

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday March 2, 2009
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

Attendance: Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Maria Klement, Stacy Kabatoff, Kathie Varney, Andy Leathwood (Principal)

Regrets: Jenny Henri, Sally Mackenzie

1. Welcome/Call to order/Additions to agenda

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:30 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from February 2 by consensus

3. Principal's Report

- Jazz Band attended the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow Idaho last week. • All reports are positive, and staff and students enjoyed the experience. The "marks" of the adjudication will be available in a few weeks.
- Senior Boys Basketball team will head to the provincial tournament in Abbotsford tomorrow. The tournament runs from Wednesday, March 4 — Saturday, March 7. Our boys go in ranked #13, and play their first game at 12:00 on Wednesday against a team from Vancouver Island.
- All of our other basketball teams have finished their season. Many thanks to all the coaches for their hard work:
 - Ken Wiens — Jr Boys
 - Shelley Maloff— Grade 7/8 Boys
 - Kris Hryniw — Senior Boys
 - Andy Leathwood — Senior Girls
 - Kathy Knapick — Grade 7-9 girls
- Project Help Cuba — we leave the school on Monday, March 9 and return on Wednesday, March 18. There will be 17 students and 4 adults traveling to a community called Primero de Enero, which is in the mountains in the central part of Cuba. While there, we will work with the local community to help repair damage from the last hurricane season. Don Warthe, Patti Humphries, Ruby Peppard and Andy Leathwood will travel with the students.
- The drama department has just released the cast information about their Coproduction of Romeo and Juliet. They are producing this play for the spring Shakespeare Festival and will be working with LVR.
- Provincial Satisfaction Surveys — we will be sending information home to parents this week, and doing them with the students after spring break. Parents and students in grades 7,10 and 12 will be surveyed. There are no longer paper surveys — it is now all electronic. Parents in those grades will be mailed a letter with instructions and a PIN or logon number. We have until April 24 to complete them.
- School dance — we will be hosting a school dance on Thursday, March 5. Any parent is invited to help us supervise. We will be using the dance as a fund raiser to help out the family of a

student in the school that is struggling with a serious illness. The dance will run from 7:00-10:30 pm.

- Parents asked Andy about offering Physical Education throughout the school. Unfortunately PE couldn't fit into the schedule. Daily Physical Activity (DPA) will be discussed at tomorrow's Healthy School Committee. The way DPA is currently expected to be implemented is impractical in a secondary schedule.
- There was a question about school newsletters and how to best deliver them to parents. It was expressed that parents would like a school newsletter more than every few months. There has been a lot of effort made to keep the school's web site up to date.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming - \$8281.90/ Regular - \$3091.15

5. Secretary

- Correspondence:
 - BCTF Teacher Magazine
 - Draft policies for feedback
 - Festival Nelson: Susan will follow up and provide an update at the next PAC meeting
 - Operation Clean Sweep

6. DPAC

- Next DPAC meeting will be March 26 starting at 6:00 pm at the Nelson Board Office.
- Student Transfer forms must be completed and returned to the school no later than March 31
- The school district is currently conducting a school calendar survey. Please visit the school district web site at www.sd8.bc.ca and click on the Parents and Students link on the upper right. Deadline to fill out the survey is Monday March 30.
- The district will be hosting a Slocan Valley Coffee house on Thursday April 2 at the Passmore Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.
- DPAC has put forth a resolution to BCCPAC regarding mandatory use of seat belts on school busses.
- There is a movement by concerned BCCPAC members to discuss the removal of BCCPAC President Ron Broda at an extraordinary general meeting. His recent response to emails and current action leads many to believe his leadership needs to be debated. After some discussion it was decided the Mt. Sentinel PAC would support the call for an extraordinary general meeting. Katia and Wendy will fill out the form and return it to DPAC as soon as practical.

7. Trustee

- Barb Lindsay sends her regrets.

8. School Planning Council (SPC)

- Next SPC meeting will be March 26, 3:30 pm.

9. Gaming Funding Update

- Do we want to spend the money in our regular account?

10. Healthy School Committee

- Next meeting is tomorrow – Tuesday March 3 at 3:30 pm. Susan will invite the two Selkirk College Student Nurses.

11. 2009 Survey

- Andy pulled the winning ballot from the box: Brian McIntyre is the winner of the Digital Mini Camcorder.
- Survey results will be shared at the next PAC meeting.

12. Grad Bursary Committee

- Bursary committee: Nat, Maria and Katia.
- Susan will change the date on the bursary applications to May 22 and send to Ken and Shelly for all Grads to apply.
- We have \$1000 for the bursary this year. Bursary amounts will be determined at a later PAC meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday April 6 starting at 6:30 pm at Winlaw School. Principal Kristi Crowe will share information about the Nelson Public Library offering services in the Slocan Valley.