

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
Meeting Minutes
Monday February 02, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine
Carrie Reilly

Glen Campbell
Jason Taylor

Shellie Maloff
Joanne Lih

Darlene Falle
Ester Zdebiak

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm
- Introduction: Danny Leeming presenting Google Apps Pilot Project

2. Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes of January 12 - accepted

4. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- Postings
 - French 7/8 – 1 posting
 - Apprenticeship Work Place Math – 1 posting
 - Info Tech 9 & Russian 7/8 – 1 posting
 - Technology Integration – 1 posting
- District Evaluation of the Principal at Mt. Sentinel
 - Glen Campbell is alerting everyone that information regarding the evaluation of our principal is coming out soon. He would like to see feedback from the parents/students by email.
 - This evaluation will help Glen determine key areas to focus on and areas that he excels at.
- 2nd Semester Start
 - There may be a possible shift in the timetable. Tuesday block and Thursday blocks will be switched
 - The schedule shift is due to the new postings and the shift will all the integration of these courses and extra staff.
- “Be More than A Bystander” Presentation (promoted by BC Lions)
 - Took place Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 9am to 10am
 - This program is focusing on speaking out against violence.
 - Entire presentation went extremely well and the students/staff/attending parents seemed to be paying very close attention to what was presented.

School Planning Council

- No report

Trustee Report

- No report

Treasurer’s Report

- PAC Account as of January 31, 2015 \$ 1,314.90

- Gaming Account as of January 31, 2015 \$ 4657.47

Secretary's Report

- BCCCPAC Notice of Annual General Meeting May 2 & 3 2015 held at Hilton Vancouver Metrotown 6083 McKay Ave. Burnaby
- If there are parents wishing to attend, please contact the MSSS PAC for more information or go to the BCCCPAC website and register.
- It was discussed that 2 parents from our district can go and the entry to the meeting may be paid for. Please call or email MSSSPAC@gmail.com for more information

DPAC Report

- New Chair has been appointed: Sheri Walsh
- New Vice Chair has been appointing: Laurie Thompson

5. New Business

- Baedon Wilton - The Human-Earth Analogy for Stewardship Motivation
 - This program encourages learners to critically engage with the ideas that humans are not separate or superior to nature, and that nature is valuable in its own right. The main theme is that we as humans have a responsibility to behave as stewards of our environment. The stewardship practices of aboriginal and ancient cultures are used as examples
 - Baedon is willing to speak at the school and adjust his program to meet the teacher's needs.
 - [http://cbeen.org/wvfkresources/details/the human earth analogy for stewardship motivation](http://cbeen.org/wvfkresources/details/the_human_earth_analogy_for_stewardship_motivation)
- Global Perspectives Fundraising Dinner - MEXICAN NIGHT!
 - Saturday, February 21 doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner @ 6pm
 - Bring your family and enjoy a wee bit of spice and laughs and help out the students
 - Silent Auction
 - Tickets are: \$15 per person

PRESENTATION: World of Google, Google Apps and ChromeBooks – PILOT PROJECT IN OUR SCHOOL!

- Presenter: Danny Leeming
 - If you have a gmail account, you have entered the world of Google which gives you direct access to the Google Docs. Platform
 - Google ChromeBooks is the ultimate manager of data applications
 - ChromeBooks is a more secure environment and can be accessed through multiple devices without having to download information.
 - Peter Vogel - head IT person has brought ChromeBooks into some BC schools such as Kamloops with great success.
 - Top schools such as Harvard and The Ivy League in the US are now using this platform with their students and staff.
 - This platform allows you to participate live while **not** in the classroom via a personal device or another computer in another location.
 - This platform has the ability to track and log all conversations, lectures, data, student information in “real time”. This will prevent students from using excuses

like – “I lost my homework. My flash drive broke.” This information will always be available on the internet in this platform.

- Students can open the link and do a “live edit” at the same time on the same link to participate in classroom activities. The teacher can see this at once and target students needing more assistance or asking the student who understands to help their neighbour who is having difficulty.
- Teachers can record their lesson live and upload this recording to ChromeBooks for students to access later if they missed something in the lesson.
- If ChromeBooks goes down, no information is lost. Simply access ChromeBooks on the same computer or try another device and you are back in again.
- Formative Assessment for teachers is available and totally free
 - This will allow teachers to see what students need help at the same time on the screen.
- Conference/Live video feed for meeting and collaboration are more easily done.
- Great tool to learn how students are emotionally doing as they are more comfortable speaking to the “text box” than a person. Teacher can set up a spreadsheet with each student’s name and ask specific questions at the start of the class. The students fill this out briefly and key words are flagged to alert teacher to emotional stress, physical aches/pains, understanding of school material, etc.
 - Per Danny Leeming, he has discovered an incredible amount of information students are willing to share in this method and he can target these students and provide the assistance they need. If it were not for this tool, he claims that he would not have known that some of these students needed assistance.
- ChromeBooks is very affordable, easy to run, user friendly, major time saver and rarely breaks down.
- In terms of savings, some schools are reporting at least at 20% drop in costs using this incredible tool. Cost savings will go up as staff/students learn to use this tool to its ultimate abilities.
- No software licence is required, less paper required for schools as the system will be paperless, traveling teachers can still access their school when away. This system is very flexible for both students and staff

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday March 2, 2014

6:30 pm in the Library

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!

