

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate  
Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Chair Colleen Kuilman away ill – get better soon Colleen!

Ms. Lauire to chair the meeting. Welcomed everyone and introduced speakers for the evening.

- Ms Irene Drabik MATC (Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre)
- Ms Joanne Zahaiko (MMC Student Services)
- Mr. Brad Stelmach (MMC Student Services)

It was decided that instead of the speakers talking to the group about things that may not even pertain to them, that they would take questions from the parents who were in attendance. It was great to be able to talk to the guest speakers and to other parents. The topics were how to deal with the adolescent student, how to engage and motivate and how to deal with at risk behaviors. Parents need to be aware that Miles Macdonell Student Services are available to help parents and children with any of these issues. It was a great way to tackle the issues, much better than just listening to a presentation.

## **Reports**

### **Staff and Music – Brenda McConaghy**

- IB Grad was held on October 7<sup>th</sup>
- University of Winnipeg presentation was in early October
- University of Manitoba will be November 8<sup>th</sup>
- Red River Community College date TBA
- Scholarship Evening was held on October 14
- School Dance being held the night of the meeting (Oct. 26)
- Outreach Music Concert – November 1 – Winnipeg Symphony
- Music Craft/Bake Sale December 4<sup>th</sup>. Parent volunteers are all welcome. There will be a table set up during P/S/T conferences where parents can sign up.
- Good Neighbors Fashion Show was held on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> which raised over \$3,000 for community seniors.

### **Administration**

- Junior Varsity Cross Country – Provincial Champions
- Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences on Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 9:00 pm and Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:15 pm
- Grad Fund Raiser – Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> – Bud, Spud and Steak

- Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup> – 7 Habits Workshop for Grade 10
- Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Service
- Monday, November 22 PD Day
- Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Mid-term reports
- November 23 – 25 The Diary of Anne Frank being presented by the Theatre Group
- December 2 – Cure-A-Thon for Cancer by the Cosmo department
- December 4 – Music Craft Sale
- Dec. 8 and 9 – Christmas Concerts
- Wed. December 22<sup>nd</sup>, last day of school before Christmas Break, early dismissal 2:15
- Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – school re-opens
- Construction The school is still in the middle of construction. The Band Room is now completed . The wheelchair accessible washrooms are not finished nor is the cafeteria. The elevators are scheduled to be complete by January 2011
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**Alumni**

- Jim not in attendance, but it was reported by Ms Laurie that the Alumni are continuing to meet regarding the Reunion. The Alumni raises monies that can be used for scholarships and other items to benefit the school. They are working on the Grad Fundraiser Bud and Spud and will be hosting the Sisters of the Holy Rock.

**No New Business**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and the parents decided they would like to have “Dealing with and re-wiring the Adolescent Brain” as the topic at the next meeting. Ms Laurie to have a speaker available on this subject for the next meeting.