

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

MEETING MINUTES **Monday, October 3, 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine	Stacy Kabatoff	Maria Klement
Darlene Falle	Jason Taylor	Carrie Reilly
Kathie Varney	Susan Wilson	Barbara Lindsay (Trustee)
Sheri Walsh	Nat Barabanoff	Jan Brown
Kathleen Brown	Ester Zdebiak	Glen Campbell (Principal)
Sally Mackenzie		

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 7:15 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes of Sept 12, 2011 accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Big Welcome from Glen Campbell – Principal

- **ENROLLMENT**
- 365 Students + 1 international student attending this 2011/2012 school year
 - Grades 7 & 10 seem to be the smallest classes
 - Grades 8 & 9 – 3 classes each
 - Grade 12 – 70 students
- School is pleased to report that there are no classes over 30 students
- 384 FTE students (full time equivalent) - relates to 19 extra students to take on more courses which provides additional funding for the school.
- **EXTRA-CURRICULARS**
 - Jazz Stage band is happening again this year with Rick Lingard directing
 - Drama Theatre – outside of the timetable with Ms. Shippit
 - Fitness for Life – outside of the timetable as well
 - Perma Culture for Grades 9 through 12
 - Grad transistions
 - 26 language courses offered
- **Trent Koonz** – Law 12 instructor new to the school brings a background of the UN Forces.
- **Quest for Community:** received special permission for their field trip due to current job action
- **E Portfolio:** Grade 7 exclusively and extending into Grade 8 is on going.
 - Slocan Valley Family of Schools project is underway. Students will discover historical backgrounds and facts regarding people, education, life and the schools in the area. This project is to encourage the schools to share events and improve communication. Tamara Malloff acquired a technology innovation grant of \$12,000 for this project.

- **No Report Cards** to be going home
 - Parents wanting to know about their students marks should contact teachers for more information and discussion.
 - Use SD8 email addresses if parents wish to contact via the internet
 - Grade 12 students will receive a report card for scholarship and post secondary applications.
 - Mid term reports: generally due 21, 22, 23 of November. These are usually early dismissal days. At this time, early dismissal may not occur.
- **Pro D Day** is going ahead and teachers will hold self directed professional development
- **Job Action:** Principals in area are going above and beyond in spite of the Job Action.

4. Treasurer's Report

- **Gaming Account August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011: \$9777.39**
- includes \$7560 for this year's gaming allocation.
- **PAC Regular Account: \$ 611.24**

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- Bottle Deposit Fundraiser: www.return-it.ca/youth
 - Sally Mackenzie to investigate and report back
 - Schools keep 100% of deposit funds and top 3 schools participating are eligible to win additional prizes. Schools' performances will be tracked on the website.
- Fall Arts Grants: Artists in Education 2 (Residences) - bring in an artist to work with students to deepen their connection in the Arts. Deadline is October 12.
 - Sheri Walsh to look into further
- Cherniavsky – Mr. Music Fund: take your student to see performances of professional classical and traditional music, opera and ballet in your community. The fund will contribute 60% of the price of each ticket up to \$5 per ticket for a max. Grant of \$500 per school. Deadline: October 14

Website for Fall Arts Grants: www.artstarts.com

- Selkirk College did a boot camp using similar idea this past summer and this may be an idea to look into for MSS students.

6. DPAC REPORT

- Thursday, October 27 - 6 pm start at Nelson Board Office - video conference to Creston
- Monday Oct 17 – DPAC will be in Creston for the Creston Family of Schools meeting presenting their “What is a PAC and how do I end up on it?”
 - This fun, on the move group will be coming to Nelson to do the same thing with the Nelson area schools.
 - The Family of Schools encourages communications between all District 8 schools and PACs and their communities.

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- Barb Lindsay praised administration for all efforts with start of the new school year.
- Parents are patient in regards to Job Action issues and disruptions seem to be minimal thanks to administrations' efforts.
- Elections for Trustee positions are coming up

- Barb Lindsay encouraged participation of parents and to run for positions in the school board.
- New faces are needed to bring new ideas/perspectives to our school system
- Information packages are available at the School Board for Trustee positions. Website: www.BCSTA.org

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- SPC to be meeting shortly

9. GAMING & FUNDING

- Applications for Gaming monies will be circulated to staff right away with a deadline of Wednesday October 19.
- Funding Disbursements committee will include: Ester Zdebiak, Natalie Barabanoff, Jan Brown, Darlene Falle, Kathie Varney.
- Committee to meet right after applications are received to review them. Meeting date will be announced later
- Glen Campbell offered assistance to “clarify” applications if questions arose.
- Vending machine monies goes to Student's Council account to cover things such as dances, Valentine's Day event, Student Clubs or other student involved events within the school

10. PAC Newsletter & Mom's Pantry

- Susan Wilson spoke to staff union rep. in regards to teachers handing out a newsletter.
 - It's OK for teachers to distribute PAC information. PAC will create a newsletter and include a Mom's Pantry order form for mid-November. PAC is hoping to increase the number of parents emails with some promotion in the newsletter.
- Monies to go to PAC account to cover such events as: parent/teacher nights, top up poinsettia fundraiser, bursary money, staff appreciation days
- Discussion on having Mom's Pantry every 2 years possibly
- 3 week delivery is required for Mom's Pantry
- Nat and Jan will look after this.
- **Poinsettia fundraiser:**
 - In the past: each student received a book to sell which returned varying degrees of success
 - Perhaps this year there will be an order form included in the PAC newsletter.
- PAC to coordinate with office to send out newsletter
- Natalie Barabanoff and Jan Brown to help out with Mom's Pantry.

11. Other Fundraising Options

- **Coupon Book**
 - coupons in the book offer a variety of savings from golfing, skiing to restaurant discounts
 - Discussed asking all four Slocan Valley school to participate to make sure we receive the maximum profit. Need to determine what we're raising the funds for.
- **Kootenay Country Store Gift Card Program**
 - The Kootenay Co-op donates 9% of the purchased card value to the organizations.

- minimum 1 week's notice to order cards - \$50, \$100 or \$300 denominations. Card orders can be placed by emailing outreach@kootenay.coop
- Cards may be ordered all at once, or in batches as needed, up to the max. agreed card value
- Gift Card Account must be set up by the school. Contact Finance Dept to do this – email: marina@kootenay.coop
- Outreach Department will contact when cards are ready for pickup
- Cards must be paid in full on day of pick up.

Further details are available from PAC Secretary

12. Selkirk College Info Sessions for Parents

- Selkirk College is interested in returning to do more sessions
- Selkirk representatives to come to next PAC meeting to share information with parents – November 7 – start 5:30 pm. Potential topic could be admission requirements.
- Jason Taylor suggested to do open invitation to other Selkirk departments for these info sessions
- Students already do campus visits at the college so this is geared for the parents.
- PAC meeting to begin after these presentations.
 - Bring some food to share as this is the supper hour... :-)

13. Daniel Vecchio Presentation

- Daniel will meet with MSSS students on Oct. 13 to talk about healthy relationships, violence and behaviours
- will work with 50 students and some staff
- MSSS counsellors are arranging this and picking students
- Presentation at Trafalgar - Wed. October 12 7 PM: open to the public.

14. 2012 Graduation

- \$150 fee – covers Friday/Saturday Graduation events
- fundraising is done to help out with “after Grad” event party
- If families need fundraising to help reduce \$150 fee, they need to contact school staff
- cleanup is arranged before events occur to ensure speedy cleanup
- Parents will meet with staff to discuss graduation itinerary, details & funding

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 9:05 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday, November 7

Time: 6:30 pm at Mount Sentinel Library

Selkirk presentations for this meeting to begin at 5:30 pm. Please bring some munchies to share.

All parents welcome to participate in MSS Parent Advisory Council.