

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 12, 2010
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

Attendance: Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Jan Brown, Kathleen Brown, Stacey Kabatoff

1. Welcome/Call to order/Additions to agenda

- Katia Dolan sent regrets, Wendy Niminiken welcomed those present at 6:30 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from March 1, by consensus

3. Principal's Report

- Glen sent his regrets, and wanted parents to be aware of the following:
 - Tuesday April 13 Parent Meeting regarding course selection
Those present had questions about the format of the evening and were directed to contact the school for more information. Grad Transitions was discussed, and some parents who've had a child graduate felt this program was very beneficial.
 - New academy: Summit Academy: forestry/outdoor program starting in February 2011
 - Learning Skills Rubric will be introduced
 - Grad portfolio presentations will take place on Friday April 16 during the school day. The school is looking for parents to help out. Please contact Ken Weins if you can assist.

4. Treasurer's Report

- \$2862.04 in regular, \$4872.74 in Gaming.

5. Secretary

- Correspondence:
 - Pink Shirt Day Wednesday April 14
 - There was a request from Chris Berger for a "big kids" playground. There was discussion around an indoor climbing wall, as well as outdoor chess/checkers tables and shuffle board. It was decided to write Chris a letter for more information like type of equipment, expectant costs and space.

6. DPAC

- The next DPAC meeting will be Thursday April 22 starting at 6:00 pm at the Nelson board office.
- Draft calendar has been circulated to schools for parent feedback. To view the proposed calendar please visit the school district web site – www.sd8.bc.ca
- There was a question around all-day Kindergarten. The Ministry of Education is only funding half of the program this September, with full implementation for September 2011. Our district will be offering all-day Kindergarten in the Slocan Valley.

- DPAC held a BCCPAC Resolution meeting to discuss BCCPAC resolutions. Notes were circulated indicated DPAC's recommended voting instructions.

7. Trustee

- Barb sent regrets.

8. School Planning Council (SPC)

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 19, 3:30 pm.

9. Gaming Funding

- The spreadsheet was updated. Very few receipts have come in, so no cheques have been written. A few programs we approved funding for, have been canceled. It was decided there wasn't enough time to send out more funding applications and disburse money so the PAC will hold over the money until next school year.

10. Retirement Recognition

- Mt. Sentinel PAC traditionally recognizes staff members when they retire from Mt. Sentinel with a card and a gift certificate. There was discussion around should there be a minimum length of time a staff member is at Mt. Sentinel before being recognized.

MOTION: PAC will recognize George Fofonow's retirement with a card and gift certificate, up to \$50.

Wendy/Jan – carried

MOTION: PAC will recognize David Olynyk's retirement with a card and gift certificate up to \$50.

Wendy/Jan - carried

- Nat will purchase George's gift certificate from a local spa. David's gift certificate will be purchased at a later date.

11. Mt. Sentinel PAC Grad Bursary

- The bursary application will be updated to reflect a Friday May 21 deadline. Susan will update the form and send to Ken and Shelley right away.
- A committee was struck to review applications and make a recommendation to the PAC. The committee will meet on Friday May 28 at the Dam Inn pub starting at 5:00 pm.

MOTION: PAC will spend up to \$1500 on the Grad bursary this school year.

Kathie/Jan - carried

12. PAC Parent Survey

- The winners of the three gift certificates are as follows:
 1. Kim Drew
 2. Julia Mallette
 3. Lorne Postnikoff
- Susan will contact the winners and will inform them when the gift certificates are ready for pick up.
- The committee will review the survey results and submit a report to PAC at the May meeting. The committee will meet on Monday April 26 at the Dam Inn starting at 5:00 pm.

- Briefly, there were 71 respondents up by double from last years' results. Offering the survey online proved to be very useful, and resulted in several comments.

13. Slocan Valley Facilities Planning

- The Board rescinded their motions to consider closure for WE Graham and Winlaw, and will create a committee of school and community members to review the configuration of all four Slocan Valley schools.

14. Mt. Sentinel PAC web site

- PAC is very proud to have updated their web site - <http://mtsentspac.weebly.com/>
- The school's parent web page has also been updated to reflect our new web site.

15. Slocan Valley PAC meeting

- It's Mt. Sentinel PAC's turn to host the Slocan Valley PAC meeting. It was suggested Monday April 26 starting at 7:00 pm would be a good day. Susan will connect with the other three PACs to see if this date works.

16. "Special Circumstances" for student bussing

- Last Fall the school board voted to implement eight student transportation recommendations, including the elimination of out of catchment bussing. Parents were asked what they felt would constitute a special circumstance for students to be able to ride a bus, even though they may not live in the school's catchment area. Some ideas that were shared include:
 - Specialty programs not offered at another school, such as Russian and Alternate Education
 - Expulsion from a school
 - Split families, shared custody
 - Siblings riding the same bus
 - Grandfather the existing students
- It was acknowledged that there will be a lot work needing to be done, especially when it comes to bus drivers and their routes.

17. PAC Meeting in Winlaw?

- Mt. Sentinel PAC traditionally holds a meeting in Winlaw to accommodate our parents in the Northern area of the Valley. Winlaw School's custodian ends his shift at 7:00 pm, so we're not able to hold the meeting there. It was decided to hold it at a local restaurant, Sleep is for Sissies. Susan will inform the owners.
- Tamara Malloff would like to present information to parents about Moodle. PAC will ask Tamara to share this info at our September meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday May 3, 2010 at Sleep is for Sissies in Winlaw. Car pooling is encouraged ☺