

**Mount Sentinel Secondary PAC  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 8, 2008  
Held at Mt. Sentinel School**

**Attendance:** Katia Dolan, Susan Wilson, Wendy Niminiken, Nat Barabonoff, Andy Leathwood (Principal)

**1. Welcome/ Sign In/ Additions**

- Katia Dolan, Chairperson, welcomed those present. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
- Quorum present
- Agenda accepted by consensus

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from May 5 and June 2 by consensus

**3. Principal's Report**

- Good start to the school year – the timetable is working well.
- New staff: Chris Renew replacing Naomi Ross; Ruby Peppard replacing Ed Neilson; Lisa Backus taking over for Ms. Skands and Lori Holton. There's a new Art Therapist Lori Williams.
- Enrolment is in the high 370's range, down from last year but as predicted. The Grade 8 class is full with 60 kids – two classes of 30. Seven international students this year: 4 from Japan; 1 each from Korea, Brazil and Germany. Two exchange students from France, and two Mt. Sentinel students are currently in Scotland on exchange.
- Sports Day was Friday September 5. Students had a lot of fun
- Sports teams are up and running. There will be a boys soccer team this year.
- School is looking at acquiring some trees for the courtyard to provide shade for the classrooms on that end.
- There is a Connect Program running at Mt. Sentinel on Wednesdays
- The GAGE program has changed this year. In the past, students were isolated from peers. They are not being integrated into the proper classroom. The program now welcomes Facilitated Learning students who are working at their own pace, or on a distributed learning program. There are still some adjustments being made, but the school is committed to this format.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

- Gaming - \$2018.87/ Regular - \$2610.41

**5. Secretary**

- Correspondence:
  - BCTF Teacher Magazine
  - Various fund raising info
  - Garfield Weston letter of invitation
  - Thank you card from PAC Bursary recipient Brittany Shalagan

**6. DPAC**

- Next DPAC meeting will be Thursday September 25 at 6:00 pm at the Nelson Board Office, 570 Johnstone Rd.
- The BCCPAC Advocacy Project will hold two events in Nelson: Monday September 15 at 7:00 pm there will be a discussion on the new changes to the Section 11, Student appeals legislation. On Thursday September 18 there will be an all day session delving deeper into Speaking Up! parents

rights and responsibilities in public education. Both events will take place at the Nelson Board office at the address listed above. For more information about the Advocacy Project please visit [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca). For more info about the Nelson presentations, and to register please visit [www.dpac.kics.bc.ca](http://www.dpac.kics.bc.ca).

#### **7. Trustee**

- No report.

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

- The SPC will plan a meeting before September 22 to go finalize the School Growth Plan and to review class size and composition

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

- PAC will circulate funding application forms to staff, with a deadline of October 3.
- Reviewed the Gaming spending chart.

#### **10. Fruit and Veggie Program**

- Joe Moriera will coordinate this program. He wrote his FoodSafe certification along with several students.
- The program sees fresh fruits and vegetables – grown in BC for the most part – delivered to the school and passed out to classrooms for consumption during class time.
- The first delivery is expected in late September.

#### **11. Teacher Appreciation Lunch**

- Staff was most appreciative of the lunch provided to them in June. Thanks to all those who helped.
- There was a lot of food left over. Will look at possibly reducing the amount next year.

#### **12. Phone Tree**

- A draft Phone Tree Procedures was circulated.
- There needs to be parent education to ensure parents are aware of the process prior to an emergency.
- In the case of an emergency, Mt. Sentinel students will go to Brent Kennedy Elementary and wait to be picked up. The Phone Tree will break the work of contacting parents up into smaller, more manageable pieces.
- There may be some FOIPPA concerns about giving out personal information.
- Susan will forward a copy of the procedures to Andy and Glen for review.

#### **13. Bursary Recipients**

- Megan Braun and Brittany Shalagran both were awarded a \$250 bursary at the Grad Ceremonies in June.

#### **14. Elections**

- The Mt. Sentinel PAC Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday October 6 for the purpose of election of officers.
- Please visit the PAC web site for a copy of the constitution and bylaws highlighting the duties and responsibility of each executive position: <http://www.msss.sd8.bc.ca/pac07.htm>

### **15. Daily Physical Activity**

- A new requirement in BC Schools asks students to be active outside of a regular Physical Education program.
- There are lots of opportunities for Mt. Sentinel students to be active. The school will continue to work on implementing this.
- Joe Moriera and Glen Campbell will head up a Healthy School Committee to review physical activities and canteen and hot lunch programs to ensure they meet the Guidelines to Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools ([http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/guidelines\\_sales07.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/guidelines_sales07.pdf)) When a meeting schedule is set up, parents will be asked to join.

### **16. Slocan Valley PAC Meeting**

- It is Mt. Sentinel PAC's turn to host the SVPAC meeting.
- It will take place on Monday Oct. 6 starting at 6:30 pm.
- Some topics to discuss will be the StrongStart program at Winlaw and the lack of day care in the valley.

### **Meeting Adjourned 9:15 pm**

Next PAC meeting, and Annual General Meeting, is Monday October 6, 3:15 pm – NOTE new time.