

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday May 4, 2009  
Held at Winlaw Elementary School**

**Attendance:** Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Jan Brown, Wendy Niminiken, Glen Campbell (Vice-Principal)

**Regrets:** Sally Mackenzie

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

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:40 pm.

**Presentation by Glen Campbell, Vice-Principal**

- Mt. Sentinel School is currently reviewing how they report students' marks in the newly formed Assessment, Reporting and Grading Committee. The Purpose of this committee is "to put forth recommendations at our district and school level for assessing, grading and reporting practices that meet ministry policy and to implement more effective practices at our various grade levels at Mt. Sentinel."
- Glen reviewed the findings of the committee so far. They asked staff the strengths of the current reporting system, what improvements are needed and what the next steps should be.
- Glen asked parents what they thought of the most recent report card:
  - Would like to see more comments from teachers
  - Percentages or not? Students can get their percentage from the teacher. Ministry needs percentages for Grades 7, 8 and 9.
- The staff will continue to work on improving how they report to students and parents.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from April 6 by consensus

**3. Principal's Report**

- After much deliberation, the proposed Beyond the Classroom activities have been cancelled. Despite efforts to inform and engage students, only 60% of students signed up for activities, and many indicated they would not attend school on those days. The school simply could not support an activity which caused almost half of their students to stay home from school. If parents have any questions, please contact Andy Leathwood at the school.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

- Gaming - \$7297.04/ Regular - \$3091.36

**5. Secretary**

- Correspondence:
  - BCTF Teacher Magazine

## **6. DPAC**

- Results of the BCCPAC AGM are available online – [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca). The resolution to remove Director Stephanie Longstaff was defeated, which resulted in Ron Broda resigning as President. First Vice-President Ann Whitaker will assume the President's duties until further notice.
- DPAC's seat belts on school busses resolution was sent to the BCCPAC Safety Committee for further debate.
- Next DPAC meeting May 28 at 6:00 pm at the Nelson Board Office. All parents welcome ☺

## **7. Trustee**

- Barb Lindsay sends her regrets.

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

- Parents met to go over the survey results and will be sharing the following with staff on the Monday May 25 Planning Day:
  - Using a bar graph, share the top 3 area parents would like to see improvement in, and the six detailed areas
  - Share the successful results – 100% of respondents found their concerns were resolved; improvement in English
  - We'll ask a question of staff: what's one way to communicate to senior students' families (Grades 10-12) when a student is struggling, more than an interim report.

## **9. Gaming Funding Update**

- Katia shared with the group the Gaming Funding spreadsheet to date.

## **10. Healthy School Committee Report**

- No updates to report

## **11. Grad Bursary Committee (update)**

- Deadline for applications is May 22. The Committee will meet after that date to go over the applications.

## **12. Festival Nelson**

- A letter was sent to PAC from the Festival Nelson organization suggesting PAC could offer a \$250-\$300 award to a Mt. Sentinel student who participates in Festival Nelson.
- Several questions were discussed. Stacy graciously offered to look further into this.

## **Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm**

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday June 1 at the Dam Inn: 5:00 pm for social time and dinner, and 6:30 pm for business meeting. Parents are responsible for their own dinner costs.