

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes January 17, 2022

Attending: Susan Derickson (president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Scott Sieben (Principal), Tanya Lister, Tanya Sturgeon

Meeting held by Zoom

1. Call to order at 6:35pm

- Approval of January agenda: 1st Laura, 2nd Tanya L
- Approval of December minutes: 1st Laura, 2nd Susan

2. Reports

a) Principal's Report

- Due to a Provincial directive, students had an extra week of their Christmas/Holiday Break. New Safety Protocols have been implemented at MBSS. These protocols will be reviewed by staff in the next week, and depending on Provincial Health Orders, we will make adaptations for Semester 2.
- Staffing Update
 - Ms. Toni Owens has started as our new Vice Principal.
 - Mr. Warkentin is our new Tech Ed teacher. He will be at MBSS for the rest of the year.
 - Ms. Preston has been hired for French in the 2nd Semester, following the retirement of Ms. Hunter.
 - We are in the process of solidifying our timetable for Semester 2. This will mean that some of our teachers will have their contracts extended. Others will become TOC's. This is determined by Contractual Rights and Teaching Subject Areas. We are hoping to have everything in our timetable, including new staffing, finalized for Semester 2 this week.
- Our school Basketball teams have continued to play; however, due to Provincial Health regulations, they are not allowed to play in tournaments or have spectators.
- The MBSS Dance Program will be hosting shows at the Kelowna Community Theatre tomorrow. There will be two shows; one at 5:30pm and one at 7pm. Tickets are \$6 / person. Because the show is at a facility not under the control of the School District, local regulations for that facility will be in place. (There will only be 50% audience capacity and Vaccine Passports must be shown for entrance.)
- Provincial Numeracy (Grade 10) & Literacy (We will be focusing on grade 12's) Assessments will occur next week. Students should register for the Literacy exam ahead of time, and grade 10 students will be scheduled for the numeracy exam in their classes.
- Semester 1 is coming to an end next week. All classes for Semester 1 will end on Thursday January 27th. Friday January 28th will be the "Semester Turnaround Day"; on this day, there will be no classes and no students will be in session, unless it is determined that this day is needed for students to complete necessary work for the Semester, or if the student needs to write one of their Provincial Assessments.
- Semester 2 will start on Monday January 31st.
- Because of increased COVID Cases, our Province has changed some of the directives that were given to schools. We no longer have the 'go ahead' to have full school events, like assemblies etc., and as mentioned earlier, enhanced safety protocols have been implemented, including staggered breaks and lunches. We 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.

- The Ministry of Health has just released a new order regarding School District Employees and Vaccine Status. An MHO directive issued under this order would:
 - Require the employer to collect vaccination status information of staff;
 - Require staff to report vaccination status information to their employer;
 - Require staff to update their vaccination status information if their status changes to their employer;
 - Require the employer to provide aggregated vaccination status information by school to the MHO; and
 - Require the employer to consider that staff who do not provide vaccination status as unvaccinated, when implementing control measures.
- Absences of staff and students are occurring due to COVID, strep throat and other illnesses. However, it would be unlikely that MBSS would get to the point of a full functional closure as we have the flexibility to give grade 12 students spare classes in order to free up staff to supervise/teach younger students.

b) Treasurer's report - Laura

Account balances as of 15-Jan-22:

- General Account = \$881.06 A \$750 cheque to COBSS was processed in December but was not reported last meeting. The corrected balance for 15-Dec-21 is \$883.56. No significant activity for January, from this account.
- Gaming Account = \$33,815.91 A cheque for \$1699.04, for shot clock cages, was processed. A cheque to athletics for \$3366.33 will be coming out soon as well as a reimbursement cheque to MBSS for \$10,978.92.

c) COPAC (Central Okanagan PAC) report – Susan

- Questions arose about the differences between how each school is implementing covid safety plans. The superintendent explained that there are many factors to consider, such as school layout, number of students, ages of students, etc., in order to implement a plan that is appropriate for each situation.
- COPAC was able to secure a donation of N-95 masks for SD23 staff.
- Antibullying parent workshop – January 18th @6:30pm.
- SD23 will be announcing workshops for early February re: Raising Digital Learners. Watch your email for more information.

3. Reminders

- Dry Grad Parent Meeting is January 19th at 7:00 pm. This will be held via Zoom. Email mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com to find out how to attend.

4. Next meeting

- Feb 28th at 6:30.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 7:12pm