

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

MEETING MINUTES

Monday September 10, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Linda Verishine	Kathie Varney	Susan Wilson	Glen Campbell (Principal)
Nat Barabanoff	Jan Brown	Ester Zdebiak	Sheri Walsh
Carrie Reilly	Darlene Falle	Kathy Groeuwstra	Laura Sacks
Jason Taylor	Kathryn Rexin		

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Susan Wilson welcomed those present

Introductions of everyone

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes of June 11, 2012 accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

MSSS Web Portal

There were issues early on with the portal not working as a new address has been established. The portal has been down since Sept. 10. It is now working as of the afternoon of Sept. 10.

Block rotation schedule is now posted

Calendar of school events is now posted

Daily Schedule is now posted

Enrollment

334 students have registered so far. This number is down in comparison to last years figures. New inquiries are still being received. This translates to lower funding for the school.

New Staff: WELCOME TO THE MSSS FAMILY!

Fred Barisenkoff – wood working, mechanic shop, Grade 7 math

Shannon Murphy – Art & Health/Career

Erik Smedball – Sequoia T.A.

New clerical staff being sought – short 1 secretary

School Newsletter: to be sent out sometime in October. Anticipating the beginning of October for the release of the newsletter.

School Start

Great energy from the staff and students

There is a positive feel with the beginning of this new year

Course changes and selections are being finalized. Please make sure your student has made their required choices and sorted out issues.

Sports Day

It was an awesome day for all involved.

Students were very energized to make the entire event enormously fun!

Grade 7 and Grade 8 classes

There are multi-aged groupings due to the low numbers in some of the courses.
Grade 8 students seem to acknowledge the structuring of classes without too much issue.
Trip to Kokanee Park for Gr. 7 & Gr. 8 on Thurs. Sept. 14.

Daily Schedule

tumble rotation for all 4 blocks with a day off after the third rotation.

105 min. class time with 10-15 min physical activity and/or brain activity will be used to relieve focused learning time.

Nutrition breaks will be 30 min. long, 2 times per day

The full year rotation schedule is available.

Gr. 7/8 – Day 1/Day 2 schedule is a different schedule due to the extra course electives being offered.

Band 9-12 is now Music Composition due to low numbers of attending students.

Jazz Stageband is still intact and will have its first practice Wed. Sept 12. Pickup time for students will be 5 pm.

Hot Food/Lunch Service: This program is still be researched with an effort to balance healthy eating during the school day.

Breakfast program at this time is not running.

Returning Staff: Tekki is back! Jacqueline Skands is back! Welcome back!

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Gaming Account: no change: \$2,796.04 as of Sept. 10, 2012

PAC Regular Account: \$680.03 as of Sept. 10, 2012

5. SECRETARY REPORT

Fundraising Magic w/ John Kaplan

Better Schools for BC magazine

Chilling Out With QSP – fundraising ideas with magazines, jewelry, chocolate, books and other ideas to raise money

Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser

Mom's Pantry – need to begin organizing this event

Conner Bojey Magic show

BCTF magazine & brochures

6. DPAC REPORT

next meeting to be held at the Nelson School Board office Sept 27, 2012 @ 6:30 pm

Susan Wilson requested the bus fee issue to be put on the agenda for the Sept. 18 meeting of the District

Finance meeting to be held at 5 pm at the Nelson School Board office.

NOTE: There will be 8 scheduled meetings during the year.

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

Barb Lindsay to resign Sept. 18, 2012 as she has accepted a position in Zanzabar, Africa.

Barb's position is now open to all Canadian citizens to apply.

Elections to be held November 10, 2012 to fill this position.

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

to be announced

Elections for representatives will be held at the PAC AGM meeting, Oct. 1, 2012.

9. GAMING & FUNDING

The spreadsheet is now updated and all information is up to date as well.

PAC account bursaries have been written from the PAC account.

Summary of finances is being completed for final review due to major changes and challenges the Ministry of Education rules.

This summary has been accepted but on hold until summary is approved by the Ministry.

Expected money approval is to be approximately \$20/student once approval has been given.

There will be a new gaming application format and will be shared

10. PAC MEETING SCHEDULE

meeting schedule is now posted on the PAC website

meetings are the 1st Monday of each month in the library

Please watch for possible changes of venue during the year.

11. PAC WEBSITE

A PAC letter was written in June of 2012 and to this date, no response has been received from Larry Brown or Kim Morris of the School Board Office.

Follow up is needed as there are numerous issues with the new bus routes regarding safety of children, length of bus rides and number of children per bus.

Routes that seem to be affected the worst are the Bonnington and Passcreek/Krestova buses. Parents are feeling that these issues are unacceptable and need to be addressed or explained.

Courtesy ridership has been queried by PAC. The bus to Nelson after school is used frequently by students to get into Nelson and PAC feels this issue is not fair to those students who are paying rider fees to take the same bus to their Nelson homes. This issue is being addressed.

Idea of colour coding riders to help drivers identify their regular riders.

Idea of charging small fees for courtesy riders may help the situation.

12. BUSSING UPDATE

Tamara Malloff – Yearbook committee applied for 2 bursaries: \$200 for one \$150 for another to give to deserving students from the Yearbook group

13. SCHOOL FEES

Introduction to Grade 7 fees were a shock to some parents. The fees cover an extensive array of areas that require some sort of cost that needs to be covered.

Concerned parents have requested that in future, Grade 6 students of Brent Kennedy be given a “heads up” with possible upcoming fees so that they are better prepared.

A question was brought up regarding the supervision of students during breaks and before/after school times. Answer to this: The school has an “open campus” policy and students are free to move about where they choose to a degree. The students are informed of areas that are off limits such as “hanging out” by the highway, near private properties and businesses in the area and Brent Kennedy school grounds.

14. DISTRIBUTED LEARNING

These courses are designed to allow the student to develop their own deadlines.

Support for the students using this system are through the LearnNow BC.com website, there is a support teacher in the class to help answer questions.
Selkirk College has options for students as well as the website www.BCCampus.ca

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57 PM

NEXT PAC MEETING:
Monday, October 1, 2012
THIS IS THE AGM MEETING!!

If you wish to become part of our PAC group, please attend!

Meeting to begin at 6:30 pm
Mount Sentinel School

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!!!