

**MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 2, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine, Kathie Varney, Susan Wilson, Nat Barabanoff, Jan Brown, Stacey Kabatoff, Ester Zdebiak, Dawn Graham, Anna Kinakin, Kathleen Brown, Darlene Falle, Maria Klement, Glen Campbell (Principal) Shellie Malloff (Learning Support Teacher), Tamara Malloff (Teacher-Librarian)

The Selkirk College Presentation was very informative and fun. Financial information was discussed including scholarships and bursaries. Thanks to Amy and Joleen!

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes of March 5, 2012 accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Bill 22 Legislation
 - Legislation brings an end to official job action but things are still not quite business as usual
 - Teachers will be voting whether or not to implement an action plan against Bill 22. Voting will take place April 17-19 and the withdrawal of voluntary extra-curricular activities is on the table. Graduation activities may be affected
 - MSS situation is quite good in comparison to other schools in the province
 - some projects in school planning are done, some are missed, but all in all pretty good progress considering the job action
- Early Dismissal Day: April 18. Students will go home one hour early. Parents can set up teacher/parent appointments and interviews as they need. Contact head office to arrange appointments
- ICBC Road Sense Presentations
 - Grades 8 – 12 attended
 - huge impact to the students as well as graphic evidence of a wrecked car in which a student was killed
 - students came away from the presentation with a clear vision of what may happen if they make poor choices

- Shuswap District Visit
 - Great visit by administration & staff from the Shswap school district as they explored what MSS is doing in education, school planning and projects that are gearing to 21st century learning
- School Spirit Week this week - keep the spirit going!!! Wear the school colours of Black & Gold! Activities taking place each day.
- Course Selections
 - Students are going through the process for next year
 - information is available on the school website
 - through BCESIS – courses can be selected from home where parents can discuss & choose along with their child
 - Parents are encouraged to use BCESIS and talk to their children about course selections and goals
- Library Card Program
 - LVR/MSS/Nelson Library program is now running
 - There is no charge to the students and cards are available at MSS, Slocan Park Heritage Credit Union and Winlaw School
 - If interested, please call office for more information
 - A library card is needed and you can apply for it online through the library website: <http://nelson.bclibrary.ca/>

4. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming Account: no change: \$5659.88 as of April 1, 2012
- PAC Regular Account: \$1,137.52 as of April 1, 2012

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- 2 Thank You notes from Ms. Shippitt & the crew/actors of Pride & Prejudice
- Shellie Malloff – receipts for lunchtime program
- Invoice – Valley Voice Thank you ad \$117.60 for the Cafe Jazz Event

6. DPAC REPORT

- Gordon Neufeld Presentation will take place May 25-27. These are workshops geared to helping parents. DPAC has one spot open available at no cost to parents. Please contact DPAC Secretary Sheri Walsh at sheridpac@gmail.com
- Larry Brown – Director of Operations will attend the DPAC meeting on April 26 to discuss potential changes to bus routes this fall in the Slocan Valley. There has been discussion at the district level there may be an elimination of out of catchment bussing across the district.

- BCCPAC: May 25-27 Spring Conference and AGM meeting in Coquitlam. DPAC will send two parents.
- District Finance Committee
 - Current budget is expected to end with a very slight surplus.
 - For next year's budget, funding protection will be reduced from 100% down to 98.5% giving this district an anticipated opening deficit next year of around \$800,000
 - Transportation funds will now be rolled into the Unique Geographic Factors Grants which will result in a decrease for our district. Our district receives the 2nd highest Unique Geographic Factors Grant in the province due to the number of students and schools we have in rural areas
- New Secretary/Treasurer – Kim Morris
 - She brings new focus to the Finance Committee by discussing what will be done, rather than focussing on what has happened.
 - The school district budget is scheduled to be passed by end of April to give schools and staff the months of May and June to finalize their class configurations. This is a change from passing the budget the end of June and spending the first few weeks of September finalizing classes.

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- Barb Lindsay not present for comments

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- more information to follow
- survey is being looked at currently
- May 28 Planning Day – staff/parents to meet and plan a new year. Due to job action, there is some concern about attendance

9. GAMING & FUNDING

- Spreadsheet update:
 - \$350 soccer net purchase – outstanding
 - \$300 video/tripod – outstanding
 - Compost request – outstanding
 - \$750 lunchtime program – outstanding
 - \$1000 Breakfast Club program – some money spent (receipts just turned in)
 - \$1000 to go to drama
 - \$1000 to breakfast club
- \$1,100 approximately left over – Glen Campbell suggested putting this money forward to the hardship program. Susan will forward a funding application form.

10. TEACHERS' WITHDRAWAL OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Potential withdrawal of voluntary extra-curricular activities could affect music programs, girls' soccer, graduation activities, sports in schools to name a few
- If teachers choose to continue to participate in extra-curricular activities they may face disciplinary action from the teacher's union
- Question: How do we as a school family avoid this but still maintain the events?
- Graduation: meeting will be held to discuss all the organization teachers do. Students' and parents' help is going to be needed. Staff may be able to help organize during regular school hours.
- Vote results will be announced April 20.
- PAC will offer aid if needed

11. PAC Survey

- Traditionally results are shared during School Planning Day
- Suggestions to resubmit again and update it
- To be sent out to parents April 10 with a deadline of Apr 27 by email
- Questions to add – Are you aware of the teacher job action issues?
- Survey committee – Susan Wilson to arrange meeting date & place

Motion: to purchase 3 gift certificates of \$50 each from local businesses to award to survey participants.

Jan Brown/Kathie Varney – carried

12. PAC Bursary

- All Grads are eligible to apply as it is based on citizenship and not marks
- Susan will update form and share at next PAC meeting

13. Breakfast Club – Shellie Maloff

- Job action has slowed the start of this program, but it is up and running. Some Educational Assistants have stepped up to help.
- The Breakfast Program will begin April 23 and the school has set aside the week of April 23–27 to make students aware of the importance of a breakfast.
- Monday April 23 morning will coincide with the Monday walk with sandwich in hand to help bring awareness
- Need 5 parents to help @ 7:30 am on Monday April 23 to do prep/coordinate of food & students – several hands went up at the meeting
- Survey to go out to find out if this can be a full time program and possible full expansion into hot food program and eventual lunch program for entire school.

Adjourned 8:50 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday, May 7, 2012 Winlaw School, 6:30 pm

One time a year, PAC holds a meeting in Winlaw to encourage parents from the North end of the Slocan Valley to attend. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!!!

SLOCAN VALLEY FAMILY OF SCHOOLS PAC MEETING Monday May 7 5:30 – 6:30 pm at Winlaw School. Parents from all four Slocan Valley schools will be meeting to discuss similar topics. This meeting is open to all parents and staff at all four schools – Brent Kennedy, Mt. Sentinel, WE Graham and Winlaw.