

**MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 7, 2012
Winlaw Elementary School**

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine, Kathie Varney, Susan Wilson, Nat Barabanoff, Jan Brown, Stacey Kabatoff, Ester Zdebiak, Carrie Rielly, Glen Campbell (Principal), Shellie Malloff (Learning Assistance Teacher), Barb Lindsay (Trustee)

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 7:22 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes of April 2 2012 accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Family of Schools continues to move forward with issues such as sharing resources and learning the needs of the other neighbourhood schools
- BC Education Plan is asking the public what should we be doing? What kinds of resources are needed? Where do we look? For updated information please visit <http://www.bcedplan.ca/>
- Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) results have been sent with report cards for the Grade 7s.
- Graduation information has been sent out regarding outstanding fees and job action issues; June 15 & 16 are the set dates for the ceremonies and banquet; parents will be volunteering to help with this event due to job action; Seven parents are needed for each day: Friday June 15
Ceremonies: 6:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturday June 16 Grand March 2:00 – 5:00 pm
- Report Cards sent home were the first using BCeSIS; format is different and there were no comments from teachers due to job action; 2nd report card will have final grade, and maybe comments if there is a significant change by the student; if parents want comments about their child they are to contact the teachers; school's perspective is the report cards sent home last year expanded on the work habit skills area but the BCeSIS reporting is very restricted and eliminates the critical reporting; concerns that this will cause disconnect between teacher and family; future discussions are slated on how to move forward with this new format but still communicate effectively the work habit skills that the teachers feel are very important; Glen is looking for feedback from parents about the new BCeSIS reporting system. Please contact him with your remarks.

- Course Selection is underway; if parents have not received forms to sign from your children, please contact the office; counsellors have met with each grade to discuss the courses selections and answer questions students may have; basic timetables are now being built for 2012/13 year; Grade 7/8 course selection to be added to the school website; projected enrollment for September is 353 (down from 372) which translates to less money, potentially less teachers and fewer extras
- Quest/Summit applications still being taken – there was discussion whether these two programs will proceed due to low enrollment for the coming year
- Enrolment & class sizes - due to low projected enrollment for next year combined classes may be considered; in spite of the challenges some combined classes can be, they can be a tool to form leadership/teaching relations with the staff/senior students/young students; discussed opening enrolment to LVR students for the Quest; staffing decision will be made by end of June
- The school district's budget will see a decrease in funds from the Ministry of Education for next year so a new approach to funding is being considered which will see a core funding level based on student enrolment with the ability for school staff to apply for additional funding for special classes

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Gaming Account: no change: \$5056.42 as of May 1, 2012
- PAC Regular Account: \$1,137.52 as of May 1, 2012

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- nothing to report

6. DPAC REPORT

- Next meeting to be held at the Nelson School Board office Thursday May 17 @ 6:30 pm

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- Barb Lindsay met with staff/parents/PAC at the Family of Schools Meeting just prior to this meeting.
- CommunityLinks funding was looked at during the budget process this year; there will be changes around the school meal programs and the WE Graham Community School Society will lose \$25,000 of their traditional \$75,000 with the expectation their funding from the district will be eliminated entirely in two years; this was presented without a great deal of notice to the Finance Committee.
- Discussed concerns regarding the CommunityLinks funding including no opportunity to discuss further implications, no opportunity for the Slokan

Valley Family of Schools to discuss the potential loss of programs, fear this will impact local communities greatly without further investigation.

- Bussing changes will take place this September affecting bus runs in the Slocan Valley Family of Schools:
 - Re-orientating start of four Slocan Valley runs from Slocan and Winlaw to starting in Winlaw and Brent Kennedy
 - no bus to and from Nelson-South Slocan junction
 - changes to the Bonnington to Blewett bus runs

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- There will be no survey this year
- Discussions will include communication and thinking outside the box to move education forward despite "tight boundaries" of the new budget

9. GAMING FUNDING UPDATE

- Spreadsheet continues to be updated.
- Nat contacted the Gaming Branch and was provided with quite a few corrections to how Mt. Sentinel PAC has been allocating our gaming monies:
 - honorarium for Quest is no longer acceptable;
 - hardship allocation must be backed up with specific receipts from school
 - bursaries are for students going into post secondary schools and must be written directly to the student
 - Breakfast Program must be open to all students preferably with a nominal fee for breakfasts
- Nat will submit an amended 2010/11 report

10. PAC SURVEY PRELIMINARY RESULTS

- no results at this time

11. PAC GRAD BURSARIES

- Susan will update the application forms and circulate via email and give copies to Shellie and Ken
- Bursary applications are due Friday May 25
- All Grads are eligible to apply
- An ad hoc bursary committee will be struck to review the applications and come back to PAC with a recommendation.

MOTION: Mt. Sentinel PAC support the PAC Grad Bursary up to \$700; allotment of bursary will be upon the recommendation of the Bursary Ad Hoc Committee.

Kathie Varney/Ester Zdebiak - carried

12. GAMING FUNDING APPLICATION

- Tamara Malloff applied for 2 bursaries on behalf of the Yearbook Committee, one for \$200 for one \$150.
- Unfortunately this application was rejected. Nat will inform Tamara.

13. COURSE SELECTION UPDATE

- Please refer to the Principal's Report for the update.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday, June 11, 2012 at Mt. Sentinel School

Parent Celebration – 5:00 – 6:30 pm (bring finger foods to share)

Regular meeting to begin at 6:30 pm

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!!!