

**MT. SENTINEL PAC**  
Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2011  
Mt. Sentinel School

**ATTENDANCE:** Susan Wilson, Linda Verishine, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Kathie Varney, Stacey Kabatoff, Lori Verigin, Juliet Genero, Blair D'Andrea (Vice Principal), Glenn Campbell (Principal), Tamara Malloff (Tech Coordinator), Barb Linday (Trustee),

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

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present at 6:40 pm and introductions were done for new people attending.

**2) Accepted November minutes by consensus**

**3) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**a) STAGE BAND CONCERT** - Held in December was very well attended

**b) EXAM WEEK: JAN 24 - 28**

- Exams for Grades 10-12
- Grades 7-9 expected to attend classes as usual on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) to be started by Jan 17 for Grade 7 for Math and English
- B.C.T.F. may be vocal about this as this group is not happy with the FSA.

**c) ATHLETICS**

- Basketball in full swing for Grade 7 up to the senior levels as well

**d) SEMESTER 2**

- Preparations have started for the new session
- Several students waiting to be transferred into second semester (these are mostly senior students), which is an increase over past years.

**e) TEACHERS**

- MECHANICS – Dr. Jamie Barber’s retirement has been announced for end of June
- FRENCH - Jacqueline Skands heading off on maternity leave
- MATH – Maureen Hyham will be on sick leave for 2nd Semester

**4) TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Balance Gaming account: \$8,976.74
- Balance regular account as of Jan 1, 2011: \$3006.95, includes Poinsettia Sales

**5) SECRETARY REPORT**

- Pixie Candy Shoppe: chocolate roses available for fundraising for Valentine's Day
- Thank you letter from the Senior Boys Basketball team for warm up jerseys, with an invite to attend their home game Jan 17 @ 4:30 pm

**6) DPAC**

- Next DPAC meeting will be at the Nelson School Board Office - Thurs. January 27 start 6 pm to 8 pm

**7) TRUSTEE - Barb Lindsay**

- currently working on Advisory Committee for the Valley

**8) SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL**

- next meeting TBA, still working on the survey

**9) GAMING FUNDING – UPDATE SPREADSHEET**

- The spreadsheet is up to date and copies are available from Natalie Barabonoff

**10) SLOCAN VALLEY FACILITIES PLANNING**

- Meeting held Dec 7, 2010 at Brent Kennedy Elementary. Barb, Glen and Susan Wilson were present
- 4 recommendations were made:
  1. That the Board of Education receive this report for information
  2. That the Board of Education support the development of a family of schools working together on behalf of all learners in the Slocan Valley
  3. That the Board of Education support the further development of student access to learning in a hybrid on-line and face-to-face environment in the Slocan Valley, in a next generation learning environment
  4. That the Board of Education commit to examine east and west catchment boundaries for schools in the Slocan Valley.
- Next meeting to be held at Mt. Sentinel January 18, 2011. Start time 5:00 pm
- The future of this committee is being reviewed as the original terms of reference have been completed

**11) POINSETTIA FUND RAISER**

- Sales: \$2,257, Cost: 1523.20, TOTAL PROFIT: \$733.60
- There were issues with several plants (18) losing their leaves. Susan will contact Georama to see what can be done: replacement plants or credit
- Full report will be submitted at the February meeting

**12) PAC FUND RAISER**

- Mom's Pantry: decision to organize this for an Easter fundraiser
- Will be discussed in detail in February's PAC meeting

### **13) LIBRARY COLLABORATION**

- The school district is looking at collaboration between school and municipal libraries for ease of sharing resources.
- Library Referendum results for Area H was positive, so residents can now go to Nelson Library for their free library card. People need photo ID and documentation showing proof of residence.

### **14) TECHNOLOGY SURVEY**

- 70 parents responded to the survey
- Survey indicates positive response from parents in regards to technology with some reservations about physical interaction and equal access to equipment.
- Basic questions have come up regarding “old school” reading, writing and arithmetic. Other questions around, affordability, access and distractions to students was discussed. Also discussed was parents’ view of “distraction” and students may be very different – students can multi-task at a very high rate (Facebook, iPod and homework all at the same time)
- Today’s students are the BRIDGE GENERATION of “old school teaching” and “new age technology.” Tech Committee’s next steps will be to look at bridging the gap between old and new technology.
- How do we continue to get feedback from parents: comment box? Extra website links?
- Summary of survey results will be posted on the PAC web site.

### **15) PARENT INFO SESSIONS**

- SELKIRK COLLEGE - Wed. Jan 19: Workshop discussing college planning, courses, and sourcing out financing issues

### **16) PAC SURVEY**

- survey to be developed and inserted with report cards, around the second week of February
- Questions will concentrate on PAC and parent issues only
- Planning meeting to be held soon to discuss the survey. Details to be released later.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**MSSS Library - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Tuesday Feb 8, 2011**