

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 12, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

**Susan Wilson
Sheri Walsh
Ester Zdebiak**

**Linda Verishine
Kathleen Brown
Stacey Kabatoff**

**Jan Brown
Kathie Varney**

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Susan Wilson welcomed all back to the start of a new PAC year and to new members
- Introductions of all new members
- Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Glen and Blair send their regrets. The following was submitted by Glen:

- **SUMMER PRO-D:** Full attendance by a highly professional staff who were engaged in developing their profession with self-directed growth plans
- **SCHOOL START-UP:** Enrolment up 382 students so far. New staff Cory Scott - Mech/Tech/Math, Brian Simpson - Math, Debra Soke - Head Secretary and Marj Jmaeff - EA
- **SPORTS DAY PARTICIPATION:** was great by all students and staff
- **TECHNOLOGY:** It continues to be leading edge of District because of Tamara Malloff's work.
- **IMPACT of TEACHER JOB ACTION:** Minimal at this point because of the nature of the school staff as compared to what we have heard elsewhere.
- **EXTRA-CURRICULARS:** They will continue to roll out at MSSS as per usual
- **RENOVATIONS:** Renovations to the gym change rooms nearing completion, no more lockers as they were in bad disrepair. More benches and clothes hooks. **PARKING AREA** repaved due to summer damage.
- **STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:** is transitioning over to BCeSIS.
- **MIKE MALAKOFF:** off on extended Medical Leave but will hopefully be back by mid-November.

DISCUSSION ON PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- "Student management system" is the program used by the school to track student information including grades.
- Teachers will not be preparing report cards except for Grade 12
- Open house slated for October 5 is cancelled due to job action. Parents can and should contact teachers directly with questions. Teachers will contact parents with any concerns they have about a student.

- Questions about the status of the Russian Program with Mr. Malakoff on leave. Susan will follow up with Glen.
- *Follow up note: Russian Program will continue to operate without any changes.*
- Questions about money raised from the vending machine and canteen. It was thought these funds went to the athletics program. Susan will follow up with Glen.
- *Follow up note: funds from the vending machine and canteen go into the student's council account not the athletics department.*
- Discussion about school budget. Susan explained the SPC is the place where the school budget can be discussed.
- Suggestion the equipment in the weight room should be looked at to make sure it's functioning properly. Susan will follow up with Glen.
- *Follow up note: Glen will look into this*

4. TREASURER REPORT

- **GAMING ACCOUNT:** \$2,217.39 with \$500.00 allocated to science trip. \$1,779.39 is the balance to the account
- **PAC ACCOUNT:** \$911.24 - \$300.00 outstanding bursary to be looked into
- **GAMING MONIES:** applied for gaming grant and should be in the account shortly. Estimate of deposit to be in the range of \$7,000 to \$7,500.

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- **BC TEACHERS FEDERATION Brochure:** Presentations for Antibullying, Born to Buy and Internet safety (awareness). For more information contact the PAC Secretary or visit parent website: www.bctf.ca/parents.aspx
- **POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER:** notice is now out and needs to be discussed:
 - Need volunteers
 - Do we still want to continue this fundraiser?
 - Monies are for Grad Bursary
 - More advertising possibilities in the community

6. DPAC REPORT

- Thursday, September 22 is the first meeting.
- Superintendent Jeff Jones and the presidents of teachers union will be attending to discuss teacher job action and how it's affecting schools in our district.
- Meeting will be held at Nelson Board Office on Johnstone Road in Nelson starting at 6:00 pm.

BCCPAC UPDATE:

- Ministry of Education informed BCCPAC they will not be receiving any funds this year
- currently looking at website design and holding regional conferences.

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

- Barb Lindsay not present so no comments at this time

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- No report and next meeting will be announced.

9. GAMING & FUNDING

- Will set up a funding disbursement committee at October PAC meeting

10. PAC MEETING SCHEDULE

- Usually meets 1st Monday of each month but there are exceptions:
 - Mon. Oct 3 – Annual General Meeting ***
 - Mon. Nov. 7
 - Mon. Dec. 5 - Christmas Party
 - Mon. Jan 9, 2012 - 1st meeting back in the NEW YEAR
 - Mon. Feb 6
 - Mon. Mar 5
 - Mon. Apr 2 - Winlaw – location to be picked at later date
 - Mon. May 7
 - Mon. June 4 - end of year dinner and meeting

11. FUNDRAISING

- **MOM'S PANTRY:** need to confirm if we're doing this in time for Christmas.
DISCUSSED:
 - sending out order forms to each family with newsletter but due to teacher job action this will have to be confirmed. Susan will follow up with Glen.
 - *Follow up note: teachers will assist in handing out information from PAC, but not the school.*
- **COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER**
 - Coordinate with Brent Kennedy
 - Sheri Walsh has some experience with this and will look into getting some details on this from Brent Kennedy.
- **GROCERY CARDS**
 - discussion around who would be responsible for the organizing and disbursing of funds. There are a couple of gift card fund raising programs that are not just for grocery stores.
- **HIGHWAY SIGNAGE:**
 - Shellie Malloff approached Susan with the idea to have a highway sign to advertise events at the 4 Slocan Valley schools.
 - Questions came up regarding insurance issues, who will be responsible for updating it, location of the sign, etc. Further discussion needed to resolve questions.
 - This is a great way to advertising events at Mt. Sentinel and other Slocan Valley schools to draw crowds for events and fundraisers

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:25 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday, October 3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Start for AGM: 6:30 pm

Regular PAC meeting: to begin immediately after AGM.

All parents welcome to participate in MSS Parent Advisory Council.