

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

**Attendance:** Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Marilyn Ayers, Brian O'Neill, Carol Hill, Glen Campbell (Principal)

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

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from October 5, as amended, by consensus

**3. Principal's Report**

- Dance on October 22 went well. Almost broke even. School feels it's important for students to have somewhere local and safe to hang out. A few parents helped chaperone.
- The Alternate Education Program will be housed at the Crescent Valley Youth Centre. Staff will be hired on Monday November 9 and will have approximately 15 students. The program is considered a program of choice and not "last resort" for students, as they are expected to show up on time and ready to learn. Ideal students for this program are ones who do not do well in a standard classroom. The Alt Ed program delivers the curriculum in a different way, with individualized programs.
- School staff continues to be enthusiastic about their professional learning. A breakfast club has been created for staff to meet to discuss articles of interest and share best teaching practices. Staff is exploring an Action Research Question around integrating technology into classroom learning.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

- Gaming - \$6814.95/ Regular - \$1642

**5. Secretary**

- Katia shared a letter Mt. Sentinel PAC will be sending to Minister Rich Coleman regarding the cuts to the Direct Access Grants to PACs.
- Correspondence:
  - Various fund raising literature
  - BCTF Teacher Magazine
  - Royal Canadian Legion 2010 Remembrance Youth Contest Info

**6. DPAC**

- There was no quorum at the October 22 meeting, so DPAC's AGM will be November 26.
- There will be a Slovan Valley PAC meeting at Brent Kennedy School on Wednesday November 18 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

**7. Trustee**

- Barb sends her regrets

## 8. School Planning Council (SPC)

- Next meeting TBA.

## 9. Gaming Funding

- We received funding requests from eight groups.
- The Funding Committee recommendations are as follows:
  - 1) Pat Brach, librarian - \$400: recommended \$500 – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried
  - 2) Heather Shippit, musical - \$2000: recommended \$2000 – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried
  - 3) Joe Moreira, volleyball nets - \$700: recommended \$700 – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried
  - 4) Joe Moreira, tournament travel - \$1000: recommended \$1000 – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried
  - 5) Don Warthe, Quest for Community field trip to East Van - \$500: recommended \$500 – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried
  - 6) Don Warthe, Quest for Community benches for courtyard - \$400: recommended \$100 for fasteners and stain, as wood could be supplied at no cost to the school – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried
  - 7) Lauryn Gerzymisch, digital camera for Art Dept - \$430: recommended Lauryn connect with Greg and Yearbook as they have a digital camera
  - 8) Karee-Ann Stewart, Alternate Education Program - \$1800 broken down as follows: \$200 gas/maintenance; \$900 stove; \$400 field trip; \$300 First Aid course: recommended \$400 and \$300 for field trip and course, asked for quotes for stove and unable to fund maintenance costs – **MOTION:** Katia/Wendy, carried

## 10. Vacant PAC Executive Positions

**MOTION:** Jenny Henri change her Treasurer's Position to DPAC Rep  
Katia/Wendy, carried

**MOTION:** Nat Baraboff be placed as Treasurer for the remainder of the year  
Katia/Wendy, carried

## 11. PAC Vision for 2009-10 school year

- Katia shared the draft statements created from the input received. It was agreed by consensus to accept these statements, which are as follows:

PAC VISION: Happy Healthy Education Children

PAC MISSION: Mt. Sentinel PAC is committee to every student by encouraging parental and community communication, education, and involvement. A dynamic link between home, school and local community is vital to all students.

- PAC goals will continue to be worked on including keeping an up-to-date email list of parents and submission in all school newsletters.

## 12. Celebrate successes – how can PAC help?

- A brainstorming session took place on how PAC can help promote student successes.
- Success comes in many forms – not just the accomplished athlete or musician but also those students who struggle for higher achievement.

- There was discussion around offering incentives to students in the newly formed Alternate Education Program and those students who bring their marks up over the school year. Katia will ask staff to help identify these students and determine an appropriate incentive.

### **13. Courtyard**

- There was discussion around building a wooden stage in the courtyard. There is access to donated lumber to construct the bridge. There will also be money left over in the Gaming account to provide assistance to further courtyard improvements.

### **14. Nepal Trip**

- Brian shared with PAC he is part of a group organizing a trip to Nepal in March 2010. Brian's children attending Mt. Sentinel are adopted from Nepal. The group is comprised of families in the area who have adopted children from Nepal, with a goal of helping those communities by bringing much needed supplies such as clothing.
- Brian shared a web site people can visit to see how in need the children of Nepal are: [www.himalayanchildren.org](http://www.himalayanchildren.org)
- There was discussion around how PAC can help with raising awareness of the struggles of the people in Nepal, specifically in the north eastern part where several years of famine have crippled the region.
- The school held a year-long Embrace Africa awareness of the struggles in Africa and it was suggested staff be contacted (Don Warthe, Glen Campbell) to see if a similar focus on Nepal could be organized throughout the school year.
- Raising awareness and much needed supplies for the Nepalese could be done by holding monthly drives for socks, mittens, sweaters, and filling backpacks with personal effects for families.
- Parents felt the focus on Nepal would be especially welcomed because we have students in our school who are from Nepal and have a personal connection. Brian will contact school staff and report back at the December meeting.

### **15. Language Options on the web site**

- Katia spoke with Technology coordinator Tamara Maloff about having language options on the web site. Tamara was unsure if this would be beneficial.
- Marilyn will connect with language teachers to see if this is something classes may be interested in.

### **16. Poinsettia Fund Raiser**

- Susan, Wendy, Nat and Kathie will organize the fund raiser this year.
- Susan will contact Georama growers to confirm our participation.
- Friday November 27 will be the deadline for student orders, with a pick up date of Friday December 11.
- Ticket packages will be prepared early next week and distributed at the Grad meeting on November 12 and to the rest of the school a few days after that.

### **17. Christmas Party**

- It was decided to organize a Pot Luck Christmas Party just before our next meeting.

- Party will take place from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, asking parents to bring finger food items and a wrapped \$5 gift for a fun game.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:55 pm**

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday December 7, at the school. POT LUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY from 5:30 – 6:30 pm (finger foods please), with regular business meeting starting immediately following.