

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

Meeting Minutes Monday March 7, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine	Glen Campbell	Shellie Maloff	Joanne Lih
Ester Zdebiak	Nette Lack	Carrie Reilly	Jason Taylor
Sharon Nazaroff	Rena Vandenbos	Natasha Smith	

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm
- Introductions of everyone

2. Additions to the Agenda

- Definition of Criteria for PAC Bursaries

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of February 1, 2016 accepted

4. Special Guests

- **MSSS Green Team** - last minute cancellation, postponed to another meeting

5. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- **Education Fund & Staffing**
 - Government funding available which is part of contractual agreement between Ministry of Education and the BCTF Union.
 - Approximately \$280,000 available to SD8
 - Priority to lie with critical needs areas within the schools and schools can request a portion of the funds with their reasons/priorities listed
 - MSSS Priorities:
 - Additional counselling support as currently it is part time and there is a need for more time and support. Mental health is becoming a larger issue within our students.
 - Learning support in the Technology Integration area (Danny Leeming) to help struggling students
 - Extra TOC (Teacher On Call) days so staff can meet and discuss taking on new projects and issues for next year. MSSS has requested 12 TOC extra days
- **Course Selection**
 - Senior management has met to discuss how to organize course selections effectively and build better timetables
 - Delay in MyED BC for the 1st release. This will come out soon with the electronic version of course selection for students. Currently, students can still access MyED BC to pick their courses but will print them out to take home to parents for review.
 - MSSS is ahead a bit on this and plans to complete the course selection by end of April electronically through MyEd BC
 - Parent access will be available eventually via school website links. Stay tuned for this option as it will be announced.
- **Talent Show Evening of March 10 and Afternoon March 11**
 - Start time is 7pm at Mount Sentinel
 - Admission is free! Everyone is welcome to attend

- 16 confirmed acts by staff and students
- Friday afternoon will have a repeat performance for those students and parents not able to attend the evening show.
- **Music and Choir Club**
 - Began with some exciting plans but has faltered due to commitment and limited music experience. The clubs are both on hold till September
 - It appears that timing is an issue as students are engaged in other activities and cannot commit to participating in the club at this time of year.
- **Talking Tables**
 - See notes below in New Business

Trustee Report

- **Facilities Planning Review Meetings**
 - Facilities Review meetings are being held. In past 2 weeks, the meetings scheduled were well attended with many questions and suggestions being offered.
 - Next Meeting of the Facilities Planning Review is Mart 30 6:30 pm at Winlaw Elementary. A DRAFT plan will be presented and questions will be taken and then there will be a consultation period following to gather all information and review.
 - If you wish to participate and ask questions please follow the link and put forth your views/comments/questions. Sharon Nazaroff, our Trustee is wanting input from everyone. <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/?p=3507> or send your feedback to facilities@sd8.bc.ca
 - Discussions on the current school buildings in SD8 regarding, enrollment, upkeep, cost of the buildings, full potential of buildings being used.
 - These meetings are VITAL for our communities and community input is greatly needed so that a WISE decision is made on the future of the schools.
 - Sharon Nazaroff is very keen on keeping our voice loud and clear on this very important step in the future of our schools. Please put forth your feedback.
- **Redesigned School Curriculums**
 - This will offer better potential to students that will allow more flexible education and offering students a better learning environment
 - Question arose: Is this being communicated into post secondary education?
 - The 2 systems are governed by 2 ministries and rules.
 - New Curriculum to begin September 2016 in its first phase K to 9. Senior grades 10 to 12 will follow (date to be determined)

Treasurer's Report

- PAC Account as of February 29, 2016 \$335.85
- Gaming Account as of February 29, 2016 \$5,776.04
- Gaming Grant applications to be reviewed in Round 2 of applications. Deadline is March 10 and review will be done March 30

Secretary's Report

- In the Mix DJ Service from Abbotsford area. Offering services to Grad events and other school events
- Parent Evening featuring presentation of ANGRY TEEN March 9 at KSA in Nelson.

DPAC Report

- **Healthy School Initiative**
 - Focus on having a balanced social, emotional health program while ensuring all students eat healthy
 - Presentations are being made within the schools to promote this to students

- Finding mental health is a growing issue within our schools
- Engaging the students in this program is a big plus as they encourage their peers to think about their health in general.
- Interior Health has offered a fund for an after school cooking program for SD8 schools that focuses on the age group of 9 to 12 years old. The goal here is to start the students younger and thinking about good cooking habits and cooking healthy..
- **BCCPAC Conference**
 - SD8 will support 2 – 3 parents interested in participating
 - Please contact Ester Zdebiak or the Mt. Sentinel School Office if you are interested.
 - To be held in Kelowna this year <http://bccpac.bc.ca/events/2016-spring-conference-and-agm> April 29 to May 1
 - Contact Sheri Walsh if you are wanting to participate
- **Transportation in our District**
 - Redfish Elementary is asking if MSSS has a monitoring system to track student attendance on buses to and from school. The answer was no, but raised a few questions regarding responsibilities, liabilities and student safety.
 - Another question came up regarding public transport. How often is it used and is this the future for our transportation to schools if budgets get tighter?
- **Parent Advocacy Training**
 - Training to take place for those interested on March 10, 9 am to 12 noon
 - This is for parents wanting to be an advocate for parents who are having difficulty communicating with the schools/staff

6. New Business

- **Breakfast for Learning**
 - There has been noted lack of food at end of each week which is causing some concern.
 - Discussions have taken place in how to handle the food shortage and to keep the needy students sufficiently fed.
 - There is now a plan in place to handle the access of the food slated for the program which should reduce the disappearance of food. Access to the food will be restricted and monitored.
- **PAC Bursary Criteria**
 - Ester Zdebiak has raised a question on how to answer the criteria of the bursaries that will be given.
 - Past bursaries were simply cash awarded to students to use as they see fit.
 - Unclear if there was a criteria given to award the money.
 - Ester to look into the bylaws and contact Susan Wilson (past PAC chair) for advice.

DATES FOR FUTURE PAC MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

Monday April 4, 2016

Monday May 2, 2016

Monday June 6, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: MONDAY March 7, 2016

6:30 pm in the Library

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!