

**Mt. Sentinel PAC**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**Monday June 7, 2010**  
**Dam Inn Pub, South Slocan**

**Attendance:** Jan Brown, Kathie Varney, Nat Barabonoff, Wendy Niminiken, Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Stacey Kabatoff, Barb Lindsay (Trustee), Tamara Malloff (Library-Tech Teacher), Shellie Maloff (LA Teacher)

**Social time between 5:30 - 7:00 pm ☺**

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

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 7:00 pm

**2.) Acceptance of minutes**

- Approval of May 3 minutes by consensus

**3.) Shellie Maloff**

- Shellie gave the principal's report for Glen Campbell as he was unable to attend.
- School Planning day on May 25 was a success. The new online format worked very well. Staff meetings are focusing on student and staff learning. The goal next year will be students taking ownership of their work.
- Literacy Innovation Project is using technology to provide feedback on assignments both teacher-student and student-student.
- Network of Performance Based Schools continues to focus on Grades 7-9 in reading and writing assessments. The assessments are being used to help students move beyond strategy and towards life long learning.
- 30 Hour Famine raised over \$4000 and saw 100 student participate. This even saw students that don't normally get involved in Mt. Sentinel events.
- The staff held Town Hall Meetings with the students and asked a variety of questions for all grades. Staff felt it was a great way to build relationships with students both in and outside of the classroom.

**4.) Treasurer**

- Regular Account: \$2784.64
- Gaming Account: \$4291.55

**5.) Secretary**

- Teaching Assistant Chris Berger approached PAC about outside play structures for the students, particularly the younger grades. An outdoor climbing wall was discussed, with possible benefits to the newly created Summit Academy. Expanding and upgrading the outdoor basketball court was also an option. This will be placed on September's meeting agenda for further discussion.

**6.) DPAC**

- Next meeting is June 17 at the Nelson board office. This will be the Parent Celebration

evening honouring parents who were active in their schools. All parents are welcome to attend.

- Pupil Transportation Procedures Manual is currently under review. Please visit the DPAC web site at <http://dpacsd8.weebly.com/> to read the proposed changes and provide feedback.

#### 7.) Trustee

- The Slocan Valley Facilities Advisory Committee held its inaugural meeting on May 18.
- Jeff Jones was hired as the new Superintendent and will take over from retiring Pat Dooley in the summer.

#### 8.) School Planning Council (SPC)

- School Planning Day was really informative and fun. Felt there was enough information to create an excellent goal for the coming year.
- There was discussion around aligning the PAC survey to the student and staff surveys.

#### 9.) Gaming Funding

- Don Warthe is requesting \$2500 for upgrades to the courtyard.

**MOTION:** PAC support Don's request for courtyard upgrades up to \$2500.00, broken down as follows: \$1500 for materials, \$1000 honourarium.

Susan/Jan - carried

- Susan will send an acceptance letter which will include an updated application form requesting Don remove the "international" reference.
- Librarian Pat Brach shared information about a Listening Station for the library. PAC will encourage Pat to apply for gaming funds in the Fall.

#### 10.) Notice of Motion

**Motion:** Parents accept the proposed Vision and Mission statements as presented below:

PAC Vision Statement: Happy Healthy Educated Children

PAC Mission Statement: Mt. Sentinel PAC is committed to every student by encouraging parental and community communication, education, and involvement. A dynamic link between home, school and local community is vital to all students.

Kathie/Wendy - carried

The vision and mission statement will be forwarded to the SPC for insertion into the school growth plan.

#### 11.) PAC Parent Survey

- This year staff and students were surveyed for their thoughts on what's working great at Mt. Sentinel School. It was suggested the PAC Parent Survey align its questions to create a well-rounded theme from the entire school community.
- It was also suggested PAC could send two surveys - one in the Fall and one in the Spring to provide comparative results.

#### 12.) Meeting day of the week - poll on web site

- Only five responded to the poll. More work will be done in the Fall find out from parents if there's a more convenient day of the week to hold PAC meetings.

### **13.) Slocan Valley Facilities Planning**

- First meeting was May 18 and discussed connections between the four schools in the Slocan Valley.
- There was an Open House held at WE Graham in May which was well attended by members of all four Slocan Valley schools.
- Next meeting will be June 15 at Winlaw School.

### **14.) PAC Citizenship Bursary**

- Three students were awarded \$500 each: Aaron Barabonoff, Rachel Throop and Kyle Paulson.

### **15.) Staff Appreciation**

**MOTION:** PAC support the staff appreciation lunch up to \$250.00

Susan/Nat - carried

**Adjourned 8:12 pm**

**Next Meeting:** Monday September 20, 2010 6:30 pm at the school.