

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2021

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

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Approval of January agenda Kieran, 2nd by Susan

Approval of December minutes – Susan, 2nd by Laura

Welcome new members – there were no new members

1. Reports:

Principal's report:

- Staff Update – Effective February 1st (next Week)
 - (i) Congratulations to Brad Kuhn (VP) on becoming Principal at Ellison Elementary
 - (ii) Congratulations to Michelle Johnston Banser who will be the new Vice Principal at Mount Boucherie
 - a.) We have hired a new teacher, Kelsey Hill, to teach math for the rest of the year.
 - b.) Rae Imeson (English & Careers) and Mallory Johnson (Foods & Careers) will stay on staff for third Quarter.
 - c.) Henrik Oloffs has announced his retirement – date to be reviewed.
 - d.) Rob Weir, who has been on leave this year, is hoping to return to MBSS and take the Mechanics position.
 - e.) Nir Light should be extended for Rob Weir's Computers position.
 - f.) Ian Whitehead will be taking a parenting leave for most of third quarter.
- February 1st will be the start of the third quarter and our blocks will be E & F. All of the Secondary Schools in our School District have changed the third quarter end date & the fourth quarter start date.
- 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. Other activities will be planned by new Leadership classes next quarter.

- Band will be attending some virtual competitions.
- Dance is continuing to sell chocolates as a fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased some for supporting our programs. (Let me know if you would like any!)
- Athletics – we are holding a tournament meeting tomorrow and are looking at a program fundraiser. We are hoping things will be back to normal next year.
- PAC Requests – Thank you again. We are in the process of purchasing items.
- Grad – Grad Council and Ms. Wowchuck are working on two plans for the grad ceremony. One taking place at Trinity Baptist and the second being a school stage walk and virtual ceremony. COVID restrictions will determine which one will happen.

Treasurer's Report:

- General Account Balance is \$526.91
- Gaming Account Balance is \$36,034.95
- We have received a \$500 cheque from the Peachland Legion. The cheque has been drawn on their gaming account which means we cannot deposit into our general account (which is our preference). Laura will reach out to our Legion contact to ask if this can be changed.

COPAC Report: Rebecca attended the meeting on January 4th. The meeting was held via Zoom. Some points of interest included:

- BCCPAC representative Sarah Shakespeare report:
 - There are several awards open for nominations - all the information is available on the BCCPAC website/ members tab /awards - things like new parent involvement and lifetime membership contribution.
 - The AGM is set for May 1. There are four director spots open as well as Vice President for BCCPAC. Deadline for nominations is February 28th. There is a document titled Roles and Responsibilities for these roles, that Sarah encouraged everyone to read and consider publishing for their own PAC use.
 - BCCPAC has requested that any PAC looking to make amendments to their bylaws / resolutions that the deadline to submit is in February.
- Safe Schools Committee's next meeting is 9 AM February 3 where they will discuss the role of the RCMP resource officers in schools.
- Indigenous Education Committee:
 - Provided 51 Christmas hampers to families in need.
 - This committee has asked that the PAC ensure that the school webpages show the correct Aboriginal Advocate contact information.

- Trustee report by Moyra Baxter:
 - Discussions continue regarding re-allocation of French Immersion from both GMS and KSS to MBSS and OKM.
 - Capacity issues continue to be a problem as catchment and International Students contribute. SD23 has legal obligations to fulfill commitments to International Students. This is being reviewed in consideration of future capacity.
 - In response to capacity issues at MBSS, SD23 is moving on the approval of a new secondary school site, which is expected to happen by April 2021. School completion is expected in 3-5 years.

- Superintendent Report:
 - The discussion at all the schools is to stay safe and diligent in COVID practices, but also to remain flexible in reviewing plans as information changes. IHA has not declared any school transmissions. Some, presumed to be at the schools, could have happened elsewhere due to multiple exposures in activities or gatherings outside of the school.
 - All staff must now do active health check every day in order to enter the school properties.
 - Central Okanagan Teachers Association is asking everyone... please if your kids are sick keep them home, keeping everyone else safe.

- The next COPAC meeting will be held Feb 1st @7pm via Zoom. Rebecca will attend.

Updates:

- COBSS: A KSS PAC member, who is also involved with COBSS, will be meeting with the COBSS president in order to come up with suggestions for specific changes to the BC gaming guidelines. Scott has suggested that we approach COBSS about possibly paying the fees for our 10 bursaries, having COBSS make selections and we would pay the bursary money directly to the students, thus avoiding the 3rd party distribution. Susan will follow up with KSS PAC and COBSS to share this idea.
- Constitution and Bylaws: Revised documents have been sent to all PAC members along with an outline of the additions, deletions and changes that have been made to the original documents. PAC members are asked to review these documents prior to February's meeting. During February's meeting we can address any questions or concerns and put the documents to a vote.

New Business:

- Grad Council Blood Drive – Grad council is running a blood drive through February. Students 17yrs and over can sign up through Google Classroom. Parents can register to donate with the Canadian Blood Services. Donation dates are:

February 8/9 at the Baptist church by Hudson Road Elementary, 2630 Alhambra Dr, West Kelowna

February 10/11 at Kelowna Canadian Blood Services, 103-1865 Dilworth Drive, Kelowna

Future meeting dates will be Feb 22nd, 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 February 22nd at 6:30pm via Zoom. We are always welcoming new PAC Members!