

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

MEETING MINUTES **Monday, March 5, 2012**

ATTENDANCE:

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| Linda Verishine | Kathie Varney | Susan Wilson | Glen Campbell (Principal) |
| Nat Barabanoff | Jan Brown | Stacey Kabatoff | Ester Zdebiak |
| Sheri Walsh | Carrie Reilly | | |

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Susan Wilson welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:45 pm

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting minutes of February 6, 2012 accepted

3. PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- **Student Walkout:** Students walked out in protest 2pm on Friday, March 2, 2012.
 - Province wide campaign by students
 - Media covered the walkout and interviewed Reanna Varney
 - no action from SD8 to be taken towards the students walking out of class
- **Grad Presentations & Transitions** - this event went quite well
- **Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival (Moscow, Idaho) & Cafe Jazz**
 - the trip was a grand success and the band did extremely well
 - highlight of the trip was to meet Tower Of Power Jazz Band in person backstage
 - Thank you to Rick Lingard for arranging this secret surprise!!!
 - adjudications went very well
 - \$2500 approximately was raised at the Cafe Jazz event. Thank you to all who volunteered to help/donate for this event.
- **Pride & Prejudice:**
 - GREAT PERFORMANCES!!! According to the sources, the students simply outdid themselves from production, to managing, rehearsing and costume/prop designs.
 - The play was well attended on both nights
 - Funding for the production went very well. Figures at the time of the minutes indicated that there may be money left in the fund for next year's events.
- **Summit**
 - Snow Cave Trip went very well
 - was a huge learning curve & adventure in the winter by the students
 - learned about avalanche conditions through Sasha's skills in avalanche training/experience
- **Pink Day – Anti-bullying Day**
 - great success and great talks regarding bullying and related issues
- **Grad Parent Meeting**
 - 18 sets of parents turned out for the meeting

- If you are looking for more information please contact the office, read the Facebook pages
- there is questions about the Teacher Job Action and the influence this will have on graduation preparation/transcripts
- June 15/16 are the set graduation dates
- Prestige Hotel is booked for the Parent/Teacher banquet
- **Teachers' Strike/Walkout**
 - teachers will be out for 3 days March 5, 6 & 7 wearing placards
 - this will not be official picketing lines
 - purpose of walkout is to provide more information to the general public regarding the issues at hand
 - Selkirk Job Fair is cancelled due to this event. However the evening event will go as planned
 - ICBC Road Sense is cancelled as well
 - Summit Road Trip – cancelled too
 - all evening events at the school are cancelled until further notice

4. Treasurer's Report

- **Gaming Account: no change: \$7,659.47 as of January 31, 2012**
- **PAC Regular Account: \$1,137.52 as of January 31, 2012**

5. SECRETARY REPORT

- Letters from the Teachers' Union, Ministry and SD8 regarding the teacher job action issues
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6. DPAC REPORT

- Presentation from Kim Morris on Print Technology Survey Results
 - approximately 300 responses received (50 of those by support staff)
 - results are still being analyzed
 - themes are being narrowed down resulting from the survey
 - nothing final until teachers are back on board with their work
 - budget was discussed
 - Mar 27/12 was Presentation Day
 - Salmo Family of Schools – large meeting expected and slated for Wed. March 7

7. TRUSTEE REPORT

Barb Lindsay not present for comments

8. SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

- meeting took place Feb 17
- 6 big questions arose regarding the education process, influence of technology, priorities and how money issues fit into the entire picture of 21st century learning
- difficult to organize and discuss without teachers' input
- May Planning Day is still being planned and there is hope that teachers' job action will be ending before this day. Without the teachers' involvement, this day will not have the anticipated momentum

- Jeff Jones (SD8 Superintendent) has met with communities and a panel group of 20 MSS students to find out their thoughts on education and the future of education.
- 9 goals are laid out to redesign new learning to marry with 21st century learning and needs
- SPC survey is being reviewed and needs to be revisited

9. GAMING & FUNDING

- Spreadsheet is still being updated.
- \$1,680.05 – this amount is the value of cheques that have been written and used
- \$6,950.00 – this amount is still being allocated
- \$8,630.05 – has been accounted for
- \$1,147.73 – not allocated as of yet

10. TEACHERS' STRIKE

- Letters from the Teachers' Union, Ministry of Education and SD8 have been received by parents and schools
- BCCPAC strongly suggested teacher action to take place during spring break to lessen stress load at graduation time, test time and key times for students.
- Class size/composition is a huge issue
- Special Needs is another issue that is key as well
- Bill 22 – widely discussed in general and has become a controversial topic to many

11. BREAKFAST PROGRAM

- Shellie Malloff is feeling overwhelmed and needs a lot of assistance
- Shellie is hoping that a parent group would volunteer to help out. Susan Lakeman has been suggested as a key person to get information and possible help from.
- PARENT HELP NEEDED!!! EA's have stepped forward and offered help
- Parent Reminder to be sent asking for parental help
- Strong possibility that if the school kitchen can be eligible for commercial kitchen status, this may open a big door to a large support system
- Rotary Club donated \$500 to get this program started
- Selkirk Campus cooking course instructors may be a source of help and should be approached for help
- need to evaluate the students that need this program the most
- potential here to really expand the cafeteria program in the future

NEXT PAC MEETING:

Monday, April 2 , 2012

Meeting to begin at 6:30 pm
Mount Sentinel School Library

All parents welcome to participate in MSS Parent Advisory Council.