

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday January 11, 2010
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

Attendance: Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Stacy Kabatoff, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Jan Brown, Sally Mackenzie, Shelley Malloff (Learning Assistance Teacher), Glen Campbell (Principal), Blair D'Andrea (Vice-Principal)

1. Welcome/Call to order/Additions to agenda

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:30 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from December 7, by consensus

3. Assessment For Learning

- Glen and Blair shared a power point presentation on Assessment For Learning created by Director of Achievement (and form Mt. Sentinel Principal) Andy Leathwood. Assessment for Learning sees students taking ownership of their learning by teachers sharing the criteria – or rubric – for assignments and having self and peer feedback on their work.
- Shelley shared the pamphlet “Understanding Assessment and Reporting: A Parent Guide to Understanding That Assessment if For Learning” with more information and web sites parents can visit.

4. Principal’s Report

- Quest for Community left today for Haiti.
- Counselor Shelley Whitshire created a Girl’s Group with the Grade 8 girls to discuss conflict resolution and provide support for bullying.
- Ken Weins and Tamara Maloff are working with Grade 7 on Cyber Bullying, and will mentor Brent Kennedy students
- The school is down to one microwave for students to heat up their food.

5. Treasurer’s Report

- Bank statements were not received by the start of the meeting.

6. Secretary

- Correspondence:
 - Thank You card from the Sequoia Learning Centre for support of their program, along with a plate of homemade banana muffins
 - Fund raising information

7. DPAC

- The next DPAC meeting will be Thursday January 28. Larry Brown will share the Student Transportation Review Recommendations Implementation Plan.
- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will be a topic on the 28th

- BCCPAC AGM will be April 17 and 18, 2010. DPAC traditionally sends at least two parents and will be a topic on the 28th. Watch for BCCPAC Proxy Vote form and resolution booklet coming soon.

8. Trustee

- Barb sends regrets.

9. School Planning Council (SPC)

- Next meeting will be early in February.

10. Gaming Funding

- Three approved allocations have been spent: volleyball nets, Quest for Community's East Vancouver field trip and part of the Library books allotment.

MOTION: PAC will purchase two (2) microwave ovens for student use in the common area up to \$200.00

Sally/Jan – carried

- Jan will look at Wal-Mart and Nat will look at Canadian Tire for appropriate microwave ovens. Katia will review all quotes
- How do we ask students what they'd like to see PAC spend their money on? A few years ago PAC surveyed students. Another suggestion was to hand a cookie out to students asking them directly what they'd like to spend money on. More discussion will take place at the next meeting

11. Poinsettia Report

- See attached

12. Celebrate successes – how can PAC help?

- Will seek input from staff and discuss in February

13. Update “Policies and Procedures for PAC Disbursements”

- The draft document was shared at the meeting.

MOTION: PAC accept the Policies and Procedures for PAC Disbursements as circulated.

Sally/Stacey - carried

14. Bullying

- Concerns about cyber bullying were brought up, and parents wondered what the school does when they hear about it. Both Glen and Blair take every bullying incident seriously, and admit they don't always hear all the problems until many months have passed.
- Lots of work with students in the lower grades is being done to address cyber and face-to-face bullying by teaching students to be assertive and stand up for themselves.
- The school will get all parties involved together to talk out the issues. It's felt that shedding light on these incidents often leads to resolution.
- If parents notice their child no longer likes school, won't hang out with their friends or if they experience stomach and headaches it's recommended you talk with your child.

15. PAC Parent Survey

- Susan shared last year's questions.
- A committee was struck to review the questions and come back with a recommendation to the February 1 meeting.
- The Survey Committee will meet at the Damn Inn pub on Tuesday January 26 starting at 5:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday February 1, 2010

**Mt. Sentinel PAC Poinsettia Fund Raiser
December 2009
Final Report – Submitted January 11, 2010**

PLANTS ORDERED

Red plants - 154

White Plants - 32

Pink plants - 36

TOTAL ORDERED = 222

EXPENSES

Advertising - \$25.41

Plants given away – \$17.86

Georama Invoice - \$1749.30

TOTAL EXPENSES = \$1792.57

TOTAL MONIES COLLECTED = \$3078

MONIES AVAILABLE FOR PAC BURSARY – \$1285.43

COMMENTS:

- Plants were sold at \$14 per plant. Cost per plant was \$8.93, netting a profit of \$5.03 per plant.
- The plant total includes 2 extra plants which were sold at the school on delivery day
- We gave 2 plants to the school secretaries as a thank you.
- Used web-based ticket publishing software to create the tickets. Saved time numbering each ticket and stub by hand.
- Advertised in the Pennywise and had a few local residents order plants
- Placed a poster in the staff room for staff orders – only one order came from that. Students were good at asking staff to buy plants

IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Keep better track of plants being picked up – two people gave ticket stubs that hadn't been paid for.
- Count white and pink plants before Georama leaves. It appears we were shorted two white plants
- Poinsettia information on web site and expand advertising to Valley Voice and Express
- Stapling booklets so we can see the ticket number through the baggie – easier to record numbers