

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

April 26th, 2021

Attendees: Susan Derickson (president), Ann Sutherland (vice-president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Kieran Skerlec (secretary), Scott Sieben, Chantelle Desrosiers, Rebecca Ashley, Nicole Waidman

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Approval of April agenda – Laura, 2nd by Susan

Approval of February minutes – Kieran, 2nd by Chantelle

Approval of March minutes – Laura, 2nd by Kieran

Welcome new members – there were no new members

1. Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- General Account Balance is \$269.41
- Gaming Account Balance is \$14,873.74
- The Gaming Grant application for 2021/2022 has been submitted.
- The funds allocated to the athletic clock replacement were not all needed as it turned out the just the bulbs needed replacing. Athletics will re-allocate the unused funds.

BCCPAC Gaming Information Session – Susan and Laura attended via Zoom.

- BCCPAC membership fees can now be paid with school PAC gaming funds but no longer with COPAC gaming funds.
- COVID will not have an impact on the school allotments for 2021/2022
- Are recommending that Treasurers are not signing authorities... for purposes of security and segregation of duties.
- Are recommending that our fiscal year be September 1st – August 31st and be defined in our by-laws.
- COBSS – the concern seems to be the control of the third party and the allocation of bursaries by the third party.

Principal's report:

- We are in the final 9 weeks of the school year!

- We will have a new Vice Principal next year. Ryan Mansley, currently Vice Principal at KSS, will become our new H-N Vice Principal. Mr. Mansley brings a 6 years of Vice Principal experience to our administrative team.
- Ms. Johnston Banser has been reassigned to be a VP at Rutland Senior
- We are continuing to work on our timetable for next year. Staffing starts on May 1st. The following teaching positions will be posted:
 - Mechanics (filling in for the retirement of Henrik Oloffs)
 - Home Economics/Foods (Part time position)
 - Indigenous Education, SS, English, Careers (filling in for the promotion of Ms. Johnston Banser to be a Vice Principal)
- A graduation announcement has been sent out to all students. Ms. Wowchuk has been working with Grad Council on alternatives to the large ceremony at Trinity Baptist. (Trinity remains booked, but, at this point, it is unlikely we will be able to hold graduation ceremonies there.)
- We have planned for our Graduation stage crossing for the weekend of June 4-6th, and the Graddy awards are scheduled for the morning of May 6th. Grad parents are looking for 'COVID friendly' events that won't contravene Public Health Orders. We are expecting an update by the May long weekend.
- With the warmer weather, we are continuing to encourage our students to go outside more.
- More of our staff are registering to be vaccinated, but we have not heard if school staff will be scheduled vaccines. **UPDATE APRIL 29th** – vaccination clinics are being set throughout SD23 and school personnel will be eligible to receive vaccines later this week.

COPAC Report: Susan attended the meeting on March 1st. The meeting was held via Zoom. Some points of interest included:

- Digital Equality Presentation – it is estimated that all students will need personal learning devices in school within the next three years. The school district recognized that support will be needed for this. [Road to Digital Equity.pdf - Google Drive](#) was provided to provide an overview. The District Learning Tech Team is available to present at PAC meetings.
- Common Sense Media – good online resource to find information about apps/games/etc. that our kids might be using.
- Brette Richards from the Social Emotional Wellness Team is gathering requests for information from parents to create and/or provide relevant presentations.
- BCCPAC AMG is May 1st. Susan will be attending and voting on our behalf.
- COPAC is exploring voting platforms that can be used during zoom meeting to ensure confidentiality of the voting process.
- Adolescence Sleep – the recommended amount of sleep for adolescents is 8-9 hours per night. Lack of sleep can cause multiple issues. Sleep routine and controlling technology in younger students is key. A presentation on sleep can be found at <http://trangsleepp.com/>
- SD23 is hopeful for a normal start to the 2021/2022 school year.
- The following amendment to the COPAC bylaws was presented with the vote to approve scheduled for the next monthly meeting.

Repeal:

Current Bylaw adopted Dec 3, 2012: Pg.09 section IV- Executive, Term of Office, No.09.

Section IV - Executive

Term of Office

9. No person may hold the same executive position for more than two (2) consecutive years.

Replace with:

Proposed Resolution and wording: Pg.09 section IV- Executive, Term of Office, No.09; to be amended as follows: (addition bolded)

Section IV - Executive

Term of Office

9. No person may hold the same executive position for more than two (2) consecutive years. **In cases where a person has held a role for two consecutive one-year terms, and no replacement nomination is put forward, the COPAC Representatives in attendance may, by a majority vote of not less than two thirds (2/3), vote to extend the term for another year until the next AGM, provided the person holding the position remains a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in School District #23. The maximum consecutive years any person can hold the same executive position, including extensions, is three (3) consecutive years.**

A motion made by Ann, 2nd by Susan to approve the proposed amendment. All MBSS PAC members present voted in favor.

- The next COPAC meeting will be held May 3rd @ 7pm – Rebecca will attend and vote on our behalf.

Updates:

- COBSS: Susan continues to be in communication as the COBSS issue continues. Scott has suggested that a Go-Fund-Me may be an alternative for generating COBSS bursaries, as that is what KSS is doing.

New Business:

- We will invite members of the CNB and GMS PACs to our May meeting.
- BCCPAC Parent Conference May 28th/29th – register by May 3rd. Anyone interested in attending can let Susan know.
- Susan will be voting at the BCCPAC AGM on May 1st. We have two local candidates running for executive positions; Sarah Shakespeare (CNB) and Samantha Trarback (Quigley Elementary)
- May 3-9 is Mental Health Awareness Week. FamilySmart child and youth mental health resources are available at <https://may7icare.ca/>

Future meeting dates will be May 31st, and June 14th. We will plan to hold these meetings via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm

Our next meeting will be on Monday May 31st at 6:30pm via Zoom. We are always welcoming new PAC Members!