

**MOUNT SENTINEL PAC**  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday October 5, 2015

**ATTENDANCE**

Linda Verishine	Glen Campbell	Shellie Maloff	Darlene Falle
Joanne Lih	Ester Zdebiak	Alison Burns	Carrie Reilly
Natasha Smith	Nette Lack	Lori Sookorukoff	Andrew Sookorukoff
Rena Vandenbos	Stacey Kabatoff	Ray Evin	Anne Day
Steve Sabo	Fern Sabo	Kathryn Rexin	Jackie Cole

**1. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm
- Introductions of everyone

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

- No new items

**3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- September 14 Meeting minutes were not discussed due to AGM meeting

**4. Principal & Vice Principal Reports**

- Enrollment
  - 292 students plus 15 Sequoia students totalling 307. Based on course load this year indicates some students are loading up on extra courses which pushed the number up to 325 FTE (full time equivalent). Ministry is prepared to fund the additional courses students are taking and it is strongly supported.
- Sequoia
  - This program is considered a Type 3 (alternate program) and is geared for struggling students that need more guidance.
  - 15 students are enrolled and fully funded even though they do not have a full course load.
- Aboriginal Education
  - 54 students participating in the program are enrolled at Mt. Sentinel
  - Valley Family of Schools is seeking an AB. Ed. Teacher but there are delays on the posting from the district but hopefully will be posted soon.
  - This will be a 1 year posting and will be a pilot program with the potential to be a precedent for other schools in the district.
- Youth Sustainability Group
  - All day session for the school to participate is happening on Tuesday October 6
  - Community leaders, the press and other supporters will be participating with the students.
  - The press has been invited and for parents available, they are welcome to attend as well.
  - Talks will surround the topic of “climate change”, what can we do, and the views our MSSS students see in climate change and solutions to a growing issue.
  - Groups will discuss ideas on how to “make a difference” with the goal to end the day with tangible plans to make this world a better place starting in Mt. Sentinel.
- Grad Committee 2016
  - Student executive has been chosen

- Grad luncheon took place recently at the Hume Hotel where discussion was focused on what it means to graduate from Mount Sentinel and what preparations are needed for graduation.
- Dry Grad was discussed
- Parent meeting was held on September 30 and a parent executive was established.
- This meeting was well attended by the grads and parents.
- Grade Meetings
  - Discussions in all grades occurred in the past few weeks
  - Topics such as responsibility and “What it is to be a “WILDCAT” were brought forward
  - Information sharing and talking to peers and teachers alike occurred to address questions and issues

#### **Trustee Report**

- No report from Sharon Nazaroff but she will be participating in the Youth Sustainability Day on Tues. October 6 in Mt. Sentinel.

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

- PAC Account as of Sept. 30, 2015 \$ 335.85
- Gaming Account as of Sept. 30, 2015 \$ 18.18
  - Gaming fund for 2015/2016 should be in account by end of Oct 9 week.
  - Applications deadline to be by November 20 with decisions made by early December.
  - Parent committee is needed to review applications for gaming money. 5 people is ideal
  - Natasha Smith, Darlene Falle, Nette Lask, Kathryn Rexin and Stacey Kabatoff tentatively agreed to be this committee
- New Treasurer is stepping in for Darlene Falle who is stepping down. Welcome to Nette Lask! Thank you for stepping up to the plate!

#### **Secretary’s Report**

- In process of getting emails updated in the PAC Gmail account for emailing
- To all parents! - Please make sure you contact the school if your email has changed or you feel you have not received emails from the school or PAC! You are important to us and we need your email to help in communications. Thank you!

#### **DPAC Report**

- AGM meeting to be on Thursday October 29 at the Nelson School Board office on Johnston Road across the orange bridge in Nelson.
- If you cannot attend, you can “Skype” in. Please visit the SD8 website to the link to allow you to do this.

### **5. New Business**

- PAC Bursary Guideline
  - Darlene Falle wanted to bring attention to the fact that the PAC bursaries are a cash bursary to be used by the awarded students at their own discretion. There is no restriction on the use of the bursary.
  - Fundraising for the 2015/2016 year ideas:
    - Purdie’s – Brent Kennedy Elementary is stepping down this year, but this may be an option. At this time no one has stepped up to take control
    - Hanging Baskets (Mother’s Day) – Darlene Falle has spoken to Dig Garden to set this up. Approx. price will be \$35 per basket on a first come first serve basis.
    - Darlene to approach Dig Garden and Four Seasons to see if we can do this for Christmas as well.

- **Gaming Request from Danny Leeming**
  - Request for \$500 right away to fund the Youth Sustainability day to help fund fees by speakers and supplies to make the day successful.
  - THANK YOU to Junction Church for allowing the students to use the facility during the day
  - THANK YOU to the cooks who slaved away making borscht and bannock before the event to keep everyone happy and helping bring cultures together!
  - Motion to accept the request of up to \$500 (with receipts and application) moved by Kathryn Rexin and 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion by Carrie Reilly. All were in favour therefore motion is carried and accepted.
  
- **SHOP 'N' SHARE website**
  - Online website where buyers can use this website, pick MSSS PAC as a passage to shop into your favourite online stores like Amazon, EBay and so on. This is an easy way to fund without spending or donating money from your pocket. All you do is buy your item through this website and the website pays MSSS PAC a portion of what you bought.
  - Rena Vandebos will take control of this fundraiser and develop a visible promotion in the school and to parents.
  - An email will be sent shortly announcing this venue again.
  
- **SPC (School Planning Council) & SD8 Policy**
  - SPC is still noted in the SD8 policies
  - Originally was introduced due to government accountability requirements
  - With the new teacher BCTF contract, SPC was eliminated due to teachers not being allowed under contract to participate in the School Planning Council.
  - School Planning Councils provided a venue for parents, teachers and administration to have equal voice, plan and act on initiatives.
  - New MSSS school plan is now the plan of the future and will take the place of the role of School Planning Council. Please see the MAP of the future in the school library!
  - DPAC representative will return to DPAC meetings to discuss the policy and to see if this SPC policy needs to be formally removed from text.
  
- **MSSS School Budgets – now transparent!**
  - District Budget annual monies are portioned back to schools from government based on FTE (full time enrollment) numbers. 2015/2016 amount is \$63,820 plus \$10,000 leftover over from last year and cleanup of the financial bookkeeping. Links fund which supports the food programs such as hot lunches is an additional \$15,000
  - Total funds from District is \$88,820 for the school year.
  - Internal Budget (Legacy Fund) which was created back in the 1970s to help students cover basic needs in extracurricular activities is at approx... \$144,000. There are 64 items with monies allocated based on historical information as to where the money was put originally. Note this money cannot be touched by the School District. Purpose of this money is to remain in principal but use the interest to the betterment of the students of MSSS and future students. The money is the leftover of the fundraising that past students over the years have done and not used.

**DATES FOR FUTURE PAC MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016**

Monday November 2, 2015

Monday December 7, 2015 (Xmas snack time! Secret Santa \$5 gift exchange)

Monday January 11, 2016 (should be January 4, but too soon after New Year's Day holiday)

Monday February 1 2016

Monday March 7, 2016

Monday April 4, 2016

Monday May 2, 2016

Monday June 6, 2016

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm**

**NEXT PAC MEETING: MONDAY November 2, 2015**

**6:30 pm in the Library**

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!**