

Moscrop PAC Minutes – September 18, 2017



1. Welcome and Introductions - Mary MacKillop and Elaine Dun (PAC Co-Chairs)

- Meeting started at 7:00 pm in the Moscrop Library. PAC Executives in attendance: M. MacKillop, E. Dun, V. Dermanschi, H. Louie, T. Quan, J. Lee, and Z. Liksutina, S. Tam, and Principal P. Fester (Regrets: C. Hui)
- M. MacKillop welcomed parents and asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were 25+ parents in attendance.
- The group shared a minute of silence to acknowledge the passing of student M. Shen.
- Affirmation of PAC's role:
 - Host business and financial meetings
 - Oversee allocation of gaming funds appropriately
 - Treasurer's role is to present past budget and financial standing and proposed budget
- PAC meeting minutes are posted on the Moscrop website under the PAC page
- If you are not already on the listserve and want to get notifications, you will need to email Moscrop.Info@sd41.bc.ca.
- The PAC email is moscroppac@gmail.com and we welcome parent feedback, ideas or concern

2. Approval of May 15, 2017 AGM Minutes

- Motioned by T. Quan and seconded by V. Dermanschi to approve the 2017 AGM Minutes. Majority in favor. *Motion approved.*

3. Principal's Report - Paul Fester

- Vice Principal T. Wozny has been loaned to Alpha in the interim and H. Watson is filling in for him temporarily
- We now have more staffing resulting in smaller class sizes – the average is around 25 students per class. Smaller classes for grade 8s (approx. 22 students per class compared to 28-29 from last year). Overall student population is 1,435 and Moscrop is one of the few schools growing
- Moscrop continuing to hire additional staff (challenge is that other districts, e.g. Vancouver & Surrey are also hiring)
- By Tuesday of next week, everyone will have been placed and there will be no further changes for the rest of the year
- Report cards: we don't print these out anymore except for Grade 12s as many report cards are not picked up; we are trying to be more environmentally friendly
- Information will be sent out on the education portal (MyEducationBC) where parents/guardians can access their children's report cards online
- Teachers will be able to use the portal more effectively for assignments, attendance, and communication
- Moscrop now has a technology app for students to access school information (planners are only provided to Grade 8s now); students are encouraged to use the free app, which is accessible for android/Apple phones - myMoscrop is the app name
- Students can bring their own personal electronic device to school and connect to the free WIFI/Moscrop network
- In the last year, we bought 3 laptop carts for use by students and teachers; we have lots of technology throughout the school
- Parent night on Thursday night (Sept 21) – parents can walk about and follow their

son/daughter's schedule; on Wed students will be provided with a blank schedule so you can visit and meet their teachers;

- AP Results Advanced Placement – any student earning a 3 or better on final exam will receive credit for their first course at University. Last June we had our largest number of AP exams written, 349. 91% of the students had 3 or better. Moscrop is the second largest AP school in Burnaby after Burnaby North. We had a number of students receive international achievement and this will be communicated on the website shortly.
- Moscrop is increasing the number of sports and fielding teams in most sports with the exception of football
- H. Louie asked about the TOC list (Teacher on Call). P. Fester noted that Burnaby did a very good job of hiring for their TOC list and we have about 150 on that list for 8 secondary schools
- Moscrop now has 88 or 89 teachers
- French immersion can be in the AP program; although there are more French immersion courses for grades 8, 9, 10
- Moscrop will not be requiring any additional portables. We took in all cross district applications prior to the deadline and have been closed for out of catchment since March;
- Grades 9-12 students signed up online this year for lockers, which allowed students to choose their locker partners outside of their homeroom
- Other support staff at Moscrop: We have a school liaison officer who works with students; we also have a safe school specialist (W. Best) to help ensure all our students are successful and his role is to help mediate conflict. We are creating a peer mediation program that W. Best and O. Loong are running. This helps students help each other to solve issues.
- We also offer academic support – there is core support available if your child has a learning difficulty – they will have a class where the teacher will help them. The SUCCESS club also helps students (teachers and peer tutors to provide academic support)
- Communication is key and we don't necessarily know if your son/daughter is struggling on an academic concern or conflict. Our goal is deal with these long before things escalate. Please arrange to see the school administration if you need anything. Our counsellors' doors are always open
- We have approximately 120 paying international students who bring cultural diversity to Moscrop. Their enrollment at Moscrop also gives us more staffing opportunities, as well as other funding, so we can deliver more programs to all our students
- Grade 8 elections coming up as part of our student government
- Collaboration Days underway – we will have 5-block days for these. Collab class begins at the start of the day with staff supervising in classrooms and senior students as part of the leadership group help out, e.g. study groups

**4. Treasurer's Report
2016-2017 Fiscal Year
Moscrop PAC -
Vera Dermanschi**

- In the spring we applied for the Gaming grant, which is usually approved and received by schools in October. Based on last year's student population, we hope to receive approximately \$27,000 for the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Using the gaming funds, teachers will submit requests to spend money on clubs, uniforms, math tests/ competitions, play productions, Moscrop school newspaper printing costs, etc. These requests will be discussed and then approved as part of the 2017-2018 budget
 - We have an opportunity for a beautification project in the main area of the school and since we are carrying over approximately \$14,000 from last year's budget, we will put forward a motion to allocation \$5,000 to the beautification project
 - The project is to bring more elements of aboriginal/indigenous culture into Moscrop and recognize our heritage; this artwork will be positioned on the blank wall above the ramp in the main entry. A paid artist will be brought in
 - M. MacKillop put a motion forward: *Motion to allocation \$5,000 from the remaining 2015-2016 gaming funds to school admin for beautification project with indigenous art. Motion seconded by S. Tam. Majority in favour. Motion carried.*
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**5. DPAC Report -
Herman Louie**

- District Parent Advisory Committee has parents from all the school PACs in attendance
 - A PAC 101 meeting will be held on September 27 and will share information about what a PAC does, what's expected of a PAC Chair, how to run a meeting etc.
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**6. Parent Education
Evening**

- PAC uses some of its funds to provide free education to parents/guardians and we are partnering on an Internet/Social Media Safety program with The White Hatter (former Victoria Police Officer) on Wednesday, October 25. Watch the listserve for more information and sign up details.
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**7. Adjournment and
Next Meeting**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.
 - The next PAC General Meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2018.
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