

**MOUNT SENTINEL PAC**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday November 5, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Linda Verishine	Jan Brown	Danielle Kiraly
Nat Barabanoff	Darlene Falle	Shelley Raugust
Carrie Reilly	Kathleen Brown	Sheri Walsh
Anna Kinakin	Bob Price	Glen Campbell, Principal
Susan Osachoff	Susan Wilson	Shellie Maloff, LA Teacher
Kathie Varney	Ester Zdebiak	Blair Dandrea, Vice-Principal
	Alison Burns	Kathy Knapik, Interac Club

**1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:38 pm

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- Meeting minutes of October 1, 2012 accepted by consensus

**3. INTERACT CLUB**

- Kathy Knapik introduced the newly formed "Interact Club" who successfully spearheaded a project to install a new water dispenser by the gym. This group is affiliated with the Rotary Club in Nelson and is beginning community service in the area. The group will be heading to Mexico to continue their humanitarian work and will be holding various fund raising activities at the school.

**4. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

- New Staff - Lauren Everall (Art program), Danny Leeming (Law 12), Laurie Meers (Secretary), Tony Applebee (Aboriginal Ed.)
- Gary Anaka - "The Teenage Brain" seminar was a great turnout with approx. 140 people attending. This event was funded in part by the RDCK with future plans to have Gary return
- ERASE Bullying Strategy - Staff from Mt. Sentinel attended the first round of training sessions in Castlegar joining staff from all four local school districts: Kootenay Lake, Kootenay-Columbia, Boundary and Arrow Lakes. This initiative is a 5-year violence risk assessment strategy for all schools in the province. The idea behind this is schools will establish a relationship with local policy, health care providers, ministry departments, etc. to be able to identify and defuse potentially violent situations involving students.

- Hot Lunch Forms – online ordering is still being worked on due to unforeseen issues. Food has been well received from various reports. Most hot lunches being serviced on 2nd Nutrition Break.
- Hot Breakfast - Tuesday & Thursdays and currently hot "mcmuffins" are being sold for \$2.50 each. Group is looking at providing healthy snacks Monday/Friday
- Tutoring with Dave Steele is available in mornings and after school on Mondays for students needing help with their work. Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) is financially supporting this activity.
- Report Cards - to be handed out November 16 tentatively and students can pick them up at the office

#### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- PAC account: as of Sept. 30, 2012 - \$530.00
- GAMING account as of Sept 30, 2012 - \$10,960.28

#### **6. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- BCCPAC - Our Voice magazine
- Thank you letter from Tyler Chernenkoff for \$350 bursary given in June 2012
- Epicure Selections Magazine

#### **7. DPAC REPORT**

- Next meeting will be held at the Nelson School Board Office on Johnstone Road in Nelson on November 22 starting at 6:30 pm.

#### **8. TRUSTEE REPORT**

- Voting to be held November 10, 2012 from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm.
- The two candidates - Bob Price & Sheri Walsh – were given a few minutes to address parents then were asked a few questions.

#### **9. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL**

- Focus is on a new schedule, the "Intermediate class (Grade 7 & 8 classes), looking at similar class structures throughout the province and working the senior grades into similar structures, bridging the gap of social skills/development and barriers between students.

#### **10. GAMING & FUNDING**

- Fourteen applications were received.

**MOTION:** PAC approve the Gaming Funding Disbursement Committee's Recommendations as presented.  
Ester/Carrie – carried

**ACTION:** Susan will inform everyone the status of their application.

#### **11. POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER**

- Danielle Kirally offered to be the Grad Parent liaison with PAC.

- Poinsettia will be sold at \$14 each with \$5 going to the graduates
- November 30 - deadline to order a plant(s) with a December 3 delivery
- Order forms will be sent with report cards, sent out via email and posted on the website.

## **12. MOM'S PANTRY ORDERS**

- Forms will be available at the office
- November 23 deadline with delivery for December 10-12
- This is a fundraiser for PAC that helps pay for a variety of items at the school such as graduation bursaries

## **13. INTERMEDIATE CLASS (GR. 7&8)**

- Blair D'Andrea & Shellie Maloff shared information about how the concept of multi-aged learning is beneficial to students at all grade levels and age groups.
- Multi-aged learning is not a new concept is operating very successfully around the province.
- The Intermediate Class will not have traditional letter grades but will be assessed on what they know, their work habits, etc. Parents can contact their child's teacher for a letter grade if they wish.
- There were concerns brought up about some Grade 8 students not feeling challenged enough while some Grade 7 students are overwhelmed with the new timetable. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher directly with any concerns.

## **14. NUTRITION BREAKS**

- Discussed the 35-minute breaks are not enough for students to rest and eat a proper lunch nor is it long enough to get extra help from teachers.
- Staff shared that, when asked, the majority of students liked this format rather than a full hour break.

## **15. SPORT TEAM FEES**

- There is some confusion around the reimbursement of expenses when parents drive students to and from sporting events.
- Discussed the need for parents to have a breakdown of extra-curricular fees paid so parents know where their money is being spent.
- Glen will follow up with the Athletics Department.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 PM**

**NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday, December 3, 2012 – Christmas Party!**  
**Bring a plate to share and come early to enjoy the goodies**

**If you like, bring a \$5 gift to exchange!**

**Party starts 5:00 pm, meeting to start at 6:30 pm, Mount Sentinel School**  
**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!!!**