

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

MEETING MINUTES

Monday June 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine	Nat Barabanoff	Darlene Falle	Kathie Varney
Susan Wilson	Sheri Walsh	Jan Brown	Alison Burns
Carrie Reilly	Jason Taylor	Shellie Maloff	Glen Campbell (Principal)

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Susan welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting in May was in Winlaw – no quorum was present

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Vice principle: Shellie Maloff has been appointed and it is now official. Congratulations to Shellie! Her official duties begin in September 2013. 21 applicants applied during the posting process
- Ottawa Exchange Trip: The group returned reporting that the trip was a huge success. Alex Atamenko was great with the students in Ottawa. A personal tour of the Parliament was given by Mr. Atamenko.
- Books on the Bus: Brian's bus is now being used for Books on the Bus program. The goal was to get this program started this year to leap into 2013/2014 school year. Bins on the bus will be available with books for students to read during the bus ride. Once the book is read, they simply drop the book off in the bin as they get off the bus. Donations of "acceptable" reading books will be gladly accepted. For the older students, magazines are accepted as long as the reading content is appropriate. Key question here is how to manage the books.
- School Planning Day - good day to share educational thoughts, ideas and plans for future education. Last year was a poor showing of parental presence. Goal for the new year is to figure out how to encourage more parents to attend.
- Timetable: Breaks are an issue with the students. Students feel breaks are not long enough. Morning breaks are now being reconsidered a nutrition break for 15 minutes and to have the afternoon break to be a longer break. This 2nd break is to be geared for a tutorial break or longer nutrition time. Intermediate grades 7-9 - 105 minute classes appear to be a bit long which has encouraged a discussion to put in a short break time to ease young students into the senior class rhythm. There will be a static schedule: Mon - block 1,2,3; Tues - 4,3,1; Wed - 2,3,4; Thurs - 3,4,1; Friday - rotating block schedule. Last period of the day will be shortened by 15 min to allow for a longer break time. Students also raised concern about catching the afternoon bus and not having enough time after the bell to collect items from their locker and board the bus on time. The shorter class time in the afternoon will help with this issue.
- Grad Presentations at the Prestige and school went extremely well
- Mock Accident Presentation: This presentation went off fabulously! ○ Great experience for the students in which knowledge and information was shared about making "wise choices"

- School Spirit Week: this was a bit lacking. Discussions held about doing a "lip dub" video idea. This idea is to produce a video of the school activities and students in which the students lip sink to show off their personality and creativity.
- Celebration of Learning: 1:30 pm on Wednesday June 19. The lip-sync video will be shown at this time
- Enrollment: preliminary numbers for 2013/14 appears to be down again by 20 students. 68 Grads with 39 new students coming in which translates to a possible teacher position being cut. Electives are being reviewed and is proving difficult. New course to be introduced call the Leadership class. Drama & Production class may be cut for a year due to Ms. Shippit being on maternity leave. 4 temporary staff members will be leaving at the end of the school year. Russian, music, drama courses may be affected as there may not be staff to teach these courses. 7-8 intermediate class and pre-electives will be multi-age learning groups. Core courses will be by grade for the most part
- Breakfast for Learning: PAC funding helped get this program started for vulnerable students. \$2300 grant money was awarded and used to enable this program off the ground. Great volunteer help from the parent groups and the whole process evolved quite nicely. This program is now ready to incorporate a Hot Lunch Program. There is discussion about looking into funding from a Links program. Parent volunteers are always needed and looking for volunteers for 2013/2014 school year. Call Alison Burns or Shellie Maloff for more information on how to help out. Glen Campbell is looking into acquiring a commercial grade dishwasher for next year. Sept 2013 - Welcome Back Breakfast will be held to kick off the new school year and parental help is needed. The Kick Off Breakfast will be the 1st Monday of the school year.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Gaming Account: June 8, 2013 \$5,419.19
- Regular Account: June 8, 2013 \$1,729.05

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- Let's Invite brochure on some fundraising ideas
- Sensitivity to Electro-magnetivity letter - issued was raised by some concerned parents regarding the use of WIFI and electronic magnetic transmissions.

6. DPAC REPORT

- Parent Celebration Thursday June 20 with supper to start at 5 pm
- Need 2 parents to attend.
- Nominations are being taken for a couple of great parents to be representatives on Monday June 17. Email Kendra Kendradpac@gmail.com with your nominations or send to the School Board office

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- June 7 letter inviting 2 PAC representatives to the catchment/boundary meeting. Call is out to SPC and PAC members to attend this important meeting
- Invitation was sent out Friday June 4 - late
- Meeting is to be Tuesday June 25 @ 6:30 pm in Salmo with the invitation being sent by Kim Morris. Please RSVP as soon as possible

- Review of the International Program - some international students want to come to Canada and the West Kootenays. At this time there is no home to board these students. If interested in opening your home, please contact Mount Sentinel or Susan Wilson for more information on how to go about this.
- Bus Routes and Issues: no big changes so far for the 2013/2014 school year. Bus passes will be in use and is planned

8. GAMING FUNDING UPDATE

- The fund is now updated and there is a spreadsheet that is available to view from Natalie Barabonoff

9. PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

- 31 surveys done. Discussion on how to have a few more responses in the new year
- Winners are: 1st draw - Nancy Boucher 2nd draw - Jennifer Green 3rd draw - Kathy Hartley
- These winners will receive gift certificates from Four Seasons Greenhouse, Dig Garden Centre and Slocan Valley Home Hardware.

10. GRAD VOLUNTEERS

- Parent volunteers are needed to help with the festivities

11. STAFF LUNCH

- will be held last week of school - Tuesday June 25 during the day
- Parents are needed to help prepare the trays and food for our hardworking Mount Sentinel

12. PAC GRAD BURSARY

- 2 Student awards to be given @ \$350 each with 2 alternates chosen

MOTION: That PAC award two bursaries to the amount of \$350 each.

Nat/Kathie – carried

13. MSS SCHOOL WEBSITE

- the website will be going to WordPress
- Site is undergoing a rebuild to have a fresh new look for the upcoming school year

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:26 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday September 9 2013 - This is first meeting of the new school year and all Parents are welcome to attend!