

MCI Parent Advisory Council Minutes
October 25, 2021

Members in Attendance – Kerry Hannah, Betsy Unrau, Nancy Nelson, Paul Kim, Larissa Rodgers, Suzie Hiebert, Elaine Kalberg, Mike Toews (Teacher Rep), Derek Thiessen (MCI Student Council President), Kyle McKinstry (Principal)

Regrets – Leighann Quiring

- Call to Order at 7 pm by Principal, Kyle McKinstry, as regrets given by Leighann Quiring
- Review of Constitution and naming of Executive Members. (All positions Acclaimed)
 - Chairperson – Leighann Quiring
 - Vice-Chairperson – Elaine Kalberg
 - Secretary – Open and needs to be filled at next meeting
 - Treasurer – Betsy Unrau
- Treasurers Report: Balance \$179.04 - Motion to accept treasurer's report with a balance of \$179.04 – Unrau/Hiebert
- Principal's Report (Kyle McKinstry) – Find Attached at end of minutes.
- Student Council Report (Derek Thiessen – President Student Council) – Technical difficulties with microphone – report not received.
- New Business
 - Discussion re: fundraisers.
 - Options such as: Kernals popcorn, ham and jerky, Purdys Chocolate, Bothwell Cheeze, etc.
 - Discussion re: the importance of students going for testing when they are not feeling well. If no testing students must stay home from school for 10 days and isolate, along with family members. If students are staying home it is essential that they are staying current with their school work on google classroom. There is no substitute for being in a classroom with a teacher.
 - Discussion re: the importance of allowing our children to develop resilience and not to rush in and save them every time they experience strife. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from hard situations, manage stress, solve problems and recover from failure. There are many attributes that lead to resiliency. Many of which are:

competence, confidence, character, control, coping skills, contribution, and connection. A resilient child will become a happy adult.

- Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2021 at 7 pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Note: additional meetings may be added if required/ No meeting to be any longer than one hour unless agreed upon at the time.



MacGregor Collegiate Institute

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Principal: Kyle McKinstry Administrative Assistant: Sandra Peill

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Mission:

MacGregor Collegiate will foster an educational community in which all members learn.

- 160 Students attending MacGregor Collegiate
 - New staff members/change in assignment:
 - Sandra Peill - Administrative Assistant
 - Amber Dyrda - Band Teacher
 - Monique Clement - PCSD Social Worker
 - Jennifer Friesen - Resource/Art/Guidance
 - Mark Borgfjord - Science/Math/Accounting
 - Colleen Nicholls - Educational Assistant
 - Tara Li - Educational Assistant
 - Sonya Rodgers - Educational Assistant
 - Mask use amongst students overall very good, but several students pushing the guidelines daily. Teachers reminding students of proper mask wearing guidelines. If students need to be spoken to by the office, they are reminded that if spoken to again on the issue that they will be sent home for the day.
 - 2 COVID-19 Cases to date at MCI with one possible infectious period during sporting event.
 - October 13—New Public Health protocols for our region:
 - *As a result of increased community transmission and case numbers in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region, public health officials are implementing stricter household self-isolation (quarantine) requirements for this region.*
 - *Schools in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region will apply these requirements, which include:*
 - *household members of close contacts or symptomatic people who have not had any known COVID-19 exposures must also self-isolate until the close contact tests negative. If not tested, they should self-isolate (quarantine) for the same period as the close contact. Public health officials will provide any further guidance during the contact tracing process.*
- Fully vaccinated (two doses) or recently infected (within six months) people will be exempt from this requirement. Asymptomatic designated workers who are not fully vaccinated, but are taking part in a regular rapid testing program, are also exempt from self-isolation (quarantine). If the worker or a close contact in the household has symptoms, the exemption does not apply.*

- **October 18, 2021 - Testing begins for PCSD unvaccinated Employees. Three times per week.**
- **Only outside organizations/businesses that are vaccinated will have access to PCSD Schools.**
- **Student Council is Active and vibrant with a large portion of Council coming on as Grade 9 Members-at-Large.**
- **Live-Streaming our sporting events - mci_studentcouncil on Instagram.**
- **Vaccinated Fans are now allowed into watch MCI sporting events. Must show valid vaccination card and another form of ID to enter the building.**
- **Addictions Foundation of Manitoba Presentation to all MCI students Monday, October 25, 2021.**
- **MCI Academic Awards - November 1st - notice sent out to parents via School Messenger System.**
- **Take Our Kids to Work (TOKTW) - Grade 9 students - November 3 - Virtual.**
- **November 25th (5:30-8 pm) & November 26th (9:00am-12pm) - Parent/Teacher at MCI will be welcoming vaccinated parents to meet with their child's teachers. Parents can still request an email, call or google meet with their child's teacher is unable to access the school. Notice to parents will be sent out first week in November.**
- **Edsembi Parental Portal - Means for parents to stay connected with their child's school programming.**
- **If you ever have a question about your child's programming – Contact your child's teacher.**

Professionally,

Kyle McKinstry

