



McGowan Park PAC

Oct 8, 2024 6:30pm

McGowan Park Elementary Library

PAC Executive: Chair: Jessica Sutherland **Co-Chair:** Vacant **Treasurer:** Vacant **Secretary:** Leah Scott

DPAC Rep: Jonathon Bowers/Shantelle Cooper **Events Coordinator:** Krysty Craig

Carnival Coordinator: Felicia Baker **Direct Drive Co-ordinator:** Sara Ronnenkamp

Munchalunch Team: Leah Scott, Amanda Johnson, Stephanie Springford, Amy Reid, Julia Holmes

Attendees:	Jessica Sutherland, Leah Scott, Krysty Craig, Richelle Velestuk, Felicia Baker, Jamie O'Dwyer, Faren Brogan, Sara Ronnencamp, Jonathan Bowers
Staff:	Jayne Latta

1. Call to Order

J. Sutherland called the meeting to order at 633pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by K.Craig/S. Ronnenkamp
That the agenda be approved as presented.
Approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by K.Craig/s. Ronnenkamp
That the minutes of the meeting be approved as circulated.
Approved.

4. Chair's Report

Motion by K.Craig/J. O'Dwyer
To recommend Faren Brogan for Vice chair position.
Voted. Passed

Motion by K.Craig/S. Ronnonkamp
To recommend Jamie O'Dwyer and Felicia Baker for Co-Treasurer Position
Voted. Passed

5. Financial Report

Report given by Richelle Velestuk

As of Sept 30th:
General Account unrestricted funds: 21608.00
Gaming Account unrestricted funds: 1601.00

Gaming Grant of 8400.00 was approved and deposited into the gaming account last week
Motion by K.Craig/J. O'Dwyer
That the financial report be approved as presented.
Carried.



Motion by K.Craig/F. Brogan

To add a variance 10% more of cost up to 100.00 on any purchases without an extra vote

Carried

Motion by K.Craig/S.Ronnenkamp

To allow an email vote on any financial needs before next PAC meeting in the case of emergency. Attendees from last two meetings will be included in the vote.

Carried

Motion by F.Brogan/R.Velestuk

To give the student advisory council 0.50 per student for a total of 209.00.

Approved

Motion by J.Sutherland/K.Craig

To give 250.00 for ball fund for the school

Approved

Motion by J.Sutherland/R.Velestuk

To give teachers a classroom discretionary fund – 20.00 per student (418) for a total of 8360.00 and one pot of 500.00 for all non enrolling teachers to use at the discretion of Principal Latta.

Approved

Motion by J.Sutherland/K.Craig

To provide funding for Come read with me - 5.00 per student for a total of 230.00

Approved

Motion by J.Sutherland/F.Brogan

To provide a 500.00 Scholarship for a former McGowan student that graduates from Sahali Secondary with the top academic grades in Grade 12.

Approved.

Motion by K.Craig/F.Brogan

To provide a staff appreciation fund of 1000.00 for the school year.

Approved.

Motion by J.Sutherland/K.Craig

To provide 250.00 for supplies for Come Read with me Volunteer Tutoring (formerly 1:1 reading).

Approved.

Motion by J.Sutherland/K.Craig

To give 500.00 per teacher for field trip funds for a total of 9500.00 from Gaming Account

Approved.

Motion by F.Brogan/K.Craig

To provide 300.00 for Grade 7 end of year celebration

Approved.

6. Principal's Report

Report given by Principal Ms. Latta



- Back to school BBQ very positively received with open house as well.
- Cross country running Gr 3-7 has 50 students.
- Gr 6 boys won aggregate medal for overall score
- Stereo system has arrived and is installed. Awaiting electricians.
- Enrollment is down to 418.
- Maintain 19 divisions
- Student teachers are back. One long term and 2 short term new teaching students
- Budget constraints due to 2.2 million dollar district deficit. There are no extras. Not supplying TOCs for pro D days, increasing bus costs for field trips.
- Grade Group Meetings with each grade to discuss values
- Digital Device Policy reviewed with students
- District is starting to look at catchment changes when new Snine Elementary school opens. Meeting on Nov 6 from 6-7pm to discuss this with parents.
- Learning goals focusing on Numeracy this year. Focusing on ways to improve learning goals for higher learning needs and indigenous students.

7. DPAC Report

- Discussion about the 2.2 million dollar deficit in the district
- Issues have arisen with BCCPAC. Advising no one pay District PAC dues (we have already paid). Confidence has been lost. Bonnie McBride stepped down as the chair of DPAC because of the issues.
- Portable bowling alley available for events
- Requested that all PACs redo constitutions if they have not been done recently (ours was redone 4 years ago).

8. Direct Drive

- Currently only sitting at 680.00
- Will make a push to help families understand what the whole point of it is, to replace other fundraising options but we need contributions to come in or we might have revisit the idea of fundraising.

9. Events

We are always looking for more people to join our events team!

- Back to school BBQ very successful
- Thank you Blackwell dairy for milk donation
- BBQ location on field well received

-Halloween dance Oct. 24 is this month. Admission will be 2.00 per child, plus 50/50 and concession to make money.

Motion by K.Craig/J. O'Dwyer
For 700.00 for Halloween dance costs
Approved

-Movie Night in November 1 for inside out.
Will do admissions, concession, and pizza to cover costs.

Motion by K.Craig/F.Brogan
Request for 1000.00 for November movie night
Approved



-Dec13th (tentative date) pancake breakfast

Motion by K.Craig/L.Scott
Requesting 400.00 for the supplies for this event.
Approved

-Jan 24th Hot Chocolate and marshmallow day

Motion by K.Craig/L.Scott
Requesting 300.00 for the supplies for this event.
Approved

-Valentines Dance Feb 14th during the school day.

Motion by K.Craig/L.Scott
Requesting 350.00 for prep for this event
Approved.

10. Carnival Report

-Carnival committee will launch in December

11. Munchalunch Report

-First Lunch date was Sept 17th
-Ms. Oryschuk's class will help deliver food to classes again this year.
-We switched pizza vendors to allow for both gluten free and dairy free options
-We will continue with the same vendors as last year but also adding in Shifu and Senor Froggy will do 4 pasta days because we had some date conflicts with our current vendors and it ended up that we had to shift and add some other options
-We will run two sessions again this year rather than three. Keep in mind that you don't have to order for an entire session at one time. You only need to order one week in advance and minimum.
-We have a couple of new volunteers helping on Tuesdays (Thank you Julia and Amy) and 3 helpers sending weekly reports (Thank you Amanda, Stephanie and Sarah). Leah Scott still remains as the lead on the munchalunch program.
-Should someone be interested in learning the entire program and working towards taking it over, in Sept 2026 Leah's kids will move over to the new school in Pineview and someone will need to be in place to continue here at McGowan.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by J. Sutherland at 8:28pm

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm at McGowan Park Elementary library

If you would like to be part of our PAC Whatsapp chat where you can connect with the PAC, bring discussions forward, and we use the platform to remind you of meetings and volunteer opportunities, please click this link to join.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FiCaeLYPHLz4SzW0S7RdiO>