

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes March 29, 2021

Attendees: Susan D (president), Laura S (treasurer), Scott S

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the CNB PAC meeting resulting in low attendance at this meeting we will postpone approval of February minutes to next meeting.

1. Reports:

Principal's report:

- Quarter 3 ends on April 16th; Quarter 4 starts April 19th (Blocks G & H)
- Staff Update – for Quarter 4
 - Dan Hurd (Careers) and Allison Pellegrini (Spanish) will still be on leave heading into 4th Quarter.
 - Kate Bezugley will be staying on into 4th Quarter (Full-time Spanish, or 1 block Spanish & 1 block English.)
 - We will be hiring a Careers teacher (2 blocks) & 2 ½ time Math teachers (1 block each)
- Presently, we are working on our timetable for next year. We have been told that we need to be prepared to stay on the quartermester system, with the ability to expand it to the semester system. We are also hoping to run a few linear courses (Band and corresponding blocks)
- 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.)
- We have planned for our Graduation stage crossing for the weekend of June 4-6th and Graddy Awards for May 6th.
- Our superintendent will be updating us on some provincial information tomorrow morning.
- With the warmer weather, we are continuing to encourage our students to go outside more.

Treasurer's report:

- Our Gaming Account balance as of March 5th is \$16,105.74.
- Our General Account balance as of March 5th is \$271.91.
- Scott suggested that a Save On Foods gift card fundraiser might be an easy way to raise funds for our general account. KSS used GoFundMe to raise money for COBSS bursaries this year. This could be an option for us, as well.
- Laura will apply for our 2021/22 gaming grant in the next couple of weeks.

COPAC report:

- The school district is putting out a brochure called how to become a volunteer for advertising for various volunteering opportunities in the schools.
- FSAs - There was some feedback that the letter from BCTF was a bit "aggressive". It had been reviewed by the district.
- BCCPAC

- Gaming commission deadline for grant is June 30th.
- There is a meeting April 8th around proper usage of the grant.
- AGM Sat May 1st
- Parent conference May 28th/29th
- Safe schools
 - Discussion about vaping and mental health
 - Dr Haley Watson is a good resource for schools.
- Copac AGM May 3rd; nominations by May 1st.
- Miscellaneous - report cards are coming out, spring break prep, 96% of students are still in class physically, excellent work by teachers and admin, long-term facilities consultations and strategic plan consultations are ongoing.
- The next COPAC meeting is April 12th @ 7pm, Susan will plan to attend.

Updates:

- Gaming funds and COBSS
 - Our most recent request for permission to award bursaries to grads through COBSS has been denied.
 - Susan will be attending the BCCPAC sponsored information session on new gaming grant guidelines on April 8th in hopes to get more clarity regarding the reasoning behind this.
 - Susan continues to work with KSS PAC, COBSS and Denise Mahon, Manager of Policy and Community Outreach at BC Gaming, to find a solution to this issue.

Future meeting dates will be April 26th, May 31st and June 14th. We will plan to hold these meetings via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:00pm

Our next meeting will be on Monday April 26th at 6:30pm via Zoom. We are always welcoming new PAC Members!