

MOUNT SENTINEL PAC

Meeting Minutes
Monday September 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Linda Verishine

Glen Campbell

Shellie Maloff

Joanne Lih

Ester Zdebiak

Natsha Smith

Rebecca Scown

Noriko Niipa-Smith

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to the Agenda

- No additions

3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Meeting Minutes of June 7 2016 approved

4. Special Guest - Natasha Smith

- Art Starts Project: in collaboration with Shannon Murphy
 - Community school project regarding the Slocan River
 - Entire Valley of Schools to be involved
 - Collage of mixed art media reflecting the Slocan River theme
 - Develop personal stories
 - Aboriginal influence and culture will be a part of the project
 - Tanya Pixie Johnson (Artist) has experience with Sinixt Art culture and will assist in this project <http://www.tanyapixiejohnson.ca/>
 - Students will be encouraged to visualize their story through the river, stimulus and dream
 - Psychology Sr. Students will be doing this project and possibly Aboriginal Education students from other Valley of Schools

5. Principal & Vice Principal Reports

⑤ End of Year 2015-2016

- Grad 2016 was postponed due to threats against the school and graduates that was determined as very serious.
- RCMP & Violence Group (VITRA) were brought in to deal with the situation
- Investigation is still ongoing
- Grad celebration and Grand March were held Thursday June 30
- School reconvened Wednesday June 26 to close the year out for the remainder of students

⑤ Emergency Alert Communications

- Concern arose that our communications to parents were not effective

- Need more effective measures to communicate with families that do not have internet
- School is reviewing all options and ideas for better communications
- Concern is dealing with younger students and these students not fully understanding
- Parents need to take a role here to ensure their communication information is up to date with the school at all times.

⑤ Start Up of 2016 – 2017 year

- New Staff: Jacine Maki – Math, Matt Webber – Sequoia, Treston Shinter – English/Drama, Sarah Anderson – English 7/8 and 11, Clair Husson – Counsellor, Doug Shaw - Shop
- Leaving our school: Chrish Hyriniu, Shelley Wiltshire

⑤ Enrolment

- 308 students for the new year have enrolled so far.
- Electives are left at multi-age groupings
- Grade 7/8 has extra English classes
- Calculus 12 is now offered
- Creative Writing 12 is also planned
- Club Days are planned with many new ideas
- Music Club – will begin with 15 students signed up

⑤ PAC Communications with Parents

- PAC info to go directly to the MSSS website
- DPAC info to go to the MSSS website as well
- Goal is to move school website to a Google platform in a year for more flexibility
- Twitter, Facebook and Website pages will be linked
- Parent Portal through SD8 is still under construction
- Parents to receive email from school to test email receipts. PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS TEST TO ENSURE YOU ARE RECEIVING EMAILS FROM MOUNT SENTINEL. This will help with accuracy in communicating with parents.

Trustee Report – Sharon Nazaroff

- ⑤ No report

Treasurer's Report

- PAC Account as of September 17 2016 \$605.90
- Gaming Account as of September 17 2016 \$938.24
- Gaming notification and applications have been done and Gaming funds expected to arrive early October.
- PAC Bursaries fund - \$270 profit remaining from the Dig Garden Basket fundraiser and will go towards the 2017 Graduation PAC Bursaries. Goal is to maintain 3 - \$500 PAC Bursaries if possible

Secretary's Report

- ⑤ School emails to be updated on the PAC gmail Account.

DPAC Report

- ⑤ BCCPAC meeting was documented and summary of the meeting is on the DPAC site (see SD8 website) <http://www.sd8.bc.ca/>
- ⑤ Extra funding awarded to province from the government
- ⑤ Temperature issues occurring in many schools. This hopefully will be addressed this year.
- ⑤ Facility Planning has been deferred for a year to regroup and review what has been already discussed.
- ⑤ Next meeting will be Thursday Sept 22 2016 6pm at the Nelson School Board Office Parents are welcome to attend these meetings.

New Business

- **A quiet study space is really needed at the school**
 - Library is too noisy now with the computers and other interactive tools
 - there are options and the school will look into reserving more spaces for quiet study

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm

NEXT PAC MEETING: MONDAY OCTOBER 03, 2016

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!

2016	2017
October 3, 2016	January 9, 2016
November 7, 2016	February 6, 2017
December 5, 2016 - Xmas Party	March 6, 2017
	May 8, 2017
	June 5 2017 end of year dinner??