

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes November 22, 2021

Attending: Susan Derickson (president), Melissa Ganzeveld (vice-president), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Ann Sutherland (Secretary), Scott Seiben (Principal), Rebecca Ashley, Tanya Lister
Meeting held by Zoom

Approval of November agenda: 1st Melissa, 2nd Laura

Approval of October minutes: 1st Susan, 2nd Melissa

1. Reports

a) Principal's Report

- Just finished Term 1 and report cards will be available online by Friday.
- Fall sports are wrapping up. Football and soccer teams did well. Volleyball teams all qualified for Provincials as did one x-country runner. Unfortunately, floods/ landslides have interrupted finals that were to be held in lower mainland. The senior girls volleyball team is planning to fly to Nanaimo for the tournament as long as it is going ahead. There are also plans for a district bus to help teams travel if events are being held.
- Basketball has started and the first games are next week. Some basketball teams were also supposed to go to the lower mainland for tournaments, but these will likely be canceled for safety reasons.
- The school is organizing a food drive to assist 25 families from Merritt who are staying in this area. In addition, Global Village is planning to supply these families with Walmart gift cards.
- Combos – A group of 6 students has qualified for Music Fest in Ontario in May. This is significant as it is a national-level competition.
- As part of resuming performance/travel opportunities, band students are planning a trip to Whistler in the spring and productions for drama students are being organized.
- Grad Council is planning several events. It will not be possible to hold the Winter Formal Dance in December, but it is hoped it can be held in the spring. The school has booked Trinity for the ceremony but has cancelled the booking for the grad dinner at the Grand. The decision was made to forgo a \$5000 deposit for the Grand as the event has not been very successful in the past - not everyone attends and usually it clears out by 8:00 leaving attendees feeling a bit let down for the \$100+ fee. Cancelling later would cost substantially more. Grad parents have been incredible at stepping up and are planning dinners at Grizzly Winery or other suitable venue. The school is thinking through whether the celebrations should continue to be parent led in the future.
- There have been a number of covid cases in West Side schools recently. Hopefully things will be moving forward more smoothly now that vaccinations are rolling out.
- The West Side Catchment Area Review will be held at the MBSS gym tomorrow night (walk-through style session).

b) Treasurer's report - Laura

Account balances as of 15-Nov-21:

- General Account = \$979.96 (recent deposit of \$338.05 was from donations to the Go Fund Me campaign)
- Gaming Account = \$35,589.95

- Photo fundraiser funds have not yet been received due to multiple sessions being rescheduled.

c) COPAC (Central Okanagan PAC) report – Susan

- Mike is stepping down as COPAC rep. Susan will be attending all meetings anyway but welcomes others to step forward. Next meeting is Dec 6th at 7:00 pm
- Last meeting was Nov 1st. The most relevant items from that meeting are:
 - Digital Wellness – there is an interesting SD initiative to get short messages/tips out to the community on a regular basis. For more information and to subscribe: www.sd23ltd.com/digital-wellness and: <https://www.sd23ltd.com/subscribe>. Please provide information about what you want to learn about digital wellness in this survey: <http://sd23ltd.com/copac>
 - Two COPAC executives have been designated as Educations & Communications Coordinators. They are looking for input on what parents of high school students might be interested in. Susan looked at some of the White Hatter presentations (including about presenting oneself on social media, and on-line risks) and will put this forward as a suggestion. Send Susan an email with any ideas of things you would like more information about.
 - COPAC has been doing Twitter and FB messaging this year. Links are: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sd23copac/> Twitter: [@COPACSD23](https://twitter.com/COPACSD23)
- Upcoming BCCPAC Presentations:
 - Nov 23rd from 5-7:00 pm. Online session with Dr. Katharine Smart, President of Canadian Medical Association.
 - Nov 30th from 6:30-7:45. Online a session on Understanding Parents’ Key Role in Public Education.
- Susan attended a BCCPAC meeting on the weekend. Useful sessions included: Children and youth with support needs/ diverse abilities; a presentation by the Metis Association of BC (information and resources available for those interested); Tips on fixing PAC bylaws; and Useful Ideas to engage more parents for PACs and District PACs.

2. Updates

COBSS (Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society) - Susan

- a) BCCPAC Resolution – Susan submitted a question on this to an online forum as an intermediate step in bringing the issue to BCCPAC. So far, BCCPAC has not been very receptive, so she has started to create a resolution to bring forward at the BCCPAC AGM in May.
- b) Go Fund Me Campaign
 - \$950 raised of \$6000 goal from a total of 11 donations. This is enough to fund 1 x \$500 scholarship and admin fees. COBSS has sent a contract in which we need to sign to specify correct name of donor. Could split up the amount and have it come from PAC and school. Scott suggested that the school could pay the total amount of \$5250 to COBSS (\$5000 for 10 scholarships + \$250 for admin fees) with PAC reimbursing what it can. Scott would like to call them PAC bursaries even if the school funds some of them. The confirmation needs to be sent right away – Susan will forward the paperwork to Scott.

Motion: Moved that \$500 be put towards one COBSS bursary and \$250 for all of fees.
Susan 1st, Melissa 2nd - Carried.

- Susan will change dates on Go Fund Me page so that this can be an ongoing campaign. She will also try to change the payments so that they come to the PAC bank account once a month.
- We should also make a more concerted effort to promote the campaign in the Spring as people are starting to think about grad.

3. New Business

- a) **Review/approval of staff funding requests.** \$32,000 available but requests total more than that.
- CCTV upgrade – first priority for Scott.
 - Field trips – High priority as school will purchase this anyway.
 - Student Leadership – High priority.
 - Band – Music stands which have already been purchased. High priority.
 - Band – Portable speakers are a lower priority as they already have some speakers. The school can likely fund these.
 - Band – Musicfest is only for 6 students but is national level. Medium priority. But some support would be appreciated.
 - Athletics – Uniform and Equipment replacement; this is the type of thing that PAC has supported at about \$5000/year. High priority.
 - Clubs – High priority as good opportunity for students to do different activities during lunch.
 - Robotics – School has already purchased \$20,000 for equipment, so school would appreciate some of that being covered. High priority. PAC gave \$3000 two years ago at start up support.
 - Athletics – Weight room upgrade so that more students can be involved. Medium priority.
 - Football and Rugby – These teams self-fund most things so some contribution would be appreciated. Lower priority.
 - Dance – Costumes. They rarely ask for support and activity includes students who aren't usually involved in other things. High priority.
 - Theater – Railings are a safety issue. High priority.
 - Soccer – Foldable seating. Low priority
 - Bouldering/Climbing – Low priority as they already have some mats.

Motion that PAC funds be allocated as follows:

| | Teacher or group | Name/Description of item/project | Purpose or benefit | Amount Requested | Amount Allocated |
|-------|--------------------------|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Admin | CCTV upgrade | Student safety & security | \$ 6,747.89 | \$ 6,747.89 |
| 2 | Field Trips | Funding field trips | | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| 3 | Student Leadership | Lapel microphones; prizes for events & activities | Leadership would like to promote student activity, involvement and school culture/spirit | \$ 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 4 | Band | Travel music stands | Foldable music stands for performances off site | \$ 535.35 | \$ 535.35 |
| 5 | Band | Portable speakers | For offsite performances | \$ 4,912.54 | - |
| 6 | Band | Musicfest Canada | Travel for 6 students (1 Combo) | \$ 5,000.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 7 | Athletics | Uniforms & Equipment | Replacement | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| 8 | Clubs | Diversity Club & Board Game Club | Purchasing items for clubs to use | \$ 600.00 | 600.00 |
| 9 | Robotics Club | First Robotics | Registration & purchase of more equipment | \$ 6,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 10 | Athletics/Football | Weight Room | Upgrade & replacement of equipment | \$ 3,500.00 | 3,717.76 |
| 11 | Football & Rugby | Blocking dummies/pads | Replacement of equipment | \$ 7,000.00 | - |
| 12 | Dance Performance | Costumes | To be used for extra-curricular performances | \$ 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 13 | Theatre Performance | Railings for seating | Student safety | \$ 3,499.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 14 | Soccer | Foldable bench seating | Keep team substitutes together on the sidelines | \$ 199.00 | 199.00 |
| 15 | Bouldering/Climbing Club | Crash pad | For upstairs climbing wall - replacement | \$ 5,000.00 | - |
| Total | | | | \$54,493.78 | 32,000.00 |

Ann 1st, Melissa 2nd – carried.

Susan reminded everyone that we cannot fund gift cards through Gaming Fund, and that receipts are required for all purchases.

b) Parent Concerns

None raised.

4. Reminders

- Westside catchment info session @ MBSS – Nov. 23rd, 5-7pm
- Dr. Smart of CMA online presentation – Nov. 23rd, 7-9pm
- BCCPAC online pres. re: Parent Role in Public Ed – Nov. 30th, 6:30-7:45pm

5. Next meeting

Dec 13th at 6:30. Melissa and Susan will discuss whether it will be held in-person as a holiday gathering (and if so, where) or by Zoom.

6. Meeting Adjourned

Attachment:

Mount Boucherie Secondary School Parent Advisory Council Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of **NOV 15/2021**

General Account:
TD Canada Trust

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Balance Forward | \$ 644.41 |
| Deposits () | 338.05 |
| Cheques written () | |
| Interest | |
| Service Charges | 2.50 |
| Balance | \$ 979.96 |

Deposits to general acct

| Description | Amount |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Bursuray Donation | 338.05 |
| Total | 338.05 |

Cheques from general Account

| Description | Amount | Chq # |
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| Total | \$ - | |

Gaming Account:
TD Canada Trust

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| Balance Forward | \$ 35,589.95 |
| Deposits () | |
| Cheques written () | |
| Interest | |
| Service Charges | |
| Balance | \$ 35,589.95 |

Cheques from Gaming Account

| Description | Amount | Chq # |
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| TOTAL | 0 | |

Outstanding Commitments