

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Maria Klement	Linda Verishine	Carrie Reilly	Susan Wilson
Ester Zdebiak	Darelene Falle	Stacey Kabatoff	Sherri Walsh
Glen Campbell	Shelley Maloff	Kathleen Brown	

1. WELCOME CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Maria Klement welcomed those present
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:40 pm

2. Additions to the Agenda

- a. No additions to the meeting

3. Review/Approval of Minutes

- Meeting minutes of Monday October 7, 2013 – accepted

4. Reports – Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- o Supervision of Learning
 - 8 staff members from SD8 district were in Vancouver to attend workshops and seminars regarding professional development.
- o Report Cards
 - Marks and assignments finalized Friday November 10, 2013
 - Report cards to be sent out via electronically November 18, 2013
 - November 19, 20, 21 are early dismissal days
 - Parent Teacher interviews to be scheduled between times of 2pm – 5pm. Please call the office to arrange a booking time. If you need a time other than the 2pm – 5pm slot, please call the office to discuss
- o New School Website/Newsletter: <http://mtsentinel.sd8.bc.ca/>
 - Shellie Maloff is the resident expert on the website
 - Both the website and the newsletter are being constantly updated
 - If you have questions or comments, please email Shellie at smaloff@sd8.bc.ca
 - There is a “subscribe” feature to the website that will allow updates to be flagged and notifications sent to your email. To have this activated, visit the website and set up your subscription.
- o Staffing
 - Summit course is now cancelled due to lack of interest
 - There is discussion to bring it back next year as a bi-annual program
 - With cancellation, there is more room to shift staff and administrative support to library staffing
 - Library is slated to be open at earlier times. Anticipated open times may be 8am
- o Wildcat TV!
 - Danny Lemming is heading this fantastic project
 - great interest with the potential to introduce students to the world of communications, music, journalism, studio workings and so on!
 - Grant money is available and being sourced out to help fund this project
- o Grad 2014

- Student meeting November 5 with the Grad Council to be finalized
- November 18 Parent Meeting 7 pm (November 7 date was cancelled)
- Parent meeting is to establish a Parent Grad Council to work with the Grad Council
- Photos will be the big issue with presentations by Grads BC Photography, Vogue Photographics, Mountain West Studios.
- Bully's Strategy and Issues Presentation
 - Violent threat piece and Fair Notice Brochure is ready
 - District Website – Erase Bullying! Website link: <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/> go to the Parent & Students Tab to find the Erase Bullying link

School Planning Council Report

- November 4 is the first meeting.
 - Reviewed the roles and responsibilities of SPC
 - Primary goal: Growth Plan of Education
 - Sign offs are now done 2 – 3 October 2013 to Present Plans
 - Biggest change in shift of focus is student academic skills
 - Reviewing the evidence to better understand student literacy and academic skills and plan on how to better help students to be better learners
 - A survey sent out in October to students to help determine where education, staff teaching skills and student learning stand. The results will be posted on the school website soon
 - Health & Wellness Focus to promote students to develop healthy living habits
 - Hot Lunch Program: Students are running it extremely well with menu being quite varied for \$3 per serving
 - Breakfast For Learning Program is well received with great help from students and parents alike.
 - This group is asking for donations, VOLUNTEERS from parents. Please contact Tekki if you wish to donate food, money or your time! Tekki @ thryniw@sd8.bc.ca
- Aboriginal Education Fund
 - 40 students are currently enrolled
 - an education support program is available
 - cultural program where students have to commit is available
 - Tony Appleby is the Aboriginal Representative support teacher who rotates within SD8 school district
- Learning Improvement Fund
 - \$100,000 is available to high schools
 - \$500,000 is available to elementary schools with the theory that early intervention is needed more in elementary schools which then in turn saves money in the long term.
 - Schools have to apply for this funding
 - MSS has begun the application process and is asking for an Education Assistant for the sum of \$23,000 approx.

Reports – Trustee Report

- School Fees
 - 4 trying to make sure schools are following policy, regulations and they are affordable
 - Question: Why is there such a difference of fee levels between the schools?
 - Discussion will continue on this issue
 - Kootenay Lake SD8 is still refusing to submit a revised balanced budget to support the CUPE wage increase due to the past labour strike
 - No response yet from Ministry on this stance.
 - The stance in SD8 is that this budget revision will directly impact “CORE” student services
- Catchment Boundary Committee
 - Postponed for now due to the budge issue
- DPAC Representative

- still looking for a representative from MSS
- important position to provide a VOICE!
- Nominations or volunteers are welcome
- The meetings are a “GO TO” meeting and can be attended in person or via electronically

Reports – Treasurer

- PAC Account: \$558.97 as of October 31, 2013
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- Gaming Account: \$7469.00 as of October 31, 2013
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Reports – Secretary

- update for Grade 7 emails is still coming out
- BCTF magazine for October 2013
- Java Joe's Cookie/Coffee fund raising brochure

Reports – DPAC

- Still require a representative
- AGM meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2013
- Presentation slated for November 26/27 – Parent Evening at LVR for Boys Smart Stuff
- DPAC meetings are “Go To” meetings where you can attend electronically to help members attend meetings
- discussing fund raising for new play grounds and sourcing out grant monies.

5. New Business

Gaming Funding Update

- Darlene Falle to provide a spreadsheet with all the agreed to items.
- Total funding update: Approximately \$6400 has been granted to applications sent in with \$350 left over. These are approximate figures. Final numbers will be posted soon.
- Allocation of Gaming Monies as discussed with Motion to approve: 1st Carried: Ester Zdebiak

Intermediate Class

- Kathryn Rexin not present for meeting so it was suggested she speak to Glenn with her questions and concerns
- Staff are working on stretching and challenging kids in this new way of education

Passport to Education

- This is to be noted on the school website
- All students are eligible but students are chosen based on academic and community activities
- 3 year program and the school sends out the notices starting to Grade 10 students and concludes at Grade 12.
- The notices announce the awards to the chosen students.
- Criteria is that they are to be full time students, no failing a course and have some community/school service experiences
- this passport award is money that is good for 5 years and must go toward post secondary education

Selkirk College Information

- Discussion to get Selkirk representatives to MSS to talk to students and parents hopefully
- Maria Klement to talk to Shell Wiltshire to set this up
- Open House @ Selkirk College Wed. November 6 - 6:30 to 9 pm

PAC Newsletter

- this newsletter will be emailed to parents once it is complete

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday December 2, 2013

THIS IS A CHRISTMAS MEETING!

**POTLUCK 5:30 – 6:30 Please bring a little something to share with everyone
\$3 -\$5 secret gift – no name on the gift**

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!