

# MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

## Meeting Minutes Monday February 1, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine	Glen Campbell	Shellie Maloff	Joanne Lih
Ester Zdebiak	Nette Lack	Carrie Reilly	Jason Taylor
Sharon Nazaroff	Rena Vandenbos	Stacey Kabatoff	Susan Christie

#### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm
- Introductions of everyone

#### 2. Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

#### 3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of January 11, 2016 accepted

#### 4. Special Guests

- No guests

#### 5. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Start & Staffing
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester has officially begun Monday February 1
  - New staff member: Judine Maki - WELCOME to OUR FAMILY!! Judine will be filling a term position and her expertise lies in Maths and HCE Gr 7/8
  - Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) testing is still scheduled for Grade 7
- Facilities Review by School Board SD8
  - Catchment boundary discussions have begun in earnest
  - Review of old boundaries and history has been pulled for intense reviews.
  - Re-configuration of boundaries are now being looked at as well.
  - **Part I – Parent Meeting with SD8 and Valley of Schools to discuss the Facilities Review discussions - Meeting to be held at Mt. Sentinel Wed. March 2 at 6:30** for all interested parents. Meeting to focus on the future of existing schools, boundaries and goals.
  - **Part II - Parent Meeting with SD8 and Valley of Schools - follow up meeting to be held Wed. March 30 @ 6:30** (location to be determined at later date and announced)
- Music Club Update
  - Sophia Gray – singing coach has 12 interested and signed up students to begin Choir!
  - Start date for our choir groups Feb 18 after school 3:30 to 5pm (this allows students after school to catch the Transit Bus to travel up the Slocan Valley after school hours)
  - Wed. Feb. 3 - Michael Butterfield will be meeting with BAND students interested in playing
  - Announcements for the Club will be done through the message board, office, bulletin boards around the school, WildCat TV and the local grapevine.
- Fitness Center
  - Currently undergoing a major renovation to replace floors with new one, new equipment and fresh paint.

- New layout is being designed
- New equipment such as 2 rowing machines are being utilized by eager students.
- Gymnasium has a new score board/clock!
- **Talking Tables**
  - See notes below in New Business

#### **Trustee Report**

- Instructional Days were held recently regarding the new curriculum set out by the BC government and its roll out to schools
- The sessions were well received as a meet & greet and constructive dialogues for all staff
- Facilities Review was discussed and going forward full steam with meetings scheduled in the district to open discussions to parents within the school district. See website for details
  - <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/?p=3507>

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- PAC Account as of January 31, 2015 \$335.85
- Gaming Account as of October 31, 2015 \$5,776.04

#### **Secretary's Report**

- No report at this time – no mail

#### **DPAC Report**

- Talking Tables
  - Dinner meeting with stakeholders, teachers and parents (11 parents have signed up)
  - To be held at Merry Hall – Selkirk College Campus Thursday February 14 5PM start
- Data Breach (media release)
  - Some school district students received ministry letters directly that should have been mailed to the parents.
  - SD8 was not aware of the breach until some concerned parents/students informed the office.
  - SD8 is now actively pursuing the breach of data in their systems
  - <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/?p=4584>
- BCCPAC Conference
  - SD8 will support 2 – 3 parents interested in participating
  - Please contact Ester Zdebiak or the Mt. Sentinel School Office if you are interested.
  - To be held in Kelowna this year <http://bccpac.bc.ca/events/2016-spring-conference-and-agm> April 29 to May 1
- Gather Our Voices
  - 30 Aboriginal Students are participating
  - Youth Conference to be held in Victoria this spring
  - There is an increase in scholarship opportunities for AB ED students
- Wildflower School
  - Has been approved to begin Kindergarten grade level
- Web Safety (Internet Safety)
  - A presentation that was held recently in Nelson is raising awareness for parents and students addressing growing concerns of security and safety on the Internet
  - Mt. Sentinel is considering at having a similar presentation
- Career Day at LV Rogers School Nelson
  - For the graduates of 2016 – LVR will be hosting the Career Day on February 11

## 6. New Business

- **Pink Shirt Day - Anti Bullying Day**
  - Date is February 24
  - Song by Cyndi Lauper True Colours has been revamped by a unique music group to showcase bullying awareness and promote togetherness and friendship
  - Mt. Sentinel has a new club “All Means All” club that focuses on this issue and the inclusion of everyone.
  - Check out the video by Prince Ea.... Regarding labels  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0qD2K2RWkc>
  
- **Talking Tables**
  - Joanne Lih and 1 parent from the Winlaw Schools has voiced their interest to participate in the discussions
  - Any questions parents may want to raise, please contact the office or Joanne with your questions so that she can take them to the discussion.
  - Focus from Mt. Sentinel is the emphasis on staffing issues and class sizes
  - 4 major questions are laid out for discussion. Discussions will be documented for future use and record and planning to further the plans of future betterment of schools
  
- **Core Staffing**
  - Core subjects need to remain but there is a demand for other courses such as Outdoor Living, Financial Planning and so on.
  - Mt. Sentinel is looking at maintaining a balance between Core subjects but offering other unique courses that will help our students be prepared for life outside of school.
  
- **Course Staffing**
  - Distance Learning - 3 areas of courses that have staff supervising
  - Online Courses are done well in Mt. Sentinel due to the staff support that is available to help students while working on online studies.
  - The school is also looking at ways to provide more staffing but with limited budget, this is proving a challenge in both the curriculum and elective studies.

### **DATES FOR FUTURE PAC MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016**

Monday March 7, 2016

Monday April 4, 2016

Monday May 2, 2016

Monday June 6, 2016

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm**

**NEXT PAC MEETING: MONDAY March 7, 2016**

**6:30 pm in the Library**

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!**