

**Miles Macdonell Collegiate
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

Administration

- It was a very sad week at school with the sudden passing of Mr. Larry Sawchuk. The school division had crisis response available on Monday with people available for staff and students to talk to.
- The carnival that is being held on the 28th will have all the proceeds donated to the Arthritis Association in Mr. Sawchuk's memory.
- The funeral is Thursday the 28th in the evening. There was talk of cancelling the spring concert on Thursday night, but it was decided that Mr. Sawchuk would have wanted the concert to go on.
- A memorial service will be held on Friday the 29th at 2:30 pm at the school.
- IB Exams were held off site at the Melrose Community Centre instead of in the school library. It went very well and left the library available for the rest of the school to use.
- French immersion exams are being held this week
- Regular exams start on the 16th until the 23rd
- The digital sign will be coming June/July and is funded by the International Education Money (\$24,000)
- Athletic banquet June 4th
- Administration days 24th and 25th
- Scholarship night – 25th – last year \$180,000 worth of scholarships were given
- Convocation – 26th – Concert Hall
- Talked about the dinner and dance and how the school wants to encourage more parents to attend. Each year we will try to get more parents to come and make it seem more common for parents to attend then not

Alumni

- yearbooks have been scanned and are stored digitally on computer files. The alumni will decide on how they can use these to fund raise for the school
- 60th anniversary plans underway for June 30th and July 1st 2012. The next planning meeting is Sept. 14/09, everyone is welcome

School Plan

PAC members gave some feedback to Ms Laurie on the RETSD Priorities they would like to see taken into consideration for the planning of the 2009/10 school year:

Teacher Portals

- request for “Edline” type system to see an update on student’s work at anytime. Access to current grades. Swan River has the system at Ecole Swan River South and Swan River Regional School. Parents have an access code for their child’s records.

Email

- newsletters
- notes home posted on website as a lot of kids don’t bring the notes home
- weekly messages
- alerts

More parent friendly attendance profile

Safe School

- student population in MMC should be appropriate for the physical space
- review of appropriate programs offered at MMC
- avoid duplication of services

More active Parent Council

- more frequented, better participation
- communication (website), digital sign, parent emails
- create a culture of involving parents
- not a fund raising committee

Selection of PAC for next year

- Colleen Kuilman – Chair person
- Jim Smith – Alumni
- Linda Storoschuk – Secretary

New Business

- there will be an open house the 2nd week back at school in September
- Helen Arkos will be retiring at the end of this school year
- first PAC meeting scheduled for September 29th at 7:00
- PAC meeting for November to be scheduled on November 16 to see Dr. Robert Brooks speaking on Engaged Learning. Location to be announced

**This was the last meeting of the year.
Have a great summer everyone!!!**