

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

Meeting Minutes Monday January 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine	Glen Campbell	Shellie Maloff	Joanne Lih
Ester Zdebiak	Natasha Smith	Nette Lack	Kathryn Rexin
Jesse Halton	Axel Krause	Marj Jmaeff	Carrie Reilly
Jason Taylor	Terri Barkman	Danny Leeming	Shasta Barkman
Shellie Wiltshire			

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm
- Introductions of everyone

2. Additions to the Agenda

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of December 7,, 2015 accepted

4. Special Guests

- **Green Team Club**

- Danny Leeming and Shasta Barkman presented an idea of developing beehives on top of the portables as part of a “green” initiative and sustainable resource.
- 15 Students are interested in this project
- First Aid training will be provided and all safety and health concerns/issues will be reviewed.
- Axel Krause (retired teacher) from Castlegar has participated and led this type of project before quite successfully.
- This project can lead to a potential annual fundraiser with respects to selling the honey, using the bees wax and possibly selling the wax. Another school in BC has this project on the go and make annually \$2000 approx.
- Axel Krause has offered to help build the bee hives and ensure an enclosure to keep people/animals out of the bee hive area.
- Neighbours next door to Mt. Sentinel are willing to assist and partner with this endeavour.
- Club is requesting funds to begin and a support letter for the students to use in the grant application they are about to fill out.
- This club will provide a future for students interested in bee keeping husbandry, financial development, accounting skills and marketing skills

Motion to approve the project and the fund required to begin. Funds have not yet been totally established and will be discussed further:

1st Motion by Carrie Reilly

2nd Motion – Ester Zdebiak

All in Favour - unanimous agreement

- **Grad Transition Portfolio - Shelly Wiltshire**

- The portfolios will be presented by the Grads beginning Tuesday Jan 19, 2016 – 9 am
- Parents are welcome to attend the 15 min presentations by each graduate.
- This is a part of graduating credits
- Need 6 – 8 parents to help out from 9 – 2:30 pm
- Refreshments and lunch for volunteers will be provided.

- **Aboriginal Education - Jesse Halton**
 - Welcome Jesse!!!
 - Will be working with the Valley of Schools closely
 - Developing an elementary to high school program focusing on aboriginal issues with a blend to the school curriculums.
 - Also offering an aboriginal perspective to all students in the classes whether it be music, math, social studies, science, etc. Jesse wants to bring a new view to the entire class from an aboriginal viewpoint.

5. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- **Music/Choir Club**
 - 2 meetings have been held with Chris Binelder, Micheal Butterfield and resident teacher Matt Webb.
 - These teachers bring a wealth of music knowledge, experience and instruction.
 - 3rd meeting will be held before 2nd semester start with the interested students
 - Budget is still being worked on
 - Part II of this Club is the Choir and song writing which will be blended into the plan. So for students interested in developing their voice, song writing skills, etc, please voice your interest!
 - Sophia Gray is a choir teacher and voice coach and is keen on helping out once Part II is developed.
 - This will be an after school club for all those interested.
- **New WIFI in Mt. Sentinel**
 - Telus Free WIFI site @ Mt. Sentinel is up and running
 - This is a solution to the internet loading problem at the school with slow internet due to high usage.
 - Range is quite good and students are being transferred from the school site to the free WIFI
 - To access school internet, student devices must be registered for school internet use only.
 - Access to the free WIFI is for students not wanting to use their devices for school use.
 - Sd8 School WIFI will be tracked as the devices will be registered and monitored for internet use. Any abuse to the school internet by accessing disallowed sites will result in corrective action.
- **Exams & Provincials**
 - 2nd Semester Block rotation is nearly ready
 - Week of Jan 18 to 22 is a full school week, following week will be exam & makeup week
 - Thursday Jan. 28 will be make up day or SKI day at Red Mountain.
 - Friday Jan 29, teachers will be marking exams and is a teacher day as well as prep day for 2nd semester
 - February 1 is beginning of 2nd Semester
 - Ski Day on Jan 28 – Parents are welcome to attend and assist. Please contact the school 250-359-7219 if you are interested. Rates will be reduced for the ski tickets.
- **Hot Lunch Program**
 - Online ordering is nearly ready
 - In the interim, a weekly menu will be sent out and posted by the Kitchen and Office area
 - Payments will be CASH or CHEQUE for now. School is working out details to possibly get E-Transfer Payment option available.
 - If you have a quick healthy recipe – pass it on to the school for their review.

Trustee Report

- No report from Sharon Nazaroff - not present at meeting

Treasurer's Report

- PAC Account as of December 31, 2015 \$335.85
- Gaming Account as of October 31, 2015 \$5,976.04
- \$200 cheque to Kathy Knapik will be written for the Rotary Club Christmas Hampers

Secretary's Report

- No report at this time – no mail

DPAC Report

- Talking Tables
 - Dinner meeting with stakeholders, teachers and parents
 - Hot topics discussions will be done and the sharing of information and idea gathering is the goal
 - To be held at Merry Hall – Selkirk College Campus Thursday February 14 5PM start

6. New Business

- **Flower Baskets for Mother's Day - Dig Garden Centre**
 - Baskets will be \$40 each to sell with a cost to the school \$17 per basket
 - This is a fundraiser for the Dry Grad & Bursary fund for our graduates
 - If all baskets sell, this could potentially lead to 3 bursaries plus funds for the DRY GRAD event

DATES FOR FUTURE PAC MEETINGS FOR 2015/2016

Monday February 1 2016
Monday March 7, 2016
Monday April 4, 2016
Monday May 2, 2016
Monday June 6, 2016

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: MONDAY February 1, 2016

6:30 pm in the Library

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!