

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2021

Attending: Susan Derickson (president), Melissa Ganzeveld (vice-president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Ann Sutherland (Secretary), Scott Sieben (Principal), Rebecca Ashley, Chantelle Desrosiers
Meeting held in person and by Zoom

Approval of December agenda: 1st Melissa, 2nd Rebecca

Approval of November minutes: 1st Susan, 2nd Melissa

1. Reports

a) Principal's Report

- Grad Council has done a phenomenal job of decorating the school entrance – modelled on New York City
- Staffing changes – new clerical staff, tech/ed teacher leaving at end of year, losing Mrs. Oakes (VP) who has been re-assigned to CNB and Tony Owens will be the replacement.
- Girls Volleyball has been very successful – Juniors A played in a regional tournament as the provincial one was cancelled and won (big victory). Senior girls played in Nanaimo – were able to get there and placed 5th in province.
- Basketball – hosted tournament for Junior boys and they won. Senior girls won in Summerland.
- Displaced families from Merritt – money donated from Global Village was very much appreciated by recipients.
- Band program is hosting a jazz concert tomorrow In Kelowna Community Theatre.
- Dry Grad parent Committee will have 1st formal meeting in January.
- School gatherings are still restricted in size when people other than students/staff attend.
- There is a new Deputy Minister of Education starting in January. She has worked extensively at the provincial level and is very well respected.

b) Treasurer's report - Laura

Account balances as of 13-Dec-21:

- General Account = \$1633.56 (\$581.10 was from additional donations to the Go Fund Me campaign)
- Gaming Account = \$35,514.95 A reconciliation of \$75 was needed because of recent refund from BCCPAC being put into wrong account. Required summary report to BC Gaming has just been submitted.
- Photographer fundraiser – 22 families participated leading to a donation of \$660. If given to the SD, then a tax-deduction receipt can be given. Scott said that the school can arrange to assist if needed.
- In respect to funding items from school wish list, Laura is working with Leah at office to sort out what can be paid now based on receipts received and what can be paid to school in lump sum later.

c) COPAC (Central Okanagan PAC) report – Susan

- Discussion on the catchment area boundaries decision. [Chantelle provided updated] The reaction is mixed. For the most part families have been fantastic and believe this is the right thing to do. There have been additional discussions about Shannon Lake because of some misinformation including about the timeframe. There will be more back and forth with Planning and Facilities Committee in the next few weeks before the Board vote on January

26th. However, funding from province is still not confirmed. Approximately \$100 million is required. All decisions are predicated on the premise that a new high school is being built. If all goes ahead, the construction will start in the summer. With flooding damage in province, it is less certain that funds for new schools will be available. If not, at some point the school may have to move to split shifts. There is also the possibility that West Kelowna may give the space they will be vacating once their new facility is built to the district. Once the outcome is clearer, PAC would consider launching a campaign going to get families and community members (and possibly students) to send postcards to the province. Lots of new developments in area means that MBSS student population will continue to grow significantly, and already the school is looking to have 21 portables next year.

- Upcoming education events - There will be Treasurer 101 training session in January (will be recorded). Events for younger students are offered in January as well. February events are still to be announced. Official invitations will be sent for things applicable to high school students/families. Melissa asked that that all announcements be sent to MBSS parents as well – Susan will relay this.
- Covid transparency. A lot of parents are pushing for more transparency when there is a case at school and COPAC is communicating concerns to Interior Health. The extent of isolation seems to depend on the level of activity in the student's class and the number of students in class who are vaccinated. Board of Trustees has made it mandatory for all staff to disclose vaccination status (that information is then kept in confidence) and the district is preparing to send out a survey to collect this information. Data is due January 16th. This is important for IH in terms of risk assessment as well.

2. Updates

- COBSS gaming issue – Susan is working on a resolution to take to BCCPAC. She also sent an email to Superintendent Kevin Kaardal about this since he has an open line of communication with the BCCPAC President.

3. New Business

Parent Concerns

- Issue raised about homeless population being at the park near the school. Scott noted that this is on the school's radar and explained that there is a homeless shelter nearby. Students are warned to keep distance but there have been a few minor issues/encounters. The park is out of bounds to students during the school day.

4. Reminders

- Dry Grad Parent Meeting is January 19th at 7:00 pm, probably at library. Discussion on whether the PAC should be more involved since there is a significant amount of money involved, including funds from PAC. The group is quite casual; there are no minutes or bylaws although there is a Treasurer. Could potentially include the need for some sort of representation on this committee in the PAC bylaws.

5. Next meeting

- Jan 17th at 6:30.

6. Meeting Adjourned