- U of M Evening of Excellence (IB students) – Tuesday, October 30

September Family Events

- MMC General Open House and Barbeque – September 13
- Grade 10 and 11 Honours Evening – September 20th

Administration - G. Daniels

- as of startup of school, population of the school this year is 1200 students which includes 32 International Education Students
- hockey, football, soccer, cross country and volleyball teams are all in session and tryouts.
- There are no Interim report cards this year but teachers are required to contact homes of students who are “At Risk” starting on October 17th. There will be mid-term reports and end of term reports. 2012 – 2013 school year will see all report cards the same province wide.
- Professional Development days for October will be the 5th and 19th (SAGE)
- Parent/Student/Teacher Thursday, November 22nd in the evening and the afternoon of Friday, November 23rd.
- Priorities for 2012 – 2013 are Technology, Assessment and School Wide Positive Culture
 - Technology – Flexibility of Internet Use in the school; investigate students accessing personal mobile devices for learning; increased communication to parents through email – goal 100% participation; up to date and dynamic websites; TYLER technologies.
 - Assessment – successful implementation of the new Provincial report card; results in Provincial Standards Tests to be at par or higher than Provincial average; students will participate in their evaluation through peer and self-assessment; differentiation in instruction and assessment practices.
 - School Wide Positive Culture – making the school a safe and comfortable place to be. There will be a survey coming out to students on this subject to get input from the students regarding their comments on the Culture of the school. Decrease in the # of Lates, Absences, and Suspensions. Increase student participation in school activities.
 - Emphasized Programs this year: High School Apprenticeship Program, Community Service Student Initiative
- Trips 2012 - 2013:
 - October
 - Culinary Olympics trip to Germany;
 - VG & VB Volleyball trip to Edmonton;
 - Camping/Hiking Trip to Riding Mountain National Park
 - November
 - Hockey Trip to Chicago
 - March
 - Italian Masterpiece – Italy
 - Languages – France and Spain
 - Spain, Italy and Greece

New Business

Grad information is all available on the website.

Question was raised as to why the Parent Council doesn't do any fundraising. Each department (example – Music does the Craft sale) does their own fundraising for each individual event or department so PAC is not required to do fundraising. Mr. Daniels also let the PAC know that there is a budget for things like Staff Appreciation and if we would like to do something for that when it comes to let him know.

In the past we have come up with some themes for possible speaker presentations at our Parent Council meetings. Mr. Daniels asked if there were any subjects that people might like to cover in our meetings. Some ideas from previous years are Learning Styles, Teenage Brain, Career Cruising, Technology, Learning Disabilities, Resilience in Kids, Drivers Education Information, IB Program information and information on Programs within Miles Macdonell Collegiate.

Another suggestion from Mr. Daniels was to cover what is on the agenda at each meeting and then have question and answer time regarding anything and everything that is going on at Miles Macdonell Collegiate. This seems to be the way the meetings will be run with some information given on Drivers Ed, Career Cruising and Programs. Regarding the IB information, it was concluded that the school holds enough IB information evenings and that it would not need to be covered at the Parent Council Meeting. This is probably a good idea because not all parents at the meeting have children in the IB program.

Mr. Daniels again asked if anyone was interested in becoming Chair. Michelle Taylor volunteered for the position. Papers were signed. Thanks to Michelle for volunteering!!!

Meeting dates for the year are as follows: (all Tuesdays) October, 23rd; November 20th; January 22nd; February 26th; March 19th; April 23rd; and May 28th. We do not hold meetings in December or June as those 2 months are just too hectic.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 23rd.