



## Citadel PAC Meeting October 1, 2024 7pm in the Library

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<b>Chair:</b>	Chris Bell	Present
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Catarina Bennett	Present
<b>Secretary:</b>	Trisha Letain	Apologies
<b>DPAC Rep:</b>	Leah Amaral	Present
<b>Social Media:</b>	Isabela Castro	Present
<b>Principal:</b>	Mark Clay	Present
<b>Vice Principal:</b>	Rachel French	Present

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chris

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Welcome and introductions. Meeting attendance was taken via sign-up sheet.
- Adopt the Agenda - addition to the agenda - group introductions - round table discussion around ideas for fundraising and passion projects around the school

### REPORTS:

#### Principal's Report: Mark Clay

- Exciting to see this many parents come out for the first meeting
- Important to build community (and raise money)
- His goal is to foster support from the parent community to enhance the student experience at middle school
- Really good start to the year
- Welcome Back BBQ, Olympiad (chants, cheers, positive energy, students feeling connected to the school and their community), Terry Fox Run (very successful fundraiser), new communities established ("where are we, who are we"), 120 students signed up for Citadel Cares, lunchtime Activity Fair (generated excitement and interest), pizza sales
- Restorative approach to truth and reconciliation (indigenous peoples)
- Classrooms, circles, include all students, teacher champions, professional development, indigenous ways of knowing and practice
- Office - Ms. Wong left after 17 years
  - Mrs. Johnson has come to the school from Hazel Trembath
  - Rachel, Cathy Pittman and Devon - huge support system for the middle school
- New teachers on staff - good engagement
- Home Arts is back as an Exploration
- Thoughtful about the "why" (why to bring it back, importance of life skills, good fit for the Home Arts teacher)
- Mr. Gill (STEAM) and Mr. Battle - fantastic at their roles/support within the school
- Potential to do a Robotics Exploration within the District
- MAC Program - team lead is off on a leave (has been somewhat disruptive but they are working through it)
- Citadel Cares - focus on philanthropy (fundraising for a local and international charity)

**Chair: Chris Bell**

- Nothing to report

**Treasurer: Catarina Bennett**

- Nothing to report
- Budget has not yet been approved
- Mark to provide a wish list so the budget can be properly laid out
- Gaming Grant update - Gaming Summary Report was submitted on Friday September 27 by Anu

**DPAC: Leah Amaral**

- No meeting in September so no update
- Leah will attend the PAC 101 meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Fundraising Report:**

- Trisha - Neufeld Farms starting in November - more info to come

**Grade 8 Leaving:**

- Committee on hand
- PAC and school will both donate \$ -please give Sonja Gruber and Cat Bennett your email address if interested in helping to organize the Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony
- Mark - do we want to open up a "donate" option at School Cash On-Line (KEV) - will use the letter from last year

**New Business:**

- Munch-a-Lunch (Hot Lunch)
  - 2 launched so far
  - Profit - just over \$1000
  - Most vendors will provide extra food for kids who can't
  - Parent question re: difference between Hot Lunch and Citadel Care
- Drop off in the mornings - issues with parents blocking traffic - safety concern
  - Mark's response - last year he closed one lane out of the driveway to turn left due to snow and safety concerns - he has spoken to the city - constant communication required - by-law enforcement to be called again to help with traffic
  - He will put a cone out again to block one turn lane out of the driveway to help with congestion
  - Mark's request - can PAC gather feedback from parents to understand what the concerns are (discussed using the Facebook page to get feedback and for the PAC to assess engagement)
- How to engage with our parent volunteers? - email blast, message on FB page, text
- Teacher Appreciation - May/June - last year was Western theme (Patina Brewing catered) - Amy provided details from last year (contact at Patina Brewing) - budget was approximately \$3500 (donations were made via KEV)
- Parent question - is there a way to offer an on-line option? - we may look at using Zoom or Teams

- Parent question - are there after school options for kids to remain at the school for parents to come pick up later (ie: "Do What you Love" program) - Rachel French said they utilized the program her first year at the school

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Next meeting is Monday October 28, 2024 at 7pm in the school library.

Email to reach PAC – [citadelmiddlePAC@gmail.com](mailto:citadelmiddlePAC@gmail.com)

Any questions please email the PAC and we'll be happy to help!

**Attendees:**

Chris Bell, Isabela Castro, Leah Amaral, Patricia Trautman, Nayeli Palmer, Rachel Sebestyen, Anand Kanna, Anu Dawit-Kanna, Isabel Zhang, Caterina Bennett, Grace Wang, Adam Askarian, Helen Sheibani, Elam Ahmadi, Farid Zafar, Laly Gonzales, Sonja Gruber, Tiffany Stewart, Mark Clay, Rachel French