

## MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

The meeting was held via Zoom.

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

Approval of April minutes – Ann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan

Welcome new members – Melissa and Sarah

### 1. Reports:

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

- General Account Balance is \$266.91
- Gaming Account Balance is \$11,230.74
- Photo Fundraiser generated \$330 for our general account balance (11 bookings @ \$30 commission per booking). A tax receipt for the photographer can be obtained from SD23.

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

- At last, the final month of school! It has been a crazy year. We, both teachers and students, are tired, as being out of the 'norm' all year is very fatiguing. At the same time, we have had a very good year; I am especially proud of our students, and their families, as we have had very few cases of COVID compared to other schools in the Central Okanagan. (Knock on wood!)
- As mentioned at our last meeting, we will have a new Vice Principal next year. Ryan Mansley, currently Vice Principal at KSS, will become our new H-N Vice Principal. (Ms. Johnston-Banser has been re-assigned to Rutland Senior.)
- The following teaching positions have been posted & filled:
  - Mechanics – Rob Weir (currently at MBSS)
  - Home Economics/Foods – Melissa Edstrom (currently at MBSS)
  - Indigenous Education, SS, & English – Bailey Nerbus (currently at MBSS)
  - Computers – Mike Boulanger (Welcome back to MBSS!)
  - LAT – Amanda Kraft
  - Various Temporary positions (Job shares, teacher leaves, impending retirement, temporary assignments, etc.)

We are continuing to fill staffing positions. Some positions are listed as temporary (year to year) due to a variety of situations. It is always hard to say 'goodbye' to many excellent

teachers (We do try to keep them!) We are very fortunate that our School District Human Resources Department are hiring excellent TTOC's every year, which allows us, hopefully, to be able to 'pick up' some great teachers. One thing we have discovered is that so many excellent staff love to be at Boucherie, and either want to stay at the school or want to get back her after they have had to leave.

As well, we are seeing that our student population is growing. Presently, we are staffed for 1600 students, but have over 1650 registered. Therefore, we are expecting to have an increase in temporary staff.

- Leadership Activities – Our Leadership classes have been very active. It has been difficult to promote activities in the year of COVID. However, this quarter our Leadership classes have been promoting 'Spirit Days' Thursdays (Dress Up days etc. – COVID Friendly)

We are planning a 'Domino's for Boucherie Night". The basic premise is that if people buy some specific pizza orders on Thursday June 10th &/or Thursday June 17th, as part of the Mt. Boucherie promotion, Domino's will give the school \$5.00 per pizza order for student activities.

- Graddy Awards – held on May 6th. It was a great morning for Grads to have some fun and see what 'awards' they had voted on for their peers to win. Our Grad stage crossing is this weekend (June 4th – 6th: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday). Admin and Ms. Wowchuk, the greatest Grad Sponsor ever, will be at the school on the weekend.
- Grad parents are looking for 'COVID friendly' events that won't contravene Public Health Orders. Plans are forming and students will be 'in the know' soon.
- 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.
- With the warmer weather, we are continuing to encourage our students to go outside more, especially at breaks and at lunch.
- Staff have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, and there is hope that some of us may receive a second dose before the end of the school, and the majority of us by the start of school start up in September.
- Students now can also register to be vaccinated, and more of our students have reported that they have either registered to receive a vaccination or have received one.
- 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.

**COPAC Report:** Rebecca attended the meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting was held via Zoom. Some points of interest included:

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was the AGM. The positions on President, Vice President and Treasurer were not filled
- A quorum was not present so the special resolution presented last month could not be passed.
- SD23 Zoom licences are not being extended past June 30<sup>th</sup> ... SD23 will address.

- A new secondary school for West Kelowna is expected to be in operation by Fall 2025, however, MBSS is projected to be at capacity by 2023.... Which leaves some outstanding questions.
- BCCPAC AGM was May 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 8 unresolved resolutions as time ran out during the meeting.
- The next COPAC meeting is June 7<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca will attend.
- Sarah has offered to be our COPAC representative for 2021/2022

**Updates:**

- COBSS: Susan and Scott continue to be in communication with other SD23 PACs and Principals as the COBSS issue continues.
- Family photo fundraising event was slow with only 11 families booking – possibly due to short notice and coinciding with Grad (photo arrangement already made). We will try again in the fall – mid to late October.

**New Business:**

- General Account Income – We will try the family photo session again in the fall. Susan has suggested (and will look into) a GoFundMe. Melissa suggested Save On Foods and T-Bones gift card sales.
- Rebecca mentioned how valuable and appreciated it is to have the PADS Dogs visit the school.
- We need to decide how we want to hold our meeting in the Fall, assuming we can meet again in person. A combination of in-person and Zoom might be an option.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00pm

Our next meeting will be on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom. This is the last meeting of the school year. We are always welcoming new PAC Members!