

## **Magee Parents Advisory Council**

### **2017-2018 PAC Gaming Funds Budget Decisions**

Dear Gaming Grant Applicants;

PAC appreciates that there is so much interest in Magee clubs and activities and that so many groups have applied for Gaming Grant Monies. PAC was allocated \$24,000 and the requests that came in were for \$54,074.25, more than double the funds granted to PAC.

We reviewed all the requests closely and Mr. MacInnes was very helpful in elaborating on each request and answering all our questions.

In the coming year, we will ask that groups provide more detail about the number of participants who directly benefit from the grant. We would appreciate feedback on the successes of the activity / club in the prior year if funding were granted. We will look for groups that are proactively working toward financially sustainable models. We want to ensure we are providing funds in a fair and equitable manner.

Our decisions were based upon a view towards making activities / clubs more financially sustainable, meaning that we would like to see groups operate in a way that can self-sustain should no funding be available in a given year. We also encourage groups to partner with other like-minded groups in the school to share skills and financial support.

#### **Rationale behind our decisions for grant allocation;**

- We encourage students who participate in academic contests to pay partial fees toward the entry. We understand that the students raise the profile of the school in their competing but it would be beneficial for them to take ownership of their participation.
- Students requiring workbooks and special materials to pay fees as any other course would require.
- PAC is only able to consider requests from “sanctioned clubs or sports”.
- PAC is more likely to support capital items (equipment, tools, etc.) which can be used by many students over a longer period of time, as opposed to 1 time experiences.
- PAC encourages clubs with similar goals to partner and perhaps raise funds together (e.g. Science Bicycle Club and Environment Club).
- We are more likely to support activities which benefit a greater number of students.
- If a club / activity has a history of raising funds but has an urgent need, we will likely be more supportive.
- Although we admire the goals of the Peer Counselling Service, which is a well utilized program, we encourage it to find a more sustainable model. The current program of training Grade 12 students each year would benefit greatly from being done in a more cost-effective manner.

Please note that the Scholarship committee was not allocated funds from the Gaming Grants but will be allocated money from PAC general funds account.

Respectfully Yours,

Magee PAC