

## MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022

**Attending:** Susan D (president, recorder), Melissa G (vice-president), Scott S (Principal), Tanya L, Rebecca A, Chantelle D  
Meeting held by Zoom

### 1. Call to order at 6:35pm

- Approval of February agenda: 1st Susan, 2nd Melissa
- Approval of January minutes: 1st Melissa, 2nd Tanya

### 2. Reports

#### Principal's Report

- The School District has received funding for a new Secondary School on the Westside!
- Staffing Update
  - Ms. Toni Owens has started as our new Vice Principal.
  - The following teachers are new to our school or have had their contracts extended at MBSS
    - Mr. Massey (Careers - took over for Mr. McGarva), Ms. Bezugley (Careers), Ms. Firth (Math), Mr. Vince (Math & Sci), Ms. Sawatzky (Science), Mr. Holmes (Math & Science)
- Projected #'s for next year show an increase in our student population. We are looking at also having 2 new portables.
- All our school Basketball teams have finished for the season; this past weekend, our Sr. Boys hosted the Valley Championships (placing 3rd). It was great to have spectators in the stands!!!
- Spring Sports will include Track & Field (Boys & Girls), Rugby (Boys & Girls), Ultimate Frisbee (Co-ed), and Girls' Soccer.
- Our Band students are scheduled to perform in the Interior Jazz Festival and are planning a trip to a festival in Whistler. As well, Musicfest Canada was cancelled, but our students who were scheduled to attend Musicfest are still planning an Ontario field study. The students are very excited to be performing in festivals again.
- Our Robotics Team is going to the "First Robotics" International competition in Victoria from March 3-5, 2022. Last year's competition was cancelled, so a few of our students from the 2020 team are really excited to compete again.
- Our Drama program is rehearsing and preparing for their production of "Romeo & Juliet" to be held in May.
- We continue to follow all Provincial Health Orders and directives from Interior Health. At this time, we continue to have staggered breaks and continue to remind students to wear masks in all common areas, including hallways, and have asked our staff to be more diligent in expecting masks to be worn in class. We are hoping that things 'open up' soon, and that we will be able to get back to some sort of 'normal' schooling.
- We are planning a number of grad events, especially as Provincial Health Directives change. However, we do need to put some firm plans into place. Our Grad parents will be hosting grad dinners again (instead of Prom at the Grand), and the school will look to host a Grad Walk on Thursday June 2nd, and the Grade Stage Crossing (at MBSS) in mid-June. Other grad events are also being planned with Grad Council.
- Our School District is in the process of implementing a mandate to have all School District employees vaccinated or have them testing frequently. This will occur after Spring Break.

- Administration Evaluations – Ms. Oakes (Info now collected), Mr. Sieben (Before Spring Break), Mr. Brown (After Spring Break) are all due to have evaluations.
- Vandalism – we are getting hit hard in our washrooms. This started in the fall with the “TikTok Challenge – Devious Licks.” The school is trying to develop a plan to check washrooms more frequently and to get students to help us put a stop to the useless vandalism. We have spent thousands of dollars on washroom repairs this year, and have had to shut down washrooms, which is a total inconvenience to all our student body.
- Spring Break – March 19 – April 3. Please note that our School District usually has to vote on having a 2-week Spring Break yearly. However, this year they have adopted a two-year calendar, ensuring that we will have a two-week Spring Break for the next two school years.
- Protests – We have had 2 protests (February 14 & February 23) at our school in regards to 'consent' and supporting sexual assault victims. We have been meeting with some of the organizers and have been educating them on policies and procedures that the School District & MBSS have in place, and because Elizabeth Fry has been re-designing their programs, our school and our students have been instrumental in giving input to make the presentations more relevant to our students. As well, after consulting with our students, we are also giving feedback to our School District's "Sexual Health Education" (SHE) team, a group of teachers who present the S.H.E. curriculum in all our School District schools.
- Grad questions:
  - Spring Fling dance event should be able to occur, but we are still waiting for confirmation with respect to restrictions.
  - In-person grad ceremony plans have hit a snag, as Trinity Baptist is now undertaking renovations and will be unable to host. In addition, at any type of private venue, attendance would be restricted based on current provincial guidelines such as vaccine passports. At this point, stage crossings events are to take place at MBSS.
  - Grad walk timing could potentially be scheduled for an evening (7pm to 8pm) time frame on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (to avoid hotter outdoor temperatures) but this is still being reviewed by the school.
- School budget information can be shared with the PAC at any time. Susan will discuss with parents to see if there is an interest.

#### **Treasurer’s Report – Susan (on behalf of Laura)**

Account balances as of 25-Feb-22:

- General Account = \$878.56 No significant activity for February, from this account.
- Gaming Account = \$18,259.52 Cheques were disbursed to One Team Sports Group for \$1529.11, to athletics for \$3048.36 (safety railings for bleachers in drama room) and to MBSS for \$10,978.92 (reimbursement for music, dance, athletics, robotics and leadership spending).
- Donation of \$660 has been submitted to the school district for the family photo fundraiser. This should be forwarded to the school soon.

#### **Central Okanagan PAC Report – Susan**

- District budget presentation took place at Feb 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. An email went out to parents to review this and provide feedback so check for this, if you are interested.
- Casorso Elementary sustainability group met in Feb. More info to share at next meeting.
- Presentation coming up at next meeting on report card language. Looking for parent engagement.

- COPAC is looking for nominations for next year's executive. Let Susan know if you would like more information. Most of the current members are willing to run again but not all.
- Next meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### **3. Updates/New Business**

- Thank-you card received from dance program for funding provided by PAC.
- Susan submitted the resolution about using gaming funds for COBSS bursaries to BCCPAC. Waiting for feedback from resolutions committee as they may suggest changes. Susan will attend BCCPAC AGM to present this to the membership at the end of April and will share a copy of the current version with all MBSS PAC contacts.

### **4. Reminders**

- Dry Grad Parent Meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This will be held via Zoom. Email [mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com](mailto:mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com) to find out how to attend.

### **5. Next meeting**

- March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm