

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 29, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine
Darlene Falle

Ester Zdebiak
Carrie Reilly

Glen Campbell
Jason Taylor

Shelley Maloff
Joanne Lih

1. Call to Order

- Ester Zdebiak – acting chair due to absence of Maria Klement called meeting to order
- Introductions of everyone
- Meeting called to order @ 6:40 pm

2. Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes of June 2014 to be completed still

4. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

- School Start
 - Despite delayed start due to teachers' strike, the 1st week of school carried a very positive note with a big focus on getting down to the business of learning
 - 324 students enrolled with the snapshot due day of Oct 17 for budget numbers
 - Grades 7/8 has a wait list of nearly 10 students. A total of 88 students enrolled in these 2 grade levels
- Staffing
 - NEW: Hans Davina – Science 9 – 12 and Desk Science. He will be replacing Dave Olynyk who has retired. Welcome Hans to our Mt. Sentinel Family!
 - Kathy Knapik – Biology & Science 7/8
 - Tekki Brown will take over Math 7/8
 - NEW: Michelle POSin (not sure of spelling ☺) she is our new TOC Welcome to our Mt. Sentinel Family!
 - Heather Shippit back from leave! She will take back Drama Welcome Back Heather!
 - Janice Chernenkoff – Sequoia Welcome Back Janice
 - NEW: Monica Martin – custodian
- Lost Time due to Strike
 - Decided to make the 1st semester 1 week longer and the 2nd semester 1 week shorter to try to make up a bit of the time loss
- Hot Lunch
 - Ester Zdebiak stepped up to help out with the program and the shopping
 - This program will begin very soon and will be on 1st come, 1st serve basis
 - \$3 approx. per meal
 - Pre Order ONLINE program is being looked at to help determine the hot lunch quantities and for speedier service so no one loses out. Please keep an eye out for this announcement when ready!
 - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you have a bit of time to spare to help out, please contact the school to let us know!
- Breakfast for Learning Program
 - This will be getting started shortly!

- PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you have a bit of time to spare to help out, please contact the school to let us know! Times will be from approx.. 8 am to 8:45 am and if you can help out 1 time a week that would be awesome!
- Grant has been applied for to run this program
- There has been a steady growing increase of interest here.
- If you wish to donate food, please contact the school first to see what is needed.
- Yearbooks
 - Have been handed out now and there are a few extras. Please contact the office if you would like one from last year.
- Gymnasium Upgrade – Update
 - The change rooms and weight room is undergoing renovations and is still ongoing. Please be patient while the contractor is completing the work.
 - October 10 is the anticipated date of completion but it appears that this may be pushed back a bit.
- Music Program
 - This program has been deferred as there is no teacher at this time. So no music for the year but in the meantime candidates are being sourced out for the following year.
 - The interest and teaching needs to be developed in the elementary schools to enable this program to really flourish in the high school scene.

School Planning Council

- No report – to meet in near future

Trustee Report

- Sheri Walsh not present to report

Treasurer's Report

- PAC Account as of September 29, 2014 \$ 472.82
- Gaming Account as of September 29, 2014 \$ 97.96
- Application for 2014/2015 Gaming funds has been applied for. Red flags have shown up and Darlene Falle to follow up with Nat Barabanoff (past Treasurer) to get information

Secretary's Report

- Nothing to report

DPAC Report

- Victoria PAC group reported they are planning to pursue changing the provincial funding structure to reflect better language and fairness
- October 7 – Policy meeting with the board members 2 pm
- October 21 – Education meeting with the board members 2 pm
- M.E.N.D - nutrition Do-It workshop
 - Focusing on grades 7-9
 - Need 12 families to attend
 - Focus on healthy eating
 - Participating families that do the workshop will be eligible for a 6 month family gift pass

5. New Business

- **BCTF Strike** – hearing occurring Oct 14 regarding the intervener status
 - Question arose: Is BCCPAC on the list supporting the BC Coalition of Small Business? This group supports the intervener status and may have to appear in court
 - Per Kendra Mann & Ester Zdebiak they are pretty sure BCCPAC is not on the list but this is now on list of items to discuss at DPAC level.
- Blueprint of Education & LNG – Petronas Corp. & Christy Clark \$10 Billion contract
 - Concern this deal will change the face of education in the very near future
 - Parents need to read this blueprint plan and see if they accept this

- Plan reads that the trades will become the focus of training in our schools and the fine arts, sciences and professional choices will be filtered into private schools. Thus creating a “no choice” education for our working class children.
- **Sweeping Changes to Public Education and the School Act of BC**
 - BC government plans to make changes without public input into the school act of public education
 - Parents need to pay attention as this will have a direct effect on how our education will look in the near future
- **Fundraisers**
 - **Mom’s Pantry**
 - Need to start as soon as possible
 - Purpose: to provide bursary funds for grads \$1500 is the target
 - Online ordering will be organized as well as order forms to fill in by hand
 - Ester to talk to Brent Kennedy to see if they want to go in with us on this fundraiser
 - **Purdy’s Chocolates**
 - Would like to combine efforts with Brent Kennedy on this
 - Purpose: to provide extra funds for PAC and grads
 - Online ordering is available
 - **Shop N’ Share**
 - Online shopping that pays out a percentage on the orders placed through various online stores.
 - Joanne Lih to look into and report back how this will all work
 - **Fundschrift**
 - Online gift card ordering that pays a percentage on cards ordered
- **Wildcat TV**
 - Danny Leemming is back
 - Looking for letters of support
 - Looking for news items and ideas
 - Thoughts to sell “ad space” to raise funds for the program and other needs
 - Grant application to CBT has been applied for. Due date is October 15, 2014
 - Needing a 3D printer, supplies and other electronic supplies
- **West Kootenay Boundary Parent Conference**
 - Workshop on Understanding ourselves and our children
 - Date: Oct. 4 at Prestige in Nelson
 - Email sent out to parents with the forms and information
- **October PAC Elections**
 - Meeting for AGM is Monday Oct 6 6:30 pm Library
 - ALL Parents welcome to participate

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: Monday October 6, 2014
This is an AGM Meeting as well!

LOCATION : MSS Library

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!

