

## **MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes February 24th, 2020**

**Attendees:** Laura Sharun (Secretary), Susan Derickson (Treasurer), Kieran Skerlec, Scott Sieben (Principal), Brad Kuhn (Vice Principal), Chantelle Desrosiers.

Meeting called to order at 5:54pm.

1. Agenda approved by Laura, seconded by Chantelle.
2. November minutes approved as amended by Susan, seconded by Kieran.
3. Reports:

### **Treasurer's report:**

- The General account balance is \$629.41 and the Gaming account is at a balance of \$36,106.22.
- Received \$500 grant from Peachland Legion.
- Receipts for school spending have been received – money will be reimbursed soon.
- Re-allocated wish list money as follows: Leadership Club travel was increased to \$1600 and the amount for school cameras was increased to \$3400.
- Susan is working on the PST rebate.

### **Principal's report:**

- MBSS is the only school in the District to be chosen to participate in the Martin Family Initiative (Former PM Paul Martin). This is a Canada wide Indigenous Mentorship program. Five MBSS students and Community Mentors from MNP Accounting will participate.
- First Robotics Team is going to an International Competition in Victoria (March 3-6). We are one of only two schools chosen to receive a \$6000+ grant.
- Busing Update - Fees recommended to be \$300 per student; the latest proposal goes to the Board this week for approval.
- All COBSS Applications have been accepted.
- Basketball is now over. Some teams did very well - Sr. Boys (Valley Finalists) & Gr. 9 (Jr.B) Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Valleys.
- Band/Choir Performances at Community Theatre – Last Tuesday & Wednesday (with GMS & CNB)
- MBSS hosted the Westside Learning Forum on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. All schools on the Westside showcasing great things that are happening in our schools. It was very successful.
- Equity in Action Agreement Signing between local Indigenous Groups and our School District. We are leaders in the Province in this area.
- We are carving a Canoe! Our District's Indigenous Education Department received a grant to have a "Carver" contracted to lead students through the carving of a canoe. We are hosting/housing the project. We ended up with 1 very long log (now cut into two) which will be carved into 2 canoes, and another log that has been donated to WFN. All students throughout the District can come for a time to help carve the canoe. MBSS has first access and teachers can bring their classes out to participate M-F. The canoes will be completed by June.

- Post Secondary School visits to MBSS will occur during the day next year. We have made this change in order for our students to have more access. Parents are welcome to join us as well. We are hoping to have an afternoon timeslot, which will lead to after school sessions for students/parents with specific institutions until approximately 4pm.
- Staff changes: Donna O'Brien is our new Admin Assistant and Louise Lauer is our new Head Custodian.
- Retirements/Job Changes: Peter Briker is retiring and Stephanie Read will be the new VP at GMS; Loral Klassen is also retiring. Charity Franczak is our new Behaviour Support Teacher.
- New Staff: Isaac Massey (English); Matt Glover (Math & Science); Jake Holmes (Science); Laura Mayert (Library Assistant); Pascale Brown (CEA).
- Scheduling – Brad Kuhn - looking at close to 1600 students, up approx. 50 students. Course selection is complete. Parent information meetings had good attendance – might look at holding meetings in a different format for next year. New course offerings to include Mountain Biking; Human Geography & Political Studies; Electronics & Robotics course. Okanagan Language has good registration numbers. AP Biology, AP Chemistry and Environmental Science will continue to be offered. For grade 11, Apprentice Math 12 will be offered which gives students a grade 12 level course and is more hands on.

Upcoming Events in March/April:

Band to Okanagan Festival in Penticton

Parent Teacher Interviews - March 11

Spring Break - March 14 - March 29

Good Friday & Easter Monday Holidays (April 10 & April 13)

BC Interior Jazz Festival – April 15-18

Grad Spring Fling – April 16

Cultural Performance Assemblies – April 30

**Next Meeting Monday April 27th at 5:45pm in the library. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.**