

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 3, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine	Ester Zdebiak	Glen Campbell	Shellie Maloff
Darlene Falle	Carrie Reilly	Jason Taylor	Joanne Lih
Randy Stewart	Rhonda Martins	Sheri Walsh	Kathryn Rexin
Stacy Kabatoff			

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm
- Introductions of everyone

2. Additions to the Agenda

- Gaming Committee setup
- Shop 'N' Share fundraiser
- Breakfast Program and Nut Allergy issue
- Alcohol Use in our Student Population

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes of September 29, 2014 - accepted
 - o 1st Motion – Darlene Falle
 - o 2nd Motion – Joanne Lih

4. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- Enrollment & Staffing
 - o Full Time Equivalency (FTE) is at 331.67 which translates into 325 students by physical count. This means that some students are taking on a heavier course load than required. This is a great thing!
 - o With the increase in the FTE, there may be a staffing increase, but has not been determined yet.
 - o Grade 7/8 French will proceed with Kathryn Rexin as teacher..... way to go Kathryn!
 - o Education Fund: Shift of resources that will target vulnerable students. The amount of funding has yet to be determined.
 - o 25 noted aboriginal students are enrolled in the Aboriginal program
- Polices & Procedures
 - o Growth Plan: this was not completed last year due to teacher action. This is now in the the process of review. The timing is good as there is new staff with new ideas and goals.
 - o 1st priority is looking at the policies regarding attendance, student conduct, discipline and class management and assessment of late assignments.
 - o Staff to look at the current Growth Plan v/s the future alignment with the district goals and future goals of Mount Sentinel.
- School District Budget
 - o <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/?p=725> (hopefully the link works – use the link to see the budget laid out for Mount Sentinel this year.
 - o Note: the above budget reflects the monies that the School District No. 8 has allotted for the school
 - o Internal budget for Mt. Sentinel is still being finalized.
 - o \$12,000 travel budget was looked at and per Glen Campbell, last year the travel cost \$16,000 for the 2013/2014 school year. This travel covers portions for the sports teams, drama team and various school trips to use the bus/bus drivers to travel.

- School fees are not included in the district budget but are a part of the internal budget that is being finalized.

School Planning Council

- No report – should be meeting within the next couple of weeks

Trustee Report

- Sheri Walsh attended for her last time. She announced that a new trustee has stepped forward: Sharon Nazaroff. Welcome Sharon to our group. PAC looks forward to hearing from you.
- Board PAC policies and procedures will be undergoing review and changes due to new people in the group.
- A committee will be struck consisting of a minimum group of 12 people that represent community, teachers, school district and parents
- Budget Committee is preparing to announce the 2014/2015 budget
- Facilities Plan: This will be general review of all facilities within the School District 8
 - Enrollment, catchment and boundaries will be the hot topic.
 - Public meeting to be set up for some time in November. Please watch the SD8 website for announcement of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- PAC Account as of October 31, 2014 \$ 472.82
- Gaming Account as of October 31, 2014 \$ 6617.96
- Application forms for 2014/2015 Gaming funds will be printed out as soon as possible and handed out.
- Deadline for the Gaming fund applications will be November 21. Please make sure your applications are handed in, in a timely fashion.

Secretary's Report

- Thank You Letter from Rose Leslie – graduate of 2013/2014 – She is attending Selkirk College Business Admin. 2 year program. Best of Luck to you Rose!
- RETURN-IT fundraising program – Recycling program for the school to participate in.
- Teacher magazine Sept/Oct. 2014
- BCCPAC magazine Fall 2014
- BCCPAC Leadership Conference Nov. 21-23 2014. To be held in Nanaimo, Vancouver Island

DPAC Report

- AGM meeting to be held on November 27, 2014 at the Nelson School Board Office on Johnstone Road, Nelson BC
- Meeting to start around 5:30 – tentative

5. New Business

- **Peanut Allergy & Breakfast Program**
 - Concern has been raised regarding nut allergies. There are several students now that have severe reactions (life/death) within our school.
 - Question asked about how to handle peanut butter and nuts in during the Breakfast Program, Hot Lunch and the Foods program.
 - Shellie Maloff brought up the liability issue regarding being “Nut Free” and this is something that needs to be reviewed thoroughly.
 - Suggestions brought up such as educating the student population in being aware of people with these allergies and respecting the signs, washing hands and surfaces. In general being a lot more cognizant of these issues and how serious the reactions can be to an affected student.
 - Further discussion will be taking place to support these students.

- **SHOP 'N' SHARE fundraising online!!**
 - Joanne Lih will be setting this up and an email will be sent out to all parents about this fantastic way to shop online and a portion of the money goes to the school.
 - Other schools have used this fundraiser with great success.
- **Gaming Committee**
 - Randy Stewart, Rhonda Martins, Darlene Falle and Ester Zdebiak will make up the committee to initially review the gaming applications.
 - The group will be meeting on November 24 to review all applications and then bring their review forward to the next PAC meeting on December 2 for a final review and decision.
- **Alcohol Use in our Student Population**
 - There is a concern that the younger grades are experimenting in alcohol, drugs and sex
 - This is news to some parents and concern on how to teach the students to say NO and feel good about it.
 - Peer pressure seems to be the culprit in a lot of cases and some students feel they have no choice.
 - Mentorship and bringing in speakers to talk about the issues and that they have experienced these problems personally.
 - Programs like Ankors, D.A.R.E and Freedom Quest may be another way to combat the issues. These programs and people are geared to share the information to students on a student level.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday December 1, 2014

**This is an CHRISTMAS MEETING as well!
 Please bring a snack/appy to share
 Bring a \$5 Secret Santa gift to exchange. Do not put a name on
 package.
 This will be a casual meeting.**

LOCATION : MSS Library

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!