

## **MT. SENTINEL PAC**

Meeting Minutes - Monday April 4, 2011

Sleep is for Sissies, Winlaw

**ATTENDANCE:** Susan Wilson, Linda Verishine, Nat Barabonoff, Kathie Varney, Ester Zdebiak, Wendy Niminikin, Stacey Kabatoff, Jan Brown, Barb Lindsay (Trustee)

### **1) Welcome Call to order/Additions to agenda**

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present at 6:35 pm and introductions were done for new people attending. Two additions to agenda, Breakfast Clubs of Canada and Ministry of Education Parent Satisfaction Surveys.

### **2) Accepted March minutes by consensus**

### **3) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- a. We have received 51 responses to our SPC Parent Survey. SPC will process the results and prepare final report for next PAC meeting
- b. Student Town Hall Meetings are being organized. See Mt. Sentinel website for more details – [www.msss.sd8.bc.ca](http://www.msss.sd8.bc.ca)
- c. Student Recognition – There's a staff committee struck to look at options. Some ideas that were discussed include:
  - Great to recognize kids for their achievements - academically, sports, fine arts, and for kids who go above and beyond to help or mentor other students. Seeing peers receiving recognition may promote goal setting for other students "...next year I want to be the one who wins that...." Maybe a 70's, 80's and 90's "Club" where students are recognized at all levels, not just the top one or two.
  - An assembly at the beginning of year to explain what categories students can be recognized for may prompt some students to plan for (set goals) to achieve an award.
  - A big celebration at the end of the year to recognize these kids is best. Many parents were disappointed to learn that kids are taken out of class and congratulated but without their peers partaking in their celebration. Open the celebration to the public, so the community can see our students.
  - Include in the Town Hall meetings a few questions around what kids want to be recognized for, and how they'd like to be recognized: plaque, certificate, money, etc.
- d. Report Cards - due out Monday May 2nd because of NID on Friday April 29 and short week due to Easter Break

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of March 31, 2011

a) **Gaming account: \$8,268.21**

- BC Government awarded \$5 extra per student – total of \$1,885 was received by PAC

b) **PAC account: \$ 1,611.55**

- includes PAC Grad bursaries

5) **SECRETARY REPORT**

**no report**

6) **DPAC**

a) Meeting held last week - 10 BCCPAC resolutions to be reviewed. DPAC will let parents know when the meeting will take place.

7) **TRUSTEE - Barb Lindsay**

a) Three positions are currently being short listed with interviews to be held this week and next:  
position #1: District Principal of Innovation  
position #2: District Principal for Independent Learning  
position #3: Director of Human Resources

b) Questions and progress update on “family of schools” for the Slocan Valley.

c) School District 8 History project is beginning, focusing on Grades 3 – 6 to learn history of the Slocan Valley. Touchstones Museum will help teachers teach elementary curriculum.

8) **SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL**

a) **Survey:** deadline is Wednesday April 6.

9) **GAMING FUND SPREADSHEET**

a) The spreadsheet is up to date - additional \$1,885 received from BC Government

b) Susan will distribute application forms to apply for additional monies.

c) Update the signing authority for the PAC accounts. Wendy will look into how many people are currently on the account.

**MOTION:** Mt. Sentinel PAC authorizes Susan Wilson, Chair; Wendy Niminiken, Vice-Chair; and Natalie Barabonoff, Treasurer as the only signing officers for both Mt. Sentinel PAC bank accounts.  
Jan/Ester - carried

10) **PAC SURVEY**

a) **Survey** – preliminary results were shared with the final results to be presented at the May meeting

b) **Gift Certificates: 3 in total** – Decided upon Evergreen store, Four Seasons greenhouse, and Slocan Valley Co-Op

c) **Final reminder** to be sent to parents to encourage a few more responses before deadline

**11) PAC Fund Raiser – Mom’s Pantry**

- a) Total amount sold - \$1,124.70 with 1 online order of \$41.30
- b) Total profit still to be determined
- c) Order to be delivered to the school around April 18 or 19. Mom’s Pantry will confirm delivery a few days prior.
- d) discussion about doing another Mom's Pantry fund raiser in the Fall, possibly starting in October or early November.

**12) Breakfast Clubs of Canada**

- a) Corporations participate to fund raise monies to supply to schools to help feed low income families at school. This program is somewhat like a foster program where the company chooses a school to fundraise for
- b) Grant applications are available - Sue Wilson/Jan Brown to look into further

**13) Ministry of Education Parent Satisfaction Survey**

- a) Grades 7, 10, 12 parents, students and staff are surveyed
- b) Susan sent emails to families in those three grades with the information, and the school will contact those families without email. Deadline is April 15.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY NIGHT - MAY 2**

**where? MT. SENTINEL SCHOOL - LIBRARY**

**time? 6:30 to 8:30 pm**