

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 07, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Glen Campbell, Shellie Maloff, Ester Zdebiak, Darlene Falle, Jason Taylor, Stacey Kabatoff, Joanne Lih, Carrie Reilly (minute taker)

1) Call to Order

- Meeting called to order 7:50pm

2) Additions to the Agenda

- Career Fair
- Grad

3) Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- No minutes taken last meeting

4) Reports

- Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- i. Hi Tech High: Glen had the opportunity to visit Hi Tech High in San Diego, CA; this school/program is considered a little cutting edge so he wanted to get impressions. It was not necessarily “high tech” in terms of technology use, but instead focused on project-based learning, cross-pollination of ideas, soft skills. There will be a documentary released that hopefully parents will be able to view. The presentation/workshops were more oriented around marketing the charter/private school approach...Glen had hoped to be able to speak with the teachers and students to get more practical feedback. Some takeaways that might work at MSSS: some kind of performance piece at the end of each semester – open to the public and school community – that would be a celebration of learning.
- ii. Recent Staff Meeting: topics included a review of the multi-age learning taking place at MSSS – what does it look like for grades 7/8/9, 10/11/12, both with respect to core courses and electives? What is working – celebrations? What would they do differently? What is the next step for the juniors? What is the evidence to support all these questions? Evidence is still being defined.
- iii. Staffing: Janice is taking a leave of absence so Travis is now in charge of Sequoia.
- iv. Important Dates:
 - March 13 – interim reports; teachers were also encouraged to use the first week back after spring break to continue this feedback process

- April 13 – pro-D day
 - April 15 – early dismissal day; Glen invited a discussion around how parents felt about the early dismissal days / parent-teacher interview process currently in use – does afterschool work? Appointments vs drop-in? Do phone calls and/or email work just as well if not better? Most comments from the group were in support of a more informal approach, using email and phone calls, as the afterschool time slot did not work for most parents.
 - Apr 13 (Jason Taylor) – Maker Day – this is a collaboration between SD8, SD51, SD20, Selkirk College, and ITA, and is a showcase of project-based (and failure-based) learning. For this session, only teachers are participating. Takes place at Mary Hall in Nelson.
 - April 24 – end of term
 - May 4 – report cards
 - May 1 – Made for Trade Day for grade 8/9/10 at Selkirk College
 - May 21 – Experience Selkirk Day for gr 10/11/12
 - April 21 – Parents Night Out presentation: Social Media Safety with Jessie Miller at LVR in Nelson. More information on the DPAC website.
 - April 28 – 6:30-8:30, presentation sponsored by CBAL with Luis Lawrence, to support grade 7/8 struggling readers.
 - May 29 – School Planning Day.
- School Planning Council
 - i. Nothing to report – meeting this month
 - Trustee Report
 - i. No report (absent)
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - i. PAC account current balance \$1185
 - ii. Gaming account current balance \$4657 – Darlene will confirm with all applicants what is still needed for funds outstanding; if not needed, we can reallocate or increase the grad bursary amounts.
 - Secretary’s Report
 - i. (Linda absent) Letter received from MSSS – request for what PAC will provide
 - DPAC Report
 - i. April 23 – Todd Kettner presentation at the DPAC meeting – ASSIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)
 - ii. April 22/23 – Parent workshop at W E Graham
 - iii. April 30 – May 2 – DPAC Spring Conference/AGM in Burnaby

5) New Business

- Fundraising for Grad bursaries: DIG will supply flower baskets (maximum 40). We will sell them for \$35 and will make \$17.50/basket profit. Along with the Purdy's and Mom's Pantry fundraisers, this should work out to 3x \$500 Grad bursaries. There was a general discussion around possible fundraisers for next year based on what worked this year (and in the past), and partnering with Brent Kennedy and/or other schools.
- Career Fair at Selkirk College: this was an industry-wide event open to all, and Selkirk provided transportation for students who wanted to come. The question was raised as to whether or not MSSS is taking advantage of this event, especially with the grade 11/12 (perhaps even 10) group in mind? It sounds like there may have been a communication disconnect; Glen/Shellie to investigate so we can take advantage for next year.
- Grad: taking place June 19/20. Questions asked were: what does grad look like and is parent assistance needed? Glen and Darlene led this discussion. Friday is the ceremony, and Saturday is the grand march, grad-parent dance, dinner, photos, and dry grad event. Grads and their parents usually take care of setup, and the staff usually runs the grad events. Grade 11 parents would be most welcome on Sunday for cleanup to see how everything is set up. This year for the dry grad event, there will be a casino, facilitator-led team activities, a videogame corner, karaoke, and a DJ/dance.

6) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm
- Next meeting is May 4th, 6:30pm