

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

November 23rd, 2020

Attendees: Susan Derickson (president), Ann Sutherland (vice president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Kieran Skerlec (secretary), Scott Sieben, Chantelle Desrosiers, Tanya Lister, Nicole Waidman

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Approval of November agenda – Susan, 2nd by Laura

Approval of October minutes – Ann, 2nd by Susan

Welcome new members Tanya and Nicole.

1. Reports:

Principal's report:

- There have been 2 Covid cases within the MBSS school community. Neither have been a student. Both parties have been self isolating and will be back to work this week.
- Kids continue to do well with masks and sanitizing.
- We have three temporary staff placements: Kevin McDowall in Careers and Behaviour Support, Renae Lane in Careers / SS / and English and Nir Light in Computer Studies. In addition, we have several student teachers and interns around the school.
- Quarter 1 is over.
- Feedback on the quartermester system is mixed. Some concerns involve the balancing of timetables to avoid having 2 difficult courses in the same term and the pace at which some of the challenging courses progress. In addition, small class sizes and half days have an impact on some student's social well-being. Other concerns included course content taken in the first quartermester being forgotten by the following year, although this has been proven by other schools not to be the case.
- The school is planning for quartermester scheduling to continue into next year based on the current Covid conditions, with the capability to expand it to a Semester system.
- Report cards will be available digitally through MyEd on November 27th. This may be a permanent change to the report card process.
- Grad Update: Mr. Sieben and Ms. Wowchuk and the Leadership Team are working hard to come up with some creative ideas to recognize and celebrate our 2021 graduating class. It will likely be similar to last year's stage walk and virtual ceremony. Unfortunately, many of the other traditional grad functions such as Winter Formal and Spring Fling may not happen. The City Park grad walk and grad dinners at 19 Greens that took place last year were parent arranged events, not organized by the school.
- Grad photos are happening the week of Nov 23rd – 27th.

Treasurer's Report:

- General Account Balance is \$531.91
- Gaming Account Balance is \$35,959.95
- The library will use their unused allocation of funds from last year of \$1608.09 for bookshelves.
- A refund of the \$75 COPAC membership fee will be deposited for next month.

COPAC Report: Ann attended the meeting on November 2nd. There were 31 people in attendance via Zoom. Some points of interest included:

- MBSS and KSS are the only schools with lunch time bussing
- Elementary and Middle school PAC's are concerned about lack of fund raising because of not being allowed to run hot lunch programs.
- Eschool 23 (SD23 on-line schooling) currently has 700 students enrolled and is offering 1600 courses.
- A re-build of Rutland Middle School is SD23 #1 priority for school "re-builds".
- A new-build for a WK high school is SD23 #1 priority for school "new-builds".
- Ann suggested Peachland Middle School and Glenrosa Middle School as good examples of schools who have recently updated their constitution and bylaws.
- The next COPAC meeting will be held Dec 7th @7pm via Zoom. Susan will attend if no one else is available.

New Business:

- COBSS – Traditionally we have provided 10 x \$500 MBSS PAC bursaries through COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society). Last year, the Gaming Commission decided that we would not be allowed to use gaming funds to distribute our bursaries through a 3rd party. We worked around this last year by having the school provide the funds to COBSS on our behalf and in exchange the PAC funded extra items on the school wish list in the amount of \$5000. It was not an ideal arrangement for the school as it caused some challenges within their budget allocations. There are many advantages to distributing bursaries through COBSS, the most important of which is that COBSS can be impartial and equitable. Many other SD23 schools use COBSS and recently KSS has sent a letter to the Gaming Commission asking them to re-consider their decision. At the moment, we are uncertain how we will deal with the directive from the Gaming Commission. Susan and Nicole will follow up with KSS and send a letter in support of their request. Scott has said that he will work with us again to ensure the bursaries are available if we have no other options.
- Budget – Susan motioned to approve; the vote was unanimous to approve.
- Constitution and Bylaw review – Susan, Chantelle and Kieran have met twice. They have worked through our 2003 document to update and edit. A few changes to note include the creation of a minutes binder and the requirement for PAC Executives to submit a Criminal Record check to

the school. Our revised constitution and bylaws will be available for review at our January meeting.

- French Immersion - SD23 is putting forward a motion to move French Immersion students from Glenrosa Middle School into MBSS instead of KSS. The change would affect student who are currently in grade 8 and would take place starting 2022. The number of students would be approx 30 per year. More information on this motion can be found on the district website <http://www.sd23.bc.ca> under the long term facility plan.
- Staff Funding Wish List – Scott will forward this to Laura. Laura will summarize and forward to the PAC for review at our December meeting.
- There will be no more Parent / Teacher interviews for the remainder of the year. Parents and teachers are encouraged to keep an on-going conversation about their students progress wherever needed or wanted.

Future meeting dates will be Dec 14th, Jan 25th, Feb 22nd, Mar 29th, April 26th, May 31st, and June 14th. We will plan to hold these meeting via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm

Our next meeting will be on Monday December 14th at 6:30pm via Zoom. We are always welcoming new PAC Members!