

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

Meeting Minutes
Monday March 4, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine	Susan Wilson	Ester Zdebiak	Sheri Walsh
Glen Campbell	Kathleen Brown	Anna Kinakin	Shelley Maloff
Darelene Falle	Carrie Reilly	Jason Taylor	Jan Brown
Kathryn Rexin	Maria Klement		

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

2. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes of Feb. 4, 2013 accepted by consensus with corrections

3. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- Blair D'Andrea – Blair is a huge loss to the school and community
 - o Glen is not ready to replace him yet and has requested time and space to gather the emotions of the school and staff. Requested for time till after spring break tentatively
 - o Glen found the school had awesome school spirit and support through the mourning process among staff and students
- Clerical & Staff
 - o Laura Lundy is off on leave and office is without another secretary
 - o staff members are taking more leave time due to stress
 - o Lauren Everall – Art teacher has taken personal leave
 - o Shanna Lanaway – New Art T.O.C is doing a great job so far
- F.S.A. (Fundamental skills Assessment) – these tests are in place throughout the province
 - o Due to the loss of Blair, the school has opted to not do these tests to allow students time to focus on dealing with their emotions and grieving.
 - o School will be marked as an Incomplete but no one is terribly concerned at this time
- Out-of-Catchment/Out-of-District Boundaries
 - o Boundary talks with SD20 and Mt. Sentinel will be taking place to address the “best interests” of the students not the politicians
 - o Fees need to be more reasonable so parents can be better prepared
 - o Main pus is to put this entire issue back to the provincial level of Ministry of Education
 - o The bus on the east side catchment area with the transfer station in Bonnington heading west has more students going to town for after school programs. This is becoming an unequal situation and unfair as some of these students are not paying a rider fee. This particular route needs to be reviewed.
- New York Trip – Drama Team - Slated for Mar 15 – Mar 24
 - o this has been planned for some time and wish the students and staff a great trip
- Ottawa Exchange Students
 - o April 1 – 8: Mt. Sentinel will be hosting 2 groups (24 students total) from Ottawa.
 - o Apr 28 – May 5 - 24 Mt. Sentinel students heading to Ottawa in 2 groups
 - o This entire exchange is a way to promote and share education and culture among our students
 - o YMCA Boys & Girls Club of Canada are the major sponsors of this educational project and works to sponsor and match schools across the country

- This usually involves Grades 11/12 students and some Grade 10 students
- Calgary Exchange
 - Jacqueline Skands is trying to do a short exchange with a French school in Calgary with Grades 10, 11 & 12. No word yet on final plans
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- 4. Treasurer's Report**
 - PAC Account as of Feb 28, 2013: \$ 1728.97
 - Gaming Account as of Feb 28, 2013: \$7007.04
- 5. Secretary's Report**
 - Teacher's Magazine for Spring issue is now out
- 6. DPAC Report**
 - No DPAC Secretary yet
 - The meeting for March has been cancelled
 - Apr 25, 2013 – Body Image Presentation
 - Next meeting for DPAC - Apr. 24 – 5 pm at the Nelson School Board Office
 - Todd Kettner presentation will be posted on the DPAC web site. Mr. Kettner had a very successful presentation dealing with student anxiety issues.
- 7. Trustee Report**
 - Catchment Boundary Committee – Feb. 28 meeting occurred at Mount Sentinel
 - 18 people in attendance which indicated there was not enough time to advertize the meeting
 - Presentation is on the SD8 website along with the map link outlining the boundaries.
 - There is an email address to use to send your comments.
 - Finance Meeting to be at next board meeting Tues. Mar. 26 in Creston. Issues outstanding are to seek a solution to save more money on the budget as the schools go into the 2013-2014 school year.
 - School Calendar is being reviewed with a few changes for the next year. Spring Break will occur later in spring to match the SD20 school calendar.
 - There will be a shared Pro D day with Cranbrook in mid to late September
 - The 2013-2014 calendar must be approved by Mar 31.
 - Balance Calendar is being explored to regarding running a school year round with larger breaks. The idea of doing a 4 day school week is also being explored.
- 8. Gaming Funding Update**
 - Destination Imagination Group application by Tamara Malloff for the sum of \$200
 - 1st motion by Carrie Reilly 2nd motion by Darlene Falle All in favour – unanimous raise of hands and Yays
 - Tamara's group qualified for the Provincial meet in Apr 18. This meet is to be held in Surrey.
 - Tech Committee
 - Project: Robot Arm is set for a tentative date in April. Final date to be announced
 - Dr. Seuss Odyssey Play by the Drama group
 - This is to be held April 12, 13, 14 at the Capitol Theatre
 - This group is working hard and have been collaborating extremely well on all levels of the production and the performance rehearsals.
 - Gaming Chart is now updated
 - \$2700 remains and another meeting is needed to open up for more applications to spend the remaining \$2700
- 9. PAC Survey**
 - Catchment and busing question to be added

- reviewed and made some changes to the questionnaire
- Deadline for survey slated for Apr 8, 2013
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Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday April 8, 2013

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!