

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 1, 2010  
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

**Attendance:** Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Jan Brown, Glen Campbell (Principal), Blair D'Andrea (Vice-Principal), Janis Chernenkoff (Teacher)

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

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:35 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from February 2, by consensus

**3. Janis Chernenkoff, Alternate Education Celebrating Student Success**

- Janis shared with parents her thoughts on how PAC could support Sequoia, the new Alternate Education program in the Slocan Valley.
- There will be a grand opening in May. Currently there are 11 students attending regularly.
- PAC can help support these students with small gifts or awards they can use: coffee cards, bus passes, small gifts, etc. An application process will be worked on.
- Sequoia is still in need of a few items: patio furniture, basketball and road hockey equipment.

**4. Principal's Report**

- Glen share that the Reporting Committee is reviewing the report cards to ensure they meet the needs of students and inform parents about their children's learning. The goal is to see children as learners and not just numbers or percentages. A handout will be included in the next report card.
- Blair talked with parents about how the Slocan Valley schools can get together in a fun activity to foster a smooth transition to Mt. Sentinel. Some ideas included intra-mural sports, drama/music event and continued shared events. There was some talk about "shadow days" where Grade 7 students at Mt. Sentinel go to WE Graham for a day, and WE Graham Grade 7s go to Mt. Sentinel.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- \$2861.98 in regular, \$4872.58 in Gaming.

**6. Secretary**

- Correspondence:
  - BCTF Teacher magazine
  - Day of Pink information from the BCTF
  - Joint letter from the district and Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation regarding zero tolerance for expression of sexism

## **7. DPAC**

- The next DPAC meeting will be Thursday March 25 starting at 6:00 pm at the Nelson board office.
- There will be a Slocan Valley PAC meeting on March 22 to brainstorm reconfiguration ideas for Winlaw and WE Graham.
- DPAC will be writing a letter to the board regarding the possible changes to bussing this fall especially in regards to the elimination of out of catchment bussing.

## **8. Trustee**

- Barb sends regrets.

## **9. School Planning Council (SPC)**

- Met earlier today and reviewed the current school plan. It was decided to revise the main goal.

## **10. Gaming Funding**

- There was discussion around whether or not there will be money left over to support the year book committee. PAC will make sure application forms are given directly to extra-curricular clubs to ensure they have access to gaming funds.

## **11. PAC Parent Survey**

- Preliminary results are in. More detailed results will be shared at the April 12 meeting, and the draw for the three gift certificates will be done at that time.
- SurveyMonkey was a great hit.

## **12. Slocan Valley Facilities Planning**

- The district proposed reconfiguring WE Graham and/or Winlaw elementary schools or their possible closure. The PACs in the Slocan Valley have met several times to review the information from the district, which has resulted in several questions needing answers. The next meeting will take place on Monday March 29 at Winlaw school starting at 6:30 pm.

## **13. Nepal**

- Two Mt. Sentinel students, who were born in Nepal and raised in Canada, are currently in Nepal to help support an impoverished region.

## **Meeting Adjourned 9:0 pm**

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday April 5, 6:30 pm