

**Mt. Sentinel PAC**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**Monday September 20, 2010**  
**Mt. Sentinel School**

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

**1.) Welcome/Call to order/Additions to agenda**

- Katia Dolan welcomed those present at 6:35 pm

**2.) Acceptance of minutes**

- Approval of June 7 minutes by consensus

**3.) Principal's Report**

- Enrolment is up slightly to 378 students. Grade 7 has 60 students, and is not able to accept new Grade 7 students.
- New staff include Maureen Hyam (Math) and Tekki Brown-Hryniw (Planning 10) Welcome back to Ruby Pepard (Quest) and Travis Sherstobitoff (Sequoia)
- There are a couple of staff members who will not be at Mt. Sentinel this school year. Lisa Backus is now at Hume Elementary school and Ken Angus is on medical leave.

*PAC wishes Lisa and Ken all the best.*

- Glen reviewed the class size and composition and is happy to report there are no classes over 30 students. There are a few classes with more than three Individual Education Plans (IEP) which are being worked on.
- Staff gathered on August 31 and September 1 to work out a plan for student and adult learning for this school year. It was well attended and staff felt this year's start up is going extremely well.
- September 15 sports day was a great success. Lots of positive energy in the school.
- The Open House Meet and Greet will take place on Thursday October 7 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The idea is for parents to drop in and meet their child's teachers. Staff will provide hot dogs, drinks and goodies. PAC will provide coffee/tea and plate of veggies and a plate of fruit. PAC will also organize name tags for staff and PAC Executive members.
- PAC meetings are a great place to share ideas and challenges with the principal.

**4.) Treasurer**

- Regular Account: \$812.63
- Gaming Account: \$4292.18

**5.) Secretary**

- BCTF Teacher Magazine
- BCTF Presentations for Parents brochure
- BCCPAC Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting and Fall Leadership Conference

**6.) DPAC**

- Next meeting is September 23 starting at 6:00 pm at the Nelson board office.

- The BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference and Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be held from November 12-14. DPAC does send at least two parents to attend this conference. Please contact Susan Wilson if you're interested in attending. The EGM will require a decision on two motions - to accept the newly revised Constitution and Bylaws.

#### **7.) Trustee**

- Barb sends her regrets and is looking forward to the next Slocan Valley Facilities Advisory Committee meeting TBA.

#### **8.) School Planning Council (SPC)**

- SPC elections will take place at the October AGM. There needs to be three parent reps on the SPC. Please consult the Mt. Sentinel PAC Constitution and Bylaws for a list of duties (<http://mtsentspac.weebly.com/>)

#### **9.) Gaming Funding**

- PAC will send applications out over the next couple of days to staff and school groups with a deadline of Thursday September 30.
- Susan will send the application form via email to Glen to forward to staff for those who prefer to fill out the application online.
- The Gaming Funding committee will meet over the October 2/3 weekend and provide recommendations for the next PAC meeting on October 4.

#### **10.) Meeting day of the week**

- It was decided to stay with the first Monday of the month for PAC meetings, with one meeting to be held in Winlaw once during the school year.

#### **11.) Slocan Valley Facilities Planning**

- The September 13 meeting was postponed.
- Glen shared that Mt. Sentinel's issues is the attraction from Nelson and Castlegar students. Mt. Sentinel offers a smaller school environment with a great reputation in the community.

#### **12.) Bus Schedule Notification**

- This year the district did not publish the bus schedules in local newspapers leaving some families not knowing when their child's bus was scheduled. The school receiving many inquiries.
- Many ideas were discussed on how to inform parents in a fiscally and environmentally way. Some ideas include:
  - Press release in local newspapers and radios directing people to the web site
  - Take out a full page ad in communities with just those communities' bus routes
  - Transportation Department sending each school their respective bus routes to share with parents.
- There was also the question of whose responsibility it is to inform parents about bus schedules. This will be a discussion at the next DPAC meeting.

### 13.) Climbing Wall

- The idea of putting a climbing wall at Mt. Sentinel was discussed. Many factors affect the decision to put in a climbing wall including:
  - Size of wall
  - Indoor vs. outdoor
  - Cost
  - Supervision
- Glen will ask staff to see if there's sufficient interest in pursuing a climbing wall at Mt. Sentinel.

**Adjourned 8:10 pm**

**Next meeting:** Monday October 4th 2010 **NOTE:** this will be the annual general meeting, with the regular meeting to immediately follow