

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday January 12, 2009
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

Attendance: Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Wendy Niminiken, Jan Brown, Kathie Varney, Nat Barabonoff, Rochelle Simmons, Sally Mackenzie, Andy Leathwood (principal)

Regrets: Jenny Henri

1. Welcome/Call to order

- Katia Dolan, welcomed those present at 6:40 pm. Katia was appointed PAC Chair until the next elections.

2. Approval of Agenda – as circulated

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from December 1 by consensus

4. Principal's Report

- First term exams begin January 26. Students in Grade 7 – 11 are expected to attend the week. Grade 12's are expected only when they have exams to write. Friday January 30 is an administrative day. To view the exam schedule please visit the school's web site at www.msss.sd8.bc.ca.
- Staff reviewed the 4-block system, specifically how Mondays are set up. Staff likes the Monday schedule as they are able to see their students at least three times in a week.
- Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) will go ahead as required by the Ministry of Education despite the political beliefs which are hindering the administration of the FSA.
- Project Guatemala will spend their March break helping villages and spending more time with community members.
- December 18 dance saw 200 students having fun. There were concerns about drinking. Andy assured parents dances are monitored closely. Any student who appears to be under the influence of an illegal substance is removed from the dance and parents are called to pick up their child.
- June 16 is the last day of regular classes before second term exams. The last official day is June 25.
- There was a lively discussion on drug use. Zero Tolerance policies are counter-productive, in that they don't allow for flexible choices and exclude some students. The impact of drug use on the community includes crime and violence. This is not common at Mt. Sentinel. The school is quick to contact agencies that can help students and families, including Freedom Quest. Communication with students is important: "Through the Blue Lens" is a documentary recommended parents watch with their children.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming - \$8661.69/ Regular - \$3331.45

6. Secretary

- Correspondence:
 - BCCPAC Fall Mail out including nomination information for the Board of Directors
 - BCTF Teacher Magazine
 - Thank You from Suzanne Morris
 - Bake Better Bites, a cookbook with recipes that fit the Guidelines to Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools was discussed

7. DPAC

- Next DPAC meeting will be on Thursday January 22 6:00 pm at the Nelson Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd. Everyone welcome ☺

8. Trustee (submitted via email – Barb Lindsay sends regrets)

- Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe 2009! I am exhilarated by once again being connected to the Kootenay Lake Education System. In spite of the many challenges presented, learning and enthusiasm continues. It is inspiring to be connected to youth. Following are some of my experiences:
 - I enjoyed getting to know parents at PAC meetings at WEG and Mt. Sentinel. .
 - I spent time on binders and documents learning about past Board Meetings. And how things work
 - I joined Christy Nichols (CBAL) and committee in discussing possibilities for Literacy Day and the successes to date (library, Strongstart, and others)
 - It was a pleasure to welcome all the athletes to the Girls Provincial Volleyball Tournament at Selkirk College.
 - I learned a significant amount about the role of the Trustee and met many others from around the province at the New Trustee Conference in Vancouver.
 - At the first Board Meeting I learned about the economic challenges of the district and procedures in the district
 - I attended a meeting with the Minister of Achievement in a review of the district Achievement Contract and Assessment Results
 - I enjoyed Breakfast with Santa where my sleigh was used for “xmas photo ops”
 - The Christmas Concert at WEG was unique and an inspiration for further creative learning opportunities and environmental leadership
 - The Mt Sentinel Destination Imagination Team is making great headway
 - Plans with WEG to host the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament were started
 - I visited Salmo Elementary on the last day of school and toured the school and once again the commitment and passion for doing the best for kids is everywhere.
- I'm happy to be on the following committees: policy, healthy living, scholarship and the Transportation Review. I look forward to any input you have on any issue. It is what guides me in my work serving our rural community.

9. School Planning Council (SPC)

- Next SPC meeting will take place in February.
- Sally Mackenzie was elected onto the School Planning Council

MOTION: To destroy ballots used.

Katia/Kathie – Carried

10. Gaming Funding Update

- Allocated all of the gaming money this year.
- Waiting for receipts to come in to issue cheques.

11. Poinsettia Grad Bursary Fund Raiser Report

• PLANTS ORDERED

Red plants - 177

White Plants - 19

Pink plants - 20

TOTAL ORDERED = 216

• EXPENSES

Supplies - Ziploc bags - \$11.39

Plants given away – \$26.78

Georama Invoice - \$1927.81

TOTAL EXPENSES = \$1965.98

• TOTAL MONIES COLLECTED = \$2997

• MONIES AVAILABLE FOR PAC BURSARY – \$1031.02

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 7 extra plants which were sold at the school on delivery day
- We gave 2 plants to the school secretaries as a thank you.
- One plant was unaccounted for: no ticket stub was submitted for #844 but plant was given away
- Used web-based ticket publishing software to create the tickets. Saved time numbering each ticket and stub by hand. Printing error resulted in less tickets printed than expected, so this year each family (not student) was given tickets.

IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Advertise in the Pennywise and local media.
- Connect with school staff to make sure Poinsettia information is included in school newsletters and on web site
- Make sure Grads ask the school's staff if they'd like to order a poinsettia. Many staff members were disappointed they didn't get a chance to order a plant.

12. Healthy School Committee – request meeting with parents

- Andy will set a meeting in February.

13. PAC Survey

- A draft survey was circulated for comments.
- Susan will email a copy to Andy and request staff review questions. There is space for staff to ask questions of parents.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday February 2, 2009 at 3:30 pm
March/April meeting could be held in Winlaw.