

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 23rd, 2012**

Welcome and Introductions

- There were a couple of new parents at the meeting so Mr. Daniels introduced himself and had them do the same.
- Minutes from the last meeting were adopted with no changes.

Correspondence

- RETSD Annual Report
- MAPC Newsletter
- Minister of Education – nomination for outstanding teachers
- All the above items were circulated at the meeting. Brenda McConaghy will post the nomination poster in the school

Guest speaker - Mr. Brad Stelmach on Career Cruising

Some of the parents at the meeting had visited the Career Cruising website with Mr. Stelmach in the past. Due to time restraints we decided that it would be best to have the information to access the website provided in the minutes and those parents who would like to work through the questions and explore the website, can do that on their own.

Website – careercruising.com
Login – macdonell
Password – careers

Handout that Mr. Stelmach provided will be attached to the minutes.

Reports

Staff and Music – B. McConaghy

- **MMC Spirit Week – Thursday, October 25 to Wednesday, October 31** – The MMC Student Leadership Team has a number of activities planned for the student body, including a school dance on the 25th and a costume day on the 31st.

- *Dates to Note:*

Remembrance Day Services (morning at MMC) on Friday, November 9th

University Fair (afternoon at MMC) on Friday November 9th

Brandon Jazz Festival Parent Meeting on November 19th

Music Holiday Craft Show at MMC on Saturday, December 1st
(10:00 am- 3:00 pm)

Administration - G. Daniels

- Our music teacher, Zane Zalis, received the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence in teaching and also Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Award.
- KLAS student exchange came to a close with the Japanese students returning home after the Thanksgiving weekend. The KLAS Reception Evening occurred on the evening of Oct 3rd.
- Germany Culinary Trip was October 3-14. Ten MMC students and four KEC and 1 staff member from each school participated on this trip. It was an excellent experience for all.
- Varsity Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams travelled to Edmonton on the Thanksgiving Day weekend. The teams performed well and turned out to be a bonding trip for the players.
- IB graduate awards assembly occurred on Thursday, October 4th.
- Oct. 5th was a PD day and the session for the teachers was on report card writing and grade book. The SY's schools are experiencing a new student Management system (TYLER) and provincial report card.
- Interim Report cards were not issued. Instead, teachers contacted students experiencing difficulty.
- Administrative Team met with all teachers to review their Professional Growth Plans during the last two weeks.
- Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball Team hosted a very successful tournament on the weekend of Oct 12-13.
- Oct. 16/17 Administration Team went to Gimli for a professional development retreat. The topics and presenters were excellent.
- MMC – scholarship evening was held Oct. 17th
- MMC – Good Neighbors Senior Fashion Show was held on the afternoon of Oct. 17th
- Provincial Cross Country races occurred on Wednesday, Oct 16.
- Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball Team competing in Brandon on Oct 19 and 20.
- Bus evacuation occurred on the morning of October 23rd.
- Oct 29th in the evening RETSD and Winnipeg Symphony in Concert at the Centennial Concert Hall
- Trips confirmed for next school year so far include:
 - o Costa Rica
 - o Japan

New Business

Scholarship Information night notification was late getting out to parents. Mr. Daniels had noted same and explained that it was just an error at the school and every effort will be made to ensure that information like this will be sent out with more notice. Information from that evening is available on the website, at student services and it will be attached to these minutes.

It was also noted that times on the website calendar do not always make sense. It may be some sort of default that shows events happening at noon when clearly they are not. If no time is put in maybe it goes to that default time. Regardless, Mr. Daniels will be investing that issue.

It was noted to also add the PAC Meetings to the calendar on the website along with time and location.

Linda brought information to the meeting regarding an S-Trip that her son had brought home. It was concluded that the trip is from an outside agency and is not a school sanctioned trip. The school has sent home a notice advising parents of the same.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 20th