

# **MOUNT SENTINEL PAC**

## **MEETING MINUTES** **Monday, December 5, 2011**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Linda Verishine	Darlene Falle	Kathie Varney
Susan Wilson	Glen Campbell (Principal)	Nat Barabanoff
Jan Brown	Ester Zdebiak	Katia Dolan
Barb Lindsay	Blair D'Andrea	Tamara Malloff

It was a wonderful Christmas party that was lively and entertaining with great snacks/gifts all around.

### **1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:40 pm

### **2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes of November 7, 2011 accepted
- Correction to meeting date was noted and corrected

### **3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

#### **• Report Cards**

- Jeff Jones wants to make sure report cards were read even though they were blank.
- New report card received is the format that parents will be receiving in future.
- No letter grades were filled in due to job action situation
- teachers/parents feedback about reports have been handled extremely well. There has been contact with staff and parents regarding student grades so communication is alive and well in Mount Sentinel despite job action.
- New discussion generated regarding reports and the new communication dimension between parents and teachers has arose. This seems to be a positive move forwards in developing the relationship between parents and teachers.
  - This has put more responsibility on students to speak to their teachers about how well they are doing.
- There will be an electronic version available soon through BceSIS.
  - Access is allowed using student name and PIN number in BceSIS
  - Various questions raised at school board level and School Planning Council level regarding this new version of reporting.
  - Some software issues with this implementation

#### **• Grade 12 Reports**

- no marks will be handed out until the “end” of course.
- Job Action ruling: report cards are not an service therefore will not be done with the exception of grade 12 students. These students will receive their reports at end of terms so that they will be able to acquire their transcripts for post secondary education applications.

- **Safety Netting in Gym**
  - has been approved and will be installed shortly
- **Heritage Project – Tamara Malloff**
  - Project is now complete and was a great success where participating students had great experiences.
  - Each school has a G-mail Blog site now on the internet
  - Collaboration amongst the schools has now begun and everyone is excited about getting to know about each other's school.
  - G-mail Blog is on MSS website
  - the elders involved in this project learned a lot about “today's” student
- **Family of Schools meeting**
  - kick off meeting to happen Wednesday Dec. 7
  - at risk students is the main topic of discussion
  - discussion resources to deal with educational issues that are cropping up
- **Friday, December 16**
  - 1/2 day of school in the am, then off to swim/skate. If the swim/skate trip is cancelled then the afternoon will be spent as Game Day.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- **Gaming Account: no change: \$9777.39**
  - \$500.00 allocated for science program
- **PAC Regular Account: \$ 611.25**
  - depositing \$353.35 into account shortly for Mom's Pantry orders
- Gaming spreadsheet to be updated shortly

#### **5. SECRETARY REPORT**

- Teacher Magazine for November/December 2011
- Florrissa Fundraiser – flowers and bulbs fundraiser
- Knit Wits brochure – fundraiser to sell knitted hats
- BCCPAC – email to parents: Newsbytes that was sent out to parents via mass email

#### **6. DPAC REPORT**

- Christmas Party Thursday December 15 - supper @ 5 pm with 6 pm meeting at the Nelson School Board office on Johnstone Road in Nelson
- Media letters sent out expressing frustration with the lack of movement regarding the job situation and the lack of support to parents/students in various areas of the province.

#### **7. TRUSTEE REPORT**

- Barb Lindsay expressed admiration of how well administration and teachers have handled students and education information without allowing the job action to interfere
- swearing in meeting for newly elected trustees December 13 at the Nelson Board office – 5 pm

#### **8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL**

- nothing to report at this time

## **9. GAMING & FUNDING**

- Gaming spreadsheet to be done and updated
- no movement of monies at this time
- \$500 allocated for science trip to be reabsorbed as this trip has now been cancelled

## **10. Mom's Pantry Update**

- \$353.35 total profit
- \$260.00 orders done online
- delivery to be the week of December 13 – 16

## **11. Poinsettia Fundraiser**

- Orders were very low this year – 67 plants ordered whereas in the past the average order was 175 plants.
- Due to the low number, changes of how we do this fundraiser needs to be addressed so that sales can go up.
- Competing with other schools in this area and people have mentioned that this fundraiser needs to be started by end of November at the latest.

## **12. BC Education Plan – Parent Engagement**

- theme is **“Putting students at the center of their learning.”**
  - personalized learning
  - flexibility
  - teacher support
  - connecting parents
  - ensuring standards of education
  - better communication between students/teachers/parents

**How do we as parents become engaged in this plan?** This is the key question

Susan Wilson to provide link

## **13. E Portfolio – Tamara Malloff**

- study with grade 7's ongoing
- Draft scope of E Portfolio
- new MSS website project is still on going
- shopping cart for hot lunch idea in the works
- LUNAR Portfolio
  - student portfolio which has short bios, interests, classes for each student
  - teachers can post comments on these individual profiles. Using this idea can be expanded on so that parents can view this as well.
  - Privacy is being acknowledged here and password protected and student specific

## **14. Lunchtime Clubs & Games**

- Shellie Malloff suggested to gather gently used things to keep students occupied at lunch
- suggestions such as gently used games, cards, puzzles, crafts such as crochet/knitting things, yarn, beading kits, lego

- any other suggestions greatly welcomed.
- Shellie requested an application of funds to create this. A dollar value has not been confirmed at this time.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** at 8:40 pm

**NEXT PAC MEETING:**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!**

**Monday, January 9, 2012**

**Place: the Library**

Meeting to begin at 6:30 pm

**All parents welcome to participate in MSS Parent Advisory Council.**