

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday October 5, 2009
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

Attendance: Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Kathie Varney, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Marilyn Ayers, Jan Brown, Glen Campbell (Principal), Blair D'Andrea (Vice-principal)

1. Welcome/Call to order/Additions to agenda

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:44 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from September 14 by consensus

3. Principal's Report

- September 30 enrolment is 378 FTE
- There is a distributed learning block that provides students with the flexibility and opportunity to take course electronically. This block has staff assigned to it to help students, who are responsible for showing up on time and ready to learn.
- There are no classes with over 30 students. There were 12 consultations with teachers where there are more than 3 Individual Education Plans (IEP) within one class.
- The newsletter will be posted on the web site
- Mt. Sentinel staff has created a "Creative Committee" and looks forward to sharing their ideas with the school community. The next Healthy School Committee meeting will be announced soon.
- Open House will take place from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursday October 8. PAC will purchase hot dogs, veggies and fruit and drinks. Susan will create name tags for staff and PAC executives. Will ask Maureen Veregin if we can use the Home Ec Room to prepare food. There will be a PAC table with information about PAC and who we are, and what we do.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Gaming - \$4944.63/ Regular - \$1781.19

5. Secretary

- Correspondence:
 - Various fund raising literature
 - Georama Growers' info on Poinsettia fund raising: decided by consensus to continue with the PAC Citizenship Bursary. Susan, Wendy, Nat and Jan will organize.
 - BCTF Teacher Magazine

6. DPAC

- Mt. Sentinel PAC confirmed their membership to BCCPAC.
- DPAC sent a letter to Minister Rich Coleman expressing parents' disappointment regarding the cut to the Direct Access Grants to PACs and DPAC. The letter was also sent to local media.
- There's interest at Mt. Sentinel PAC to write their own letter of protest to Minister Coleman.

- Next DPAC meeting October 22 at 6:00 pm at the Nelson Board Office. All parents are welcome to attend.

7. Trustee

- Barb sends her regrets

8. School Planning Council (SPC)

- A meeting was held to discuss Bill 33 requirements. Next meeting TBA

9. Gaming Funding

- There will be approximately \$8000 to allocate.
- Applications have gone out to staff and school committees, with a deadline of October 9.
- The Funding Committee will consist of: Katia, Wendy, Nat, Jan, Marilyn and Kathie. The meeting to go over applications will be announced.

10. PAC Vision for 2009-10 school year

- Communication is still something to work on this school year.
- Draft statement will be shared at next meeting.

11. Language Barrier

- There was discussion around reaching out to the French and Russian speaking communities to make sure language isn't a barrier.
- It was suggested French and Russian programs could post information in their respective languages on the Mt. Sentinel web site.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 pm

The next Mt. Sentinel PAC meeting will be Monday November 2, at the school.