



Citadel PAC Meeting February 24, 2025 7pm in the Library

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Chris

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Welcome and introductions. Meeting attendance was taken via sign-up sheet.
- Adopt the Agenda – Chris and seconded by Catarina
- Adopt the meeting minutes from January 27, 2025 – Anu and seconded by Trisha

REPORTS:

Principal's Report: Mark Clay

- Student led conferences were held last week and there was a good turn out.
- Report cards will be published on March 13th
- Carnival was Friday February 21st. There were different stations of activities for the communities to experience. The poutine truck came to the school.
- Basketball is winding down and playoffs are coming up.
- Grade 5 basketball Jamboree is coming up.
- The play musical is starting up.
- Pink shirt day is on Wednesday February 26th.
- This month there was an assembly with a presentation about kindness. The Citadel Vision was shared with the students.
- After spring break the grade 5 will be visiting Citadel before they start in September.
- Jack Thomas (A previous Citadel student lost his arm in a work incident and is now a drummer) is coming to the school to talk to the students.
- The school talent show will be held on April 4th. Applications and auditions are being held now. Parents of the performers are invited to come watch.
- Maple Man is coming to the school Tuesday February 25th. He talks about traditions of Quebec. There will be an ice bed to make maple syrup taffy for the students.
- AI is not being used at Citadel at this stage but it is in talks.

Chair: Chris Bell

- Executive positions for next year. Are people in their current positions, will they be returning? Can we get interest with new parents?
- April 23rd is the grade 5 orientation, there we can promote the PAC and open positions.

Treasurer: Catarina Bennett

- Munch-a-lunch has made \$4,674.29 as of February 24th
- Total income to date is \$7,198.47
- Gaming account balance is \$10,798.47

DPAC: Leah Amaral

- DPAC Meeting was held via Zoom on January 29, 2025.
- Nadine Tambellini will continue her work with DPAC as she moves into the SD43 Superintendent role alongside the new Assistant Superintendent until year end.
- Presentation on AI in schools - presented by Stephen Whiffin (Assistant Superintendent) and Dave Sands.
- Why AI in schools? Because kids will have access to it (grade 8 and older) and they need to be trained on how to use it safely + AI can help teachers in their roles and help students learn, succeed and make connections to the curriculum in different ways (Dave Sands quote: "we are learning with AI, not learning from AI").
- Info Sessions are available - guest speakers and educator "how to" webinars.
- Safety Awareness - posters and videos available to schools (Citadel has the safety posters up).
- SD43 is trying to take a proactive approach so as not to let AI get ahead of us.
- SD43 already uses Microsoft so CoPilot makes sense (as well, CoPilot includes guardrails or mechanisms to prevent AI from exhibiting certain features - ex: it won't become someone's "friend").
- Higher standard of data protection because we are a school district.
- SD43 is the first district in Canada to offer the 13+ AI program (up until a few months ago, there was only an 18+ AI) - the direction from SD43 is that AI (CoPilot) should only be introduced in Grade 8 and older.
- A message all parents should share with their kids is: "DO NOT PUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION INTO COPILOT" (we do not know how to safeguard that information or remove it if needed).
- The DPAC presentation on AI in SD43 will be provided to PACs to share with parents.
- School principals can request from the district a speaker to come in to the school to present on the topic (if there is interest from the parent community).

Fundraising Report:

- Nothing to report.

Grade 8 Leaving:

- Shred-a-thon is in the works.
- There 155 grade 8 students in the school.
- Will be held Thursday June 26th.

New Business:

- Munch-a-Lunch (Hot Lunch)
 - If we continue with hot lunch next year, we have to pay for the program in June of this year. The fee is around \$500 for the entire school year.
- Teacher Appreciate – looking at holding in May, on a Wednesday.
- Riverside Bursary request – We were unable to find the origin of the bursary. "It is awarded to a previous Citadel Middle Student. Criteria: academics, plans on post-secondary and financial need".

- PAC voted and vote passed to continue the Riverside Bursary for this year and reevaluate next year.

Upcoming Dates:

- Next meeting is Monday April 28, 2025 at 7pm in the school library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm by Chris seconded by Trisha

Email to reach PAC – citadelmiddlePAC@gmail.com

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

Attendees:

Chris Bell, Trisha Letain, Caterina Bennett, Isabela Castro, Anu Dawit-Kanna, Sonja Gruber, Mark Clay, Rachel French, Rachel