

# **MOUNT SENTINEL PAC**

Meeting Minutes  
Monday April 14, 2014

## **ATTENDANCE**

Maria Klement	Linda Verishine	Ester Zdebiak
Darlene Falle	Sheri Walsh	Glen Campbell
Randy Stewart	Stacey Kabatoff	Shellie Maloff

### **1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- Maria Klement welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm

### **2. Additions to the Agenda**

- a. No additions to the meeting

### **3. Review/Approval of Minutes**

- Meeting minutes of Monday March 3 – accepted with corrections

### **4. Reports – Principal & Vice Principal Reports**

- o **Dissolve Presentation**
  - Presentation focused on drug use & issues, date rape, sexual assault and solutions
- o **ICBC Presentation – Driving Safe**
  - discussed the dangers of driving, texting while driving, unsafe driving choices and the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- o **Milk Run**
  - Run, walk or jog to promote healthy living
  - Schedule to take place Wed. April 16
- o **Interactive Teen Theatre**
  - to be held in May
- o **PAC Feedback & Report Cards**
  - Ministry of Education sending out a survey to gauge satisfaction of parents throughout the province.
  - All parents are invited to participate in this survey.
  - Survey can be found on the SD8 School District website with a login which will be provided with the report cards
  - PAC volunteers needed to handling report card inserts
  - Response to the survey to be done by April 30 – please fill out
- o **Course Selections**
  - course selections have begun for graduation program
  - Grade 6 students will be introduced to high school transition
  - Intermediate teachers encouraged to visit these elementary schools and speak to Grade 6 student to ward off the “high school fears” of a larger school
- o **Red Cross Bully Prevention Program**
  - SD8 applied for grants to focus on this growing issue for Grades 10 & 11
  - Student involvement and training/support is encouraged
  - This is a leadership program and an opportunity to be in future advising groups afterwards
  - To sign up, please go to the school website and follow the links
- o **Planning Day in May**

- Parents are invited to attend this event at the high school
- date is usually at the end of May
- Focus is on educational goals, methods and future plans, brainstorming sessions
- **Summit Event**
  - Camping in the Mountains for this group of students
  - Cost is \$1000 and this is to be a firm commitment
  - Fee of \$200 per student is due by April 30
  - Chris Hryniw is the contact
  - for more information: go to link <http://mtsentinel.sd8.bc.ca/> under Programs/Courses/Summit Academy
- **Global Perspectives Course**
  - This course is in the process of being resurrected due to the increasing interest
  - Linked to the Interact Club & Rotary
  - This will be a credited course

#### **School Planning Council Report**

- **Parent Survey**
  - This is being finalized with thought of replicating the student survey done in September but from a parent perspective
  - 16 questions that will focus on some of the District Student Expectations in success at school resilience, citizenship and creative thinking
  - Intention is to have the survey completed in time for presentation at the May Planning Day
  - Council is welcoming comments and questions from parents and staff

#### **Reports – Trustee Report**

- **Budget**
  - Budget cuts are now expected and review of recommendations are being done
  - 5 FTE layoffs anticipated due to the lowering of student enrolment numbers (155 less students)
  - Clerical issues are being reviewed. It seems that there is a misunderstanding that there is no issue due to lack of complaints, yet there seems to be issues. Monies geared for clerical are now being targeted for budget cuts or to be diverted to other areas
  - Survey is out and is due April 19 for finance committee regarding the budget
  - Capacity at the Winlaw Elementary school is being discussed
  - The Creston ridership is still an ongoing issue that is also on the table for discussion

#### **Reports – Treasurer**

- PAC Account: \$1,442.91 as of Mar 31, 2014
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- Gaming Account: \$1,973.97 as of March 31, 2014
  - all monies are allocated with 2 outstanding items still to be cleared

#### **Reports – Secretary**

- BCCPAC AGM magazine
- BCTF Promo Booklet and March 2014 magazine

#### **Reports – DPAC**

- no report for DPAC in March

### **5. New Business**

#### **Freedom Quest Presentation on Marijuana**

- Presenters by Bonnie Lundmark & Kim Bruce <http://freedomquestonline.ca/>
- You may also go to school website under Student Services and follow the links

- Focus on “Harm Reduction” solutions in teaching young people and old alike to seek choices on how to reduce the risk of use.
- Discussion surrounding marijuana use on topics from medicinal use to addiction. What are the pros and cons of each
- Concerns of the methods of use of marijuana and how they can be hidden: mixing of drugs, use with tobacco (commonly known as rocker tokes – promotes huge rush in combination of nicotine), use of large amounts, driving while under the influence of marijuana, social concerns, moods & how you feel, suffering mental health issues
- THC levels in today's marijuana is much higher and more potent. This has risen dramatically in the last 20 years. This leads to higher incidences of addiction and health issues/concerns
- 1970's THC levels approx. 3 – 4%..... today 18.5%
- NOTE: The Kootenays is known as the HIGHEST USE in all of Canada!

#### **Columbia Basin Trust Community Youth Funds Opportunity**

- Presenter is Kathy Koupe
- <https://www.cbt.org/newsroom/?view&vars=1&content=Spotlight%20Gallery&WebDynID=1887>
- \$100,000 over 4 years to be granted
- Looking for ideas to engage community youth of the Slocan Valley
- April 24 is a Brainstorming Session to establish 3-4 priorities for youth. The group would like youths and parents to attend.
- There will be food and refreshments
- NEXT STEP: a committee will be setup to fine tune the priorities and proceed forward and report back to CBT for fund approval
- Transpiration to the workshop is being worked on.

#### **PAC Grad Bursary**

- Blank forms for application will be available soon
- Committee members: Jason Taylor, Randy Stewart, Stacey Kabatoff, Lona Stewart and possibly Carrie Reilly
- Susan Wilson to be contacted to get the blank form, rules and regulations for the bursaries
- Deadline for application will be May 30

#### **Healthy Schools BC Newsletter**

- this newsletter is now out

#### **Parent Conference and AGM – BCCPAC**

- Held in Richmond on May 29 – June 1 at the Radisson Hotel
- Theme is Building Together: Parents are Partners in Education
- [www.bccpac.bc.ca](http://www.bccpac.bc.ca)

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm**

**NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday May 5, 2014**

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