

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 25th, 2011**

Ms Laurie was away – Mr. Jacob (Vice Principal) attended in her place.

Information from Colleen on items she had received in the mail:

- MAPC is requesting stories from people regarding their experiences with Parent Council. Register to submit a story by December 16th and story must be submitted by March 31, 2012 to info@mapc.mb.ca
- MAPC Newsletter had information about the Annual Conference being held on April 27th and 28th at the Victoria Inn Conference Centre in Winnipeg. One of the presenters will be Barbara Colorosso and she will be presenting on Parenting with Wit and Wisdom. Anyone interested in attending to contact MAPC at 956-1770 or info@mapc.mb.ca and their website is www.mapc.mb.ca

Reports

Administration and Alumni – K. Jacob

- KLAS student exchange came to a close with the Japanese students returning home after the Thanksgiving weekend
- New York trip was during the Thanksgiving weekend where kids took in Broadway Shows and Ground Zero. All the details are available on the Miles Macdonell website.
- Italy trip will be April 2012 with the KE Collegiate students and staff. Students will be assigned a soldier to research and then will visit their gravesite with this social studies/history trip
- Spring break will be the Costa Rica trip – Environmental Studies
- Oct. 7th was a PD day and the session for the Administration was “Assessment – planning with the end in mind” whereby the staff is figuring out the most important learning outcomes and how best to work with the curriculum to find important outcomes. The division looks at what the guiding principals are.
- Oct. 14th PD session looked at how to assess that the students learned something. The 3rd part of this assessment program will be deciding what best to teach within the curriculum
- Oct. 19th Report Cards went out with P/S/T Forms given to the kids Oct. 25th at the TA Meeting. Interviews are being held in the evening on Thursday, October 27th and the afternoon of Friday, October 28th
- Oct. 13/14 Administration Team went to Gimli for a retreat. Previous to this retreat, staff read a book by Margaret Wheatley called “Finding our way – Leadership in an Uncertain Time”. Then this was the basis of the session.
- MMC – scholarship evening was held Oct. 19th
- We Day – November 23rd MTS Centre. MMC will be receiving 55 tickets for students to attend.
- Boys Volleyball – took 1st place in Alberta and Alberta commented on how we had the best team.
- Football playoff game against River East on Wednesday, October 26th at KE Field.
- Boys are in a hockey tournament October 28th weekend at the MTS Iceplex
- Gay/Straight/Alliance Group has been started up and to date about 18-20 kids have attended. Their reasons for attending have varied with some coming to support their friends, may have a gay family member or just come for themselves. They had a “Wear Purple Day” at school and had great support from students and staff.
- A parent asked about report cards and would there be a change in reporting style. As discussed in the past, the interim report card is codes and the rest of the reporting for this semester will be percentages.

- A parent also asked about the trips for next school year. When all the arrangements for those trips are finalized, then we will report on them.

Staff and Music – B. McConaghy

- students came up with a plan to knit hats for the homeless and they had their picture and a write up in the Harold Newspaper.
- September 28 – Grade 12 IB Student/Parent Meeting
- October 6 – IB Grad Evening
- October 14 and 20th – 7 Habits workshop with 60 students at Melrose Place
- October 19 – Good Neighbours Senior Centre Fashion Show. This is the 7th year the students have been involved and this year they raised close to \$4,000
- October 19 – Scholarship Information Evening at MMC
- October 21 – SAGE Conferences had great workshops available to staff
- November 1 – Christmas Craft Sale Planning Meeting – Paula Wiebe
- November 2 – WSO Concert with River East Transcona School division Partnering with the WSO along with other students
- November 4th – Canadian University Fair at MMC – there should be about 38 schools from across Canada attending
- November 28 – 30 – Drama Production this year is Harvey
- December 1 – Cosmetology Department’s Annual “Cure-A-Thon”. Public can come and get services and all money goes to the Cancer Society. It is from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- December 3rd – Christmas Craft Sale
- 60th Anniversary all in order with the planning and will be held on June 22nd and June 23rd

We were supposed to work on Career Cruising with Mr. Stelmach, but the meeting ran too long. We carried forward the idea and asked Mr. Stelmach to come back to our next meeting and we will start the meeting with the Career Cruising. Anyone interested in looking at the Career Cruising website in advance and possibly trying out the questions to see what your career could be can go to careercruising.com the username is manitoba760 and the password is careers.

Next PAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd where we will cover the subject of Career Cruising.