

**MOUNT SENTINEL PAC**  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 14, 2015

**ATTENDANCE**

Linda Verishine  
Joanne Lih

Glen Campbell  
Ester Zdebiak

Shellie Maloff  
Marj Jmaeff

Darlene Falle  
Allison Burns

**1. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm
- Introductions of everyone

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

- 4 new items: PAC Website, Student Teachers, PAC Meeting, Grad

**3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Meeting Minutes not complete but will be from June 1 2015

**4. Principal & Vice Principal Reports**

- Enrollment
  - 311 FTE (full time equivalent) enrolled. Numbers are down a bit this year
- Staffing
  - Tekki Brown-Hyrinu has transferred to WE Graham. Good Luck Tekki!
  - L.E.T. – Michelle Pozin – full time (Learning Education Assistant)
  - Danny Leeming remains in his position working the computers and Wildcat TV
  - Stephanie Frioed – French/Science/Math/Art (comes with a wealth of talent)
  - New posting ½ time Math Teacher for 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Judine Mackie will take over 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Math
  - Matt Webber – math/counsellor with a major personal interest in music! There are plans to possibly start a music club here.
  - EA (Education Assistants) Lisa Tissen, Rick Boutelier, Holly Biggar have been hired
  - Sequoia – Travis Sherstobitoff
  - Aboriginal Ed. - new FTE Posting for Valley of Schools position will be done quickly
- Community Pro Day
  - Connecting community with school.
  - Major subjects that came about form this forum of people (parents, staff and community) are: Treating this like a magazine issue: Education Cover, Health page, Dance & Music, Arts & Drama (Community Connections), You Tube Channel, Masthead for Environment, Technology & Innovation, Diversity in Community & School, Maintaining What Works, Prod D Days and Teaching
- Communications with Parents
  - How do we effectively communicate to parents/community and students school information?
  - How do we effectively encourage more parent participation in the school?
  - New System in place called M.I.A.D which replaces BCeSIS
  - During transition of MIAD, parent emails were lost
  - There will be a student/parent link into MIAD for parents to access their child's report card and other school information pertaining to that child.
- Hot Lunch/Breakfast Program
  - There will be an online order form available and a look at possibly doing payments online.
  - Can Pre-Order hot lunches via the online program

- This new venture will help in doing some fundraising to help with meals, groceries and other supplies.
- BIG THANK YOU to ESTER ZDEBIAK & ALLISON BURNS for their expertise in this program! Way to go Ladies!
- Parent Volunteers are always needed! Please if you have some time to help out, contact the school and let them know! Donations are also welcome! Call ahead first to see what is needed!

#### **School Planning Council**

- Officially ended by the School District

#### **Trustee Report**

- No report

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- PAC Account as of August 30, 2015 \$ 335.85
- Gaming Account as of August 30, 2015 \$ 23.19
- Gaming Grant submitted for 2015/2016 year back in June. There are still some old issues being dealt with which Darlene Falle is finalizing. Thank you Darlene for all the work you have done to sort the bits out.
- New Treasurer will be needed for the new year in which Darlene will help transition that person into the position.

#### **Secretary's Report**

- Thank you letter from Graduate Cassidy Verigin

#### **DPAC Report**

- No report as DPAC will meet soon for 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new school season

### **5. New Buisness**

- **The Green Team Student Group**
  - Led by Marj Jmaeff to focus on Youth Sustainable Resourcing
  - Group is focusing on community and school ideas regarding environment, climate change and what we can do to keep the impact from harming our world.
  - Group night to be held Tuesday Oct 6 tentative time around 12:00 noon (to be confirmed) at either MSSS or the Junction Church (to be confirmed)
  - Bannock and Borscht meal
  - Community leaders from a variety of groups will be invited to partake in this exploration of environmental issues and discussion to bring awareness to our community and school
  - Group activities will be a part of this session
  - Parent volunteers are requested to help cook/serve/clean so that the group can focus on the discussions.
  - Contact Marj Jmaeff at the MSSS school for more information or call the school office
- **PAC Attendance by Parents**
  - Concern that parents don't fully understand what PAC does at MSSS
  - How do we encourage more participation from parents?
  - Idea of Parent Night/Meet the Teacher night orientation for new grade 7 parents.
  - Draft a letter to send out to parents explaining PAC and the importance of having PAC regarding the Govt. Grant money the school receives annually.
- **Student Banking**
  - Aaron Birk may visit the school to talk to small groups of students regarding banking basics and what they need to know about money and managing it.
- **PAC Website**
  - Do we need the website?

- Link from the school website needs to be looked at.
- Concern there is duplication on the school website and the PAC website
- Can we combine the PAC information and put it on the school website? Less duplication and a one place only for information.
- **Student Teachers**
  - Student teachers are in our school once again. They are present to complete their work experience/practicum to graduate and garner experience while under the direction of a certified teacher.
  - Concern from parents that these teachers are not providing adequate teaching to the students.
  - Discussion led to a way for students to provide evaluation of the student teacher
  - MSSSS office to draft a letter possibly explaining student teachers in our school and the program
  - Parents/students experiencing issues are encouraged to speak to student teachers directly and if nothing is resolved, involve the sponsor teacher and the principal for guidance and mediation.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm**

**NEXT PAC MEETING: MONDAY OCTOBER 05, 2015**

**THIS IS PAC AGM Meeting as well - AGM will take place before regular PAC meeting. Separate Agenda will be sent out for the AGM**

**Parents: Please.... If you are interested in this important group and would like to know more about what PAC does, attend the meeting.**

**We are in need of more parents as our current PAC group have children that are graduating and will no longer be with the school. We need new parents to take up the mantle to keep PAC in Mount Sentinel!**

**6:30 pm in the Library**

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING!**