

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

MEETING MINUTES **Monday, January 9, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine	Kathie Varney	Susan Wilson
Glen Campbell (Principal)	Nat Barabanoff	Carrie Reilly
Shellie Malloff	Stacey Kabatoff	Anna Kinakin

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 December 5, 2011 accepted
- Corrections to minutes noted and will be done

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

• Report Cards

- Still no word about future reporting due to the job action situation.
- LRB ruling: Grade percentages and attendance should be available for Grade 12 students
- Some questions on the future BceSIS reporting from administration were voiced such as:
 - How will this information get to students?
 - Who will send out the reporting information?
 - How does reporting get to Ministry office in Victoria as BceSIS relies on staff to enter student information into the system whereas the old reporting system did not.
- Per Glen Campbell, the onus will be on the staff to keep accurate reporting on each of their students in their books. They are to give this information to administration when requested so this information can be entered into BceSIS.
- Staff representatives are meeting Wednesday Jan 10 regarding the job action situation and specific questions will be asked at this meeting to provide more clarity on the reporting of students' marks.

• Exam Week – end of January

- Provincial exams for English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11, English 12
- Provincial exams will be written and assessments will go ahead as scheduled by the Ministry despite job action.
- Staff will be involved in these tests as it is part of the school curriculum.
- Regular classes will continue during this week per Glen Campbell.

• Family of Schools Project

- at the kick off meeting in December, the following topics were discussed.
 - Profiles of each school, grades profiles, staffing issues, special education

support/philosophies, transitions from school to school and elementary to high school issues, “At Risk” students, substance abuse, substance abuse education, substance abuse literature, Sequoia – is it functioning as a valley school program or just an MSS school function

- Due to the above topics, interesting discussions opened up many questions which has lead to the start of future plans to address these issues.
- Next step is to form a “Round Table” conversation between all PACS, partners in the community and representatives from the Family of School Groups.
 - The hope here is generate a better communication between schools and the community and future education.

4. Treasurer's Report

- **Gaming Account: no change: \$9742.94 as of December 31, 2011**
 - Cheques totalling approximate value of \$2,000.00 have been written so far as per applications that have been accepted but not cashed.
- **PAC Regular Account: \$1,610.69 as of December 31, 2011**

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- Thank you card from the ladies in the library – Tamara and Pat for the monies received to bring in new books.

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6. DPAC REPORT

- Meeting with Nelson Family of Schools to take place January 23 or 25 tentatively. This will involve at least 6 to 7 schools.
- Media letters from BCCPAC regarding the job action situation sent out before Christmas of 2011 provincially have been met with some disapproval. Nelson District Teachers Association (NDTA) was noted to be somewhat surprised by the letters. As a result of this, DPAC is trying to meet with both sides to discuss the job action and address some of DPAC's concerns and questions and the effects this is having on the surrounding communities.
- Next DPAC meeting to be held Thursday, January 26 at the Nelson School Board Office on Johnstone Road in Nelson. Meeting to start at 6 pm.
- Reporting of student grades in the district has not been consistent and there are reports of issues happening in retrieving the information by parents. There are great concerns about this and DPAC would like to see this addressed.
- Glen Campbell is concerned this may be happening in Mount Sentinel and has expressed that if parents have ANY questions or issues, please do not hesitate to call the school and don't assume anything. It is very important that you contact the office if you wish to discuss your student and the information is definitely there for parents to access.

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- Barb Lindsay not present to report

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- nothing to report at this time

9. GAMING & FUNDING

- Technical difficulties with the spreadsheet but will be worked out shortly.

- A few cheques still to be written for accepted applications. Once all cheques are written, approximately \$3,200.00 will be remaining.
- **NEW REQUEST: Drama Club: Pride & Prejudice production**
 - PAC was informed that this is an entire school project involved all grades and some outside community members. This production is an extra curricular project.
 - **Request for \$2,000** was presented but PAC has decided that \$1000.00 will be granted upon reviewing the budgets A & B. Budget A total is \$5,161.94 that includes some payment to Capitol Theatre. With Budget B, the total is \$4014.00 with MSS doing its own printing/selling of tickets. Concern here is that the selling of the tickets falls to the students and may pose a problem of not all tickets will be sold to offset the budget requirements.
 - Suggestion on the ticket sales concern is that each participating student pay up front the money for their assigned tickets and then they go and sell the tickets. This way, monies will be there without question.

1st motion to approve the \$1000.00 request in support of the Pride & Prejudice production.

Motion carried by Carrie Reilly

2nd motion carried by Kathie Varney

All in favour - unanimous

Natalie Barabonoff to follow up with the paperwork and a signed cheque.

10. BC Education Plan – Parent Engagement

- BC Ministry of Education is looking for parental feedback on their proposed project.
- **Website for this venture is:** <http://www.bcedplan.ca/theplan.php>
- **Website for the survey:** <http://engage.bcedplan.ca/> Please note that is more of a forum for questions and discussions.
- Some groups locally have found the plan vague as the topics are very broad and can't be addressed specifically.
- Parent Survey can be found on the website if parents wish to participate in the survey.
- Valley of schools concept is the beginning of this Education Plan in District 8 and is proving to be very exciting.
- The Education Plan is broad at this time but must be noted that it is in its infant stages and will continue to grow and mature as time and participation continues.

11. Lunch Club Application

- \$727.87 is the request to purchase items to keep students busy during lunch hour. The goal is to have games/crafts and ideas that allow students to use their hands, minds and creativity.
- So far, a ping pong table and foosball table have been donated
- Smaller craft items, games, puzzles and lego have not yet been donated. If anyone has anything to donate to this club, it will be greatly appreciated. Please make sure that all pieces of the games/puzzles are there and the items are gently used.
- At this time, beads, yarn, string, glue, wire and other such items are really needed for the craft portion of this club to proceed.
- Above requested funds will be used to purchase some of these materials.

1st motion to grant \$750.00 to the Lunch Club to purchase club materials.

Motion carried by Carrie Reilly

2nd motion carried by Kathie Varney

All in favour: unanimous

12. Sequoia

- Sequoia requested that PAC meet with them next month to view the newly purchased kits that PAC gaming funds has provided.

13. Additional signing authority required for PAC

- Nat Barabonoff has requested that additional signatures be added to the PAC banking accounts and to revise the list of authorized names at the credit union.
- Requirements for this is a list of current executives
- Request to remove past PAC member from this list: Wendy Niminikin
- Nat Barabonoff will make an appointment with the Kootenay Savings credit union to have these new signatures authorized. New people must meet at the credit union with their ID for banking purposes.

List of executives:

Susan Wilson:	Parent Advisory Council Chairperson
Natalie Barabonoff:	Parent Advisory Council Treasurer
Jan Brown:	Parent Advisory Council Vice Chairperson
Linda Verishine:	Parent Advisory Council Secretary

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 8:05 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING:

AT Sequoia – Crescent Valley Hall
2nd building

Monday, February 6, 2012

Meeting to begin at 6:30 pm

All parents welcome to participate in MSS Parent Advisory Council.