

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
Meeting Minutes
Monday January 12, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine	Glen Campbell	Shellie Maloff	Darlene Falle
Carrie Reilly	Jason Taylor	Joanne Lih	Kathryn Rexin
Ester Zdebiak	Stacy Kabatoff	Sharon Nazaroff	

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm
- Introductions of everyone and a welcome to our new trustee Sharon Nazaroff

2. Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes of December 2, 2014 - accepted

4. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- End of Semester No. 1
 - The semester has been extended 1 week due to last year's job action.
 - End date for semester is Friday February 6
 - Provincial, Ministry and school exams will be completed at the same time and Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA) will also be done.
 - Ski day at Red Mountain is normally scheduled for last day of exam week will be moved 1 day ahead to the Thursday Feb. 5 which will also be a makeup day. This will enable staff to participate in ski day if they wish. Parental help is needed on Feb. 5 so parents attending, the school is looking for assistance from our capable parent community. Please let the office know you are willing to help out.
 - Ski waivers will be available on the school website as well as at the office for interested students to pick up, fill out and return to the office.
 - Cross country skiing and snowshoeing may be available. This is being looked into and details will be released soon if the opportunity is a go!
 - Friday Feb. 6 will also be makeup day.
- Beginning of Semester No. 2
 - Monday February 9 – FAMILY DAY!! Tuesday February 10 is a Pro D Day!!!
 - Begins Wednesday February 11
 - Learning Assistant position is posted for 2nd semester
 - Math/Science 7/8 position is also being posted for 2nd semester
 - Russian 7/8 class – staff position is being posted
- Aboriginal Education (AB Ed.)
 - <http://www.zoominfo.com/p/Doug-Hoey/1103526497>
 - Coming January 13 is Dr. Doug Hoey – Principal for Aboriginal Education (School District No. 42). With Dr. Hoey, he brings information and outlook on the education of our aboriginal students and families.
 - Dr. Hoey will be meeting with the Family of Schools and Mt. Sentinel to open discussion about the issues and concerns families and students have. With this dialogue it is hoped that the issues will be more transparent for people in our community to understand.
 - Meeting is to review and discuss what is working with AB Ed and what is not working and looking to find solutions for our students.
 - Future goals will be laid out and discussed so that the team can move forward.

- Student Youth Circle will also be attending the meeting to provide input from the student side and offer ideas, concerns and goals the students themselves wish to discuss
- **Facilities Review**
 - Please go to SD8 website for review and updates on the Facilities Planning <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/?p=3507>
 - Last meeting was not well attended by the community and the group is looking for input as to how to handle the entire program.
 - There is a survey, please participate as community input is really needed to make tough decisions. Please fill out the feedback brochure on the website.
- “Be More than A Bystander” Presentation (promoted by BC Lions)
 - Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 9am to 10am
 - This program is focusing on speaking out against violence.
 - Topics will be how to speak out when being a victim, a bystander and/or associated families.
 - Parents are welcome to attend! Please join us in this informative hour.

School Planning Council

- Plans are in reviewing and looking back at school and district policies.
- Begin discussions and review the existing ones while linking them to new goals for future development and how they will relate to student successes.
- Parent input will be sought out to help develop and improve the policies already in place so that they are a better fit for the future.
- Developing the roles of the students in their “responsibilities” and “ownership” of their education in areas such as attendance, conduct, citizenship, assignments, recognizing when to ask for help and using the resources at hand.
- Key question arose: How does the school/staff/parents handle situations when students don’t perform to their best ability. Will there be consequences? If so, what kind and how should the action take place? What is the best route to take in helping students achieve their best and keep them on track?

Trustee Report

- New trustee appointed for the Slocan Valley! Welcome to Sharon Nazaroff who comes to us with a great background in early childhood education and development. Sharon brings with her a new look at education from the old coming into the new and she is looking forward to the challenges ahead as our students head into a new age of learning.
- She will be attending working meetings starting January 13 at the School Board Office and report back next PAC meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

- PAC Account as of January 12, 2015 \$ 1,031.93
- Gaming Account as of January 12, 2015 \$ 665.87

Secretary’s Report

- No mail to report at this time

DPAC Report

- No report

5. New Business

- **Mom’s Pantry**
 - \$205.00 collected
 - Has been decided that we will not pursue this next year as the turnout is generally not well received.

- **Purdy's Chocolate Sales**
 - \$518 collected
 - Brent Kennedy may not be doing this next year. MSSS PAC will be meeting with BK to discuss this for future plans as MSSS PAC wants to continue to do this fundraiser next year.
- **Poinsettia/Flower Basket Sales – Georama Flowers**
 - Discussion to do the spring sale for Easter/Mother's Day
 - Susan has great contact list for selling Poinsettias. Next year's grad may take this on if parents take hold of the sales and run with it. Start date for this to be successful needs to begin September for sure.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday February 2, 2014

6:30 pm in the Library

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!