

**MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine, Kathie Varney, Susan Wilson, Darlene Falle, Nat Barabanoff, Jan Brown, Maria Klement, Shellie Maloff, Stacey Kabatoff, Anna Kinakin, Ester Zdebiak, Janice Chernenkoff (Sequoia), Louise Poole (Health Promoting Schools Coordinator), Glen Campbell (Principal)

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 January 9, 2012 accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

• End of Semester

- Provincial exams presented challenges but everyone managed to get through them
- Marks will be online possibly mid February
- exams are in process of being marked
- Parents have to contact staff for marks & comments. If parents cannot get information regarding their student's marks, please contact the office.
- Interim marks will be done for Grade 12 so they can begin applying early for post secondary education.
- BceSIS
 - This is in full swing and administration is getting used to the system now.
 - Parent link – parents are encouraged to view the BC Ed. Plan and do the survey. Link can be found on the Mount Sentinel School website. <http://engage.bcedplan.ca/>
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 - The hope here is to generate a better communication between schools and the community and future education.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming Account: no change: \$8179.33 as of January 16, 2012
- PAC Regular Account: \$1,137.48 as of January 16, 2012

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- Teacher's Magazine January Edition

6. DPAC REPORT

- Tech. Survey: survey results will be discussed
- Kim Morris to speak about the budget to parents
- Internet Awareness Tuesday February 7
- Pink T-shirt Day: Wednesday February 29, 2012
- anti-bullying campaign, wear pink to show support

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- letter from Superintendent Jeff Jones regarding job action is available on school website

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- plans to meet soon are in place

9. GAMING & FUNDING

- Spreadsheet is still being updated. Hopefully will be completed by next meeting.

10. GRAD 2012

- Parents are starting to ask about what's happening with graduation plans.
- Meeting is to be planned soon to update parents & job action issues surrounding graduation events.
- Graduation will proceed as planned thus far.
- Grad Facebook page – please look for this page for announcements. This is another source of information for families to view and comment
- Direct questions to Ken Wiens and Shelley Wiltshire if you are having concerns
- Emails will be sent out as well as Grad students are encouraged to take the information home to their parents.

11. Selkirk College Presentation For Parents

- Amy @ Selkirk College has been contacted to give a financial presentation to parents & students
- Presentation date is set for April 2
- Presentation at Selkirk Campus is set for March 7: this is an information night for parents & more information regarding this meeting will follow.

12. PAC Meeting - June

- final meeting for PAC 2011/2012 will be held at the Dam Inn - June 11, 2012
- dinner and final discussions are on the menu!!!

Presentation by SEQUOIA

- Awesome presentation of the “hands on” kits to learn creative thinking, trust and communication skills
- Unique way to encourage students to face challenges and come up with solutions
- Awesome support from the community to Sequoia. Congratulations to the dedicated staff and students!!!!
- What is Sequoia? Answer: Program that reaches out to students who need an alternate way of learning. Janice Chernenkoff provides that table of learning in an environment of faith, trust, understanding and most importantly, an open mind!!!
- BIG NEWS!!! Sequoia has been granted \$98,977 to fix heat/AC system and do renovations on the current Crescent Valley location. Additional sum of \$15,000 has been awarded to repair the bathroom as well. The best part of this huge grant is that the STUDENTS of Sequoia helped write and apply for the grant. CONGRATULATIONS TO SEQUOIA
- NOTE: PAC members actually used the hands on kit during the presentation and found that the exercises in these kits were relatively simple yet hard. The ADULTS performed at a slower rate than the students according to Janice. The entire PAC group was very impressed with the kit and realized that creative thinking strategies are not only for kids!!! Adults should be paying attention more to this way of learning.

Breakfast for Learning Presentation

Presentation by Shellie Malloff and Louise Pool

- Louise Pool is a Health Promoting Schools Coordinator and her job is to bring healthy programs and awareness to schools, students and families.
- Allison Bell – Chef in Invermere has been commissioned to talk about healthy food choices in schools.

- The Breakfast for Learning program is being funded by Loblaw's and other major charities
- Application for this program is in June 2012
- Outside support from parents and businesses is being sought. Evergreen, parents and the Rotary Club will be approached for support.
- The support from the community is needed to make this program happen.
- There is opportunity to work with MSS Support staff and there are many students on the IEP program. With these students in difficult situations at home, this translates to poor starts in the mornings and coming to school with no lunches.
- Issue is becoming prevalent as students are not as "awake" during school hours. This is the main reason this program is being brought forward.
- Options for the Breakfast part: breakfast burritos, fruit, yogurt, bagels..... any other suggestions are welcome.
- Application request to PAC for \$1,000 – this fund is needed to jump start the program, start a tracking system to see how many students are in need of this program and other expenditures to make this program run.
- Program is geared to feed the students who need it most!!!!
- Parents, if you wish to donate something to this program or offer assistance as a volunteer, please contact Shellie Maloff at the school or by email: smaloff@sd8.bc.ca
- Anticipated start date: ASAP
- Tax Receipts are given by SD8 when donations are over \$25. If you are needing a receipt for tax purposes, contact the office please.
- Breakfast for Learning website: <http://www.breakfastforlearning.ca/>

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday, March 5, 2012

Meeting to begin at 6:30 pm

Mount Sentinel School Library

All parents welcome to participate in MSS Parent Advisory Council.