

## MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

June 14<sup>th</sup> , 2021

**Attendees:** Susan Derickson (president), Ann Sutherland (vice-president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Kieran Skerlec (secretary), Scott Sieben, Chantelle Desrosiers, Rebecca Ashley, Nicole Waidman, Sarah Shakespeare

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Approval of June agenda – Kieran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicole

Approval of May minutes – Laura, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kieran

Welcome new members – there were no new members

### 1. Reports:

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- General Account Balance is \$264.41
- Gaming Account Balance is \$11,230.74 with more purchases to come soon.
- BCCPAC membership fees need to be added to next years budget.
- A checklist was received from the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch as a reminder of the documentation that needs to be kept for audit purposes. Agreed that this will be reviewed in the fall to help orient new PAC members to these requirements.

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

- We are into the final few weeks of school. We have a little concern with students feeling like the year is over; however, with the 75% model for grades 10-12 students, morning classes (H block) have almost 2 weeks of very important instruction. Attendance from grade 12 students has decreased significantly, and some are now in a position where they will not graduate.
- We will be hiring temporary teacher positions into the summer. The present number of students enrolled for next year, including international students, is 1692.
- The final day for grade 9 students on June 25th. On this day, we will have a celebration for our grade 9 classes, and they will be reflecting on the Ministry of Education's prescribed Core Competencies. Our staff has developed a variety of Instructional stations that will allow students to reflect on some of the things that they have learned this year. Grade 10-12 students will have there last official school day on June 24th. Students who have "I's" or Incompletes may have to come to school on June 25th and June 28th to complete any missing work.

- Thursday June 17th is "Domino's For Boucherie Night!" The basic premise is that if people buy some specific pizza orders on Thursday June 17th, as part of the Mt. Boucherie promotion, Domino's will give the school \$5.00 per pizza order for student activities.
- Graduate Stage Crossing – was held on June 4th – 6th: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. We received lots of feedback from families that they preferred this personal and intimate ceremony; most students, with whom I spoke, like the 'larger more extravagant' ceremony.
- Thank you to our Dry Grad parents for organizing and recognizing our 2021 Grads. We truly appreciate their efforts to make to make this year's graduation special.
- We are continuing to purchase items from our "PAC Wish List", but we may re-allocate some of the money as we discovered that we did not need to fully replace our score clock.  
Some items may include:
  - more library furniture
  - podcast equipment
  - weight room & athletic equipment
  - Equipment for Theatre and Drama
  - Band equipment
- Student Survey Results
- Parent Survey – To be sent out by Wednesday
- Next Year, our plan is to return to a 'more normal' look, with school sports, drama, and music programs etc. all occurring. As well, we are planning to return to a mainly 'semester based' timetable. However, everything will be dependent on Provincial Health Orders. More information in regards to the Education Plan for September iso be released soon.
- Many students have asked about "Half Days" for grade 10-12 students next year. The decision to have students in school 75% of the time and to create "Half Days" was fully based on COVID. We are fully expecting to be back to 'full time' schooling next year.

**COPAC Report:** Susan attended the meeting on June 7th. The meeting was held via Zoom. Some points of interest included:

Acknowledgement of lives lost at KSS and Kamloops residential school.

George Pringle Elementary parents upset about lack of consultation regarding decision to tear down their school to replace with a new high school. Impact on French immersion program and vulnerable children and families will be significant.

Response from Trustee – There is no other space. All other options were considered. Boys and Girls Club will try to be maintained at Webber Road location. Ten acres are needed. The water park cannot be bought back from the city so they cannot fit both elementary and secondary on the same site.

**BCCPAC**

- Hoping for parent conference to be held in person, next year. BCCPAC website has information posted from the conference.
- July 7th – Continuation of review of 8 resolutions that were not covered at the AGM.
- June newsletter is now available.

### Trustee Report

- French immersion: Westside elementary school program will be under review in September. Will there be one or two sites? Will be discussing creation of a secondary school program on the westside this week.
- Review of catchment areas.
- Strategic plan review for approval.
- Long term facilities plan to be reviewed.
- Budget to be approved.

### Superintendent's Report

- District strategic plan and budgets to be approved.
- Achievement report to be presented at the end of June.
- Acknowledgement of school staff effort required this year.
- September is looking to be near-normal.
- Graduation celebrations have been taking place in the last week or so.
- Weekly covid exposures across the district. Watching KSS due to grief gatherings.

### COTA Report

- Teachers thank parent's support.
- Proud that schools remained open all year.
- Trustee bi-election coming up for Kelowna area. One candidate has been endorsed. Contact Susan B. for details.

Public Education Awareness – Info available regarding building of new schools. Volunteer pamphlets and webpage for volunteers on district website will be available in September.

Health Promoting Schools - Food bank will provide any support that is needed to run food drives in schools. Thank you for all donated food, it is very appreciated. A website is being created to offer resources.

Indigenous Education – approximately 230 indigenous grads, blanket ceremonies to be held for grads

Partners Inclusive Education – Looking for feedback re: next year's topics, on their Facebook page.

### Executive Reports:

- New COPAC executive starts July 1st.
- Gaming account - \$1105, General account - \$8741, Jan will mentor anyone interested in COPAC treasurer position for next year.
- June 17th 6:30-8pm – White Hatter presentation about Technology, Sleep and our Children. Watch COPAC Facebook page or email COPAC president for access to link.
- Most COPAC executive positions were filled. Susan Derickson will be COPAC treasurer!

Next meeting is September 13th, 2021

### Updates:

- Gaming Funds and COBSS: Susan is suggesting we present a proposal to BCCPAC requesting their assistance in addressing our COBSS issues. Sarah has advised that the wording of the proposal needs to be fine tuned as COBSS is only relevant to SD23 and we would be best to approach the issue in a way that can be seen as benefiting all the school districts. Additionally, Sarah has advised that any such proposal will not be looked at by BCCPAC until October. Sarah will try to find out if any other districts have potential conduit organizations similar to COBSS. Susan and Nicole will work on the presentation.
- GoFundMe: Susan has designed a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds that can be used for COBSS bursaries going forward next year and beyond. The campaign was well received by the PAC members who have view it. Scott commented that the KSS PAC GoFundMe for bursaries raised \$6000 in two weeks. We will look at launching this campaign soon.

**New Business:**

- Scott presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Indigenous Art Studio course. The course has actually been in operation for a few years but was never presented to the PAC.
- BCCPAC Extraordinary General Meeting is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Susan will attend and will vote on our behalf.
- Next year's meeting: in person or Zoom? We will start in September in person and assess the best path forward then.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm

Our next meeting will be on Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the library!!

We always welcome new members! Please join us in September for the start of a new and exciting school year! Have a great summer!