

MT. SENTINEL PAC
Meeting Minutes - Nov 1, 2010
Mt. Sentinel School

ATTENDANCE: Susan Wilson , Juliet Genero, Kathi Varney, Linda Verishine, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Jan Brown, Lori Sookorukoff, Marlo Popoff, Glenn Campbell (Principal), Blair D'Andrea (Vice-Principal) Tamara Malloff (Library and Tech Coordinator)

1) Welcome Call to order/Additions to agenda

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present at 6:30 pm and introductions were done for new people attending.

2) Accepted October minutes by consensus

3) Presentation by Tamara Malloff

- **New Library Listening Station**
 - Great format to use & interact with students' projects/homework
 - will interact with iPods
 - survey Grade 7 to see what their major interests are
 - very useful tool to aid students in research/learning
- **WIFI Model**
 - now in place on trial basis
 - may be great tool for students to use their laptops in class for research/learning
- **QUESTION: How much support should schools/parents provide (ie: money, resources...)?**
 - Investigation may be needed to source out bulk purchasing, costs, equipment, software availability.
 - what percentage can be set aside to aid parents in need of financial aid?
 - approach large companies to donate to school to help with financing
 - Susan will work with Tamara to create a survey for parents

Thank You Tamara for a great presentation!!

4) Principal's Report

- **School Dance**
 - Wed. Nov 10/10 - doors open at 6:30 and dance ends at 11 pm
 - Concession
 - Door fee to be \$3
 - School rules apply
- **60 - Grade 7's currently attending Mt. Sentinel**
- **School Newsletter** to come out soon!!!
 - email out to families with a few paper copies available at the office

- **1st Report period** - Nov 19 (cutoff Nov 5)
 - new report card template will be used
- **Meet & Greet night**
 - low attendance
 - need to advertise a bit more
 - establish concrete date and make this an annual event for 1st Thurs of Oct each year
- **GRAD**
 - new established date - June 17/18 (Friday/Saturday)
 - booked the Castlegar Complex banquet room for Saturday
 - catering is being looked at
 - cost estimate \$8500 - \$9000
 - Grad Fee \$40 - cap/gown/diplomas per student
 - Total cost to be approx. \$160/grad - fund raise to lower this number
 - staff committee - 8 grad leaders to meet with staff
 - trying to move away from “themes”
- **Quest for Community** – spent nine days in East Vancouver helping the homeless and working with poverty advocacy groups

5) Treasurer’s Report

- Gaming Account: \$3433.48 - waiting for \$1000 cheque to clear
- Regular Account: \$812.64 as of Sept. 30 - \$16.63 and \$500 cheques not cashed yet

6) Secretary

- no report “In Training”

7) DPAC

- Susan in as DPAC Treasurer - CONGRATS!!!
- BCCPAC Extraordinary Meeting Nov. 13/10 - Revised Bylaws to be voted on
- Our PAC to support with open vote
- next DPAC meeting - Thurs. Nov 25 6pm @ Nelson Board office

8) Trustee - Barb sends her regrets

9) School Planning Council – District organized an SPC Training Session on Thurs Nov 4 at Nelson Board Office

10) Gaming Fund

- \$598 for TV
- Honorarium to the school

11) Slovan Valley Facilities Planning

- **New Superintendent - Jeff Jones** attended meeting to discuss education

subjects/issues

- school closures are off the table
- next meeting is slated for November 8, 2010

12) Year Book

- ad to be \$25 for ¼ page, \$50 for ½ page
- new ad from PAC is now complete and submitted

13) Poinsettia fund raiser

- Dec 10 - Delivery date for Poinsettias
- Dec 3 is ticket deadline and given to parents @ meeting
- Susan has list of companies who purchased in past
- \$14 / plant grown by Georama - \$5.03 profit per plant sold

14) PAC Fund Raiser

- Mom's Pantry?
- any ideas to do fundraising?

15) Library Collaboration

- **Do we support Trafalgar regarding a formal dialogue between the school district and local libraries?**
 - Trafalgar Middle school would like the school district to work with local libraries to ensure students and families have equitable access to local and BC Provincial libraries
 - electronic library card - need to look into this
 - this will be discussed at the next DPAC meeting; Susan will report back at December's meeting

Adjourned at 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Dec. 6 - Christmas Party 5:30 - 6:30 and don't forget your \$5 surprise gift and bring a small plate of goodies or finger food to share!!!

Regular meeting to start at 6:30 - 8:30 pm.