

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

February 22nd, 2021

Attendees: Susan Derickson (president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Kieran Skerlec (secretary), Scott Sieben, Chantelle Desrosiers, Tanya Lister, Nicole Waidman

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Approval of February agenda – Susan, 2nd by Kieran

Approval of January minutes – Susan, 2nd by Laura

Welcome new members – there were no new members

1. Reports:

Principal's report:

- Staff Update:
 - Congratulations to Henrik Oloffs, who has officially retired, after 26.5 years at MBSS
 - Rob Weir has returned as our full time Mechanics teacher.
 - Nir Light should be extended for Rob Weir's Computers position.
 - Isaac Massey has taken over two "Maker 9" classes for Ian Whitehead
 - Kate Bezugley will be in for Allison Pellegrini (Intro Spanish & Spanish)
- Report Cards – Electronic? Is it working?
- On March 1st (Monday), we will flip our blocks. F will be in the morning and E will be in the afternoon. Spring Break is coming quickly; it starts on March 13th.
- Our Leadership Teams are planning activities. We are having "the Dog Days of Winter" and are planning a Spirit Wear dress up throughout the year, once per month, and then Fridays are always Bearwear Fridays. Leadership classes are focusing on kindness activities for the month of February. We have recently had Valentine's Day and Harmony Day and will be having Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday.
- Athletics – we are planning on holding a 16-team basketball tournament in January 2022 (8 Girls teams & 8 Boys teams).
- 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.) A Facebook group of Grad parents has been created and has over 50 members. The parents are hoping to organize some grad events outside of the school events. All grad parents are welcome to join "Parents of MBSS Grad 2021"

- Because of the latest announcement from the Provincial Health Authority, we have closed our 'smoke pit', as many students were congregating there in small groups, unmasked, sharing vapes etc. We were worried about creating a 'super spreader type' of activity.
- However, we now have groups of students 'milling about' on Riffington Place.
- Hopefully, Spring is on the way and students will want to go outside more!

Treasurer's Report:

- General Account Balance is \$524.41
- Gaming Account Balance is \$33,660.35
- The cheque of \$500 from the Peachland Legion must be drawn on their gaming account and deposited into our gaming account. It appears that cheques from previous year may have been deposited to our general account in error. We will have to discuss ways to maintain a general account balance in the future.
- The actual cost of the fridge from the staff wish list came in at \$1232.00 vs \$1000 (that was approved). A motion was made by Laura to approve the additional cost. All are in favor.

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

- The Central Okanagan Public Schools 2021/2022 Budget was presented. It was based on a Phase 1 return to school for COVID, but a back-up budget is in place in case things are different. There will be 22,941 students in the district only expecting an increase of 50 students. There was a question as to why we continue to bring in international students when schools are overcapacity. Essentially SD23 has a signed contract to do so, also the revenue from it is significant and it is important for cultural learning.
- A Facilities meeting was held Wednesday February 16th. The focus was discussing the overcapacity of Westside schools.
- Some middle schools had concerns with bullying and are looking for resources. There are Safe Schools, in addition to local and provincial supports that will be sent out.
- There is a survey for the 2021/2022 school calendar coming up. Input is greatly appreciated.
- Coming soon- a new course option through Education and Student Services exploring Culture, Intercultural Skills and Reconciliation for grade 11 and 12. It is outside of timetable, designed locally. This course has now been approved by the board and it will be starting up this fall.
- There were questions about making masks mandatory. We will continue to follow Public Health orders.
- The next COPAC meeting will be held March 1st @ 7pm

Updates:

- COBSS: There is no further progress or update. Scott says that the Secondary schools are willing to get involved to create a solution.
- Constitution and Bylaws: Revised documents were reviewed for questions. A motion to approve was put forward by Susan, 2nd by Kieran. All are in favor.

New Business:

Family Smart Information and Support Session – Substance Use, March 8th, 2021 at 4:30pm.
Registration is required at www.familysmart.ca/events

Future meeting dates will be Mar 29th, April 26th, 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 March 29th at 6:30pm via Zoom. We are always welcoming new PAC Members!