

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday December 7, 2009
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

Attendance: Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Stacy Kabatoff, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Jan Brown, Brian O'Neill, Tamara Malloff (Teacher-Librarian), Glen Campbell (Principal), Blair D'Andrea (Vice-Principal), Barb Lindsay (Trustee)

Christmas Social – everyone shared finger foods and enjoyed a fun gift exchange.

1. Welcome/Call to order/Additions to agenda

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:25 pm.

2. Tamara Malloff, Information Technology Talk

- Tamara shared a YouTube video entitled: “Are kids different because of digital media?” - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-PT3vEjw5g>
- The school is debating whether or not to allow students access to social media sites such as Facebook. Tamara showed the group a student's Facebook account and the different levels of security available.
- The school is also looking at becoming a Hot Spot, which will allow unsecured wireless internet access.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from November 2, by consensus

4. Principal's Report

- The school continues to provide learning partnerships between staff members. Newly formed Creative Committee and Tech Committees allow teachers to collaborate and discuss. The school has also created a Breakfast Club that meets on Wednesday mornings to share articles and discuss what's been read
- Glen spoke briefly about Assessment for Learning and some staff is currently using these practices in junior classes. Glen will present a 20 minute power point presentation at the next PAC meeting.
- Quest for Community had a successful trip to the East Side of Vancouver.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming - \$6815.26/ Regular - \$1580.79
- Nat is officially a signee on the account

6. Secretary

- Correspondence:
 - BCTF Teacher Magazine
 - BCTF Presentation for Parents brochure
 - Wildsight information

7. DPAC

- The 5th Annual DPAC Christmas party will be on Thursday December 17 starting at 5:00 pm at the Board office in Nelson. Regular meeting to follow at 6:00 pm.

8. Trustee

- Recently attended Trustee's Academy. Trustees from all across the province were in attendance. Unfortunately the Minister of Education is ill and was not able to speak at the Academy.
- The last board meeting was in the village of Slocan where Joanne Ellis of the WE Graham Community Services Society presented an informative power point on all the services they offer.
- The board approved the eight recommendations from the Student Transportation Review. An implementation plan is currently being worked on.

9. School Planning Council (SPC)

- Next meeting TBA in the new year.

10. Gaming Funding

- Parents discussed the Alternate Education Program's funding request for a stove. The stove has been purchased and installed, with the assumption PAC will support the purchase to some degree.

MOTION: PAC approve the purchase of a stove for the Alternate Education Program up to the amount of \$750.00, on condition two more quotes are submitted by Karee-Ann Stuart. Katia/Wendy – carried

- Parents discussed the Art Department's request for a digital camera. It was asked of the Art Department to see if other digital cameras were available to use. PAC will revisit this in the new year.

11. Celebrate successes – how can PAC help?

- Will discuss this in January.

12. Poinsettia Fund Raiser

- The poinsettias will be at the school on Friday December 11 from 2:00 – 7:00 pm. Wendy, Jan and Susan will be available most of the afternoon. Kathie will come after work and Katia will be a back-up person.
- To date, 200 poinsettias have been sold.

13. Nepal Trip Update

- Brian talked with staff and is looking at engaging student in this trip perhaps through Quest for Community.
- The group leaves for Nepal on February 19 for approximately 1½ to 2 months with the hopes of creating a public presentation to be ready for May
- Several ideas to help with this were discussed including creating a shoe box or backpack of supplies and creating a sister school connection. Weight and bulk will be a concern as items start rolling in.

- The group will develop awareness of this through local media, web sites, Facebook and Twitter.
- This group will be trekking to the Tsum Valley to help communities afflicted by famine.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday January 11, 2010