

MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021

Attending: Susan Derickson (president), Ann Sutherland (vice-president and recorder), Laura Sharun (treasurer), Scott Sieben, Melissa Ganzeveld, Erin Chadwick, Penny Wheelwright, Rebecca Ashley, Jill Yates, Chantelle Desrosiers, Mike Jamieson, Tanya Lister

Meeting held by Zoom

Approval of September agenda: Laura, 2nd by Melissa

Approval of June minutes: Susan, 2nd by Ann

1. Reports

a) Treasurer's report - Laura

- Account balances presented for past three months. As of 27-Sept-21, the balances are:
General Account = \$646.91
Gaming Account = \$8184.95
- Other than service charges, the activity since June has been \$2000 out for dry grad (t-shirts), \$1045.79 out for library furniture (both as per approved 2020/21 funding request expenditures) and \$390 in for photography fundraiser
- Remaining amount from last year for funding requests = \$5811.59

b) COPAC (Central Okanagan PAC) report - Susan

- Susan is now Treasurer of COPAC so will be at all their meetings
- Catchment Area Review – for Westside and Mission. Final decision will be January 26th. Parents are encouraged to provide input beforehand. There is a link to a survey in a recent email from the district and on SD23 website. Chantelle noted that we should know if the province is approving a new high school on the westside by mid-October. Susan will provide a link to anyone wanting to send letters to gov officials to advocate for this.
- COPAC Executive priority for this year is to focus more on supporting school PACs within the district.
- There remains one Executive position and multiple committee positions to be filled. Also, we can have a rep, other than Susan, from our PAC at the meetings. Meetings are still held via zoom. Contact Susan if interested in any of these.
- Registration for BCCPAC (the overarching PAC for the province) memberships are now due. COPAC will continue to pay these fees for us, this year.

c) Principal's report - Scott

- It has been a very busy start of the year. Have almost 1730 students vs the projected number of under 1600 which has meant having to juggle timetable and add staff at

- the beginning of the year. There are lots of new staff throughout positions and more will be added in Semester 2.
- Students have transitioned back well.
 - The new Vice-Principal is Ryan Mansely, formerly at KSS.
 - The school is back on the Semestered Timetable. Still having staggered starts and staggered breaks due to covid but staggered starts will end next week when all grades will be on 9:00 to 3:25 daily schedule.
 - This week is Truth and Reconciliation Week and there is a statutory holiday on Thursday. The school has aimed to build in reflection time throughout classes. They are guiding students and staff about the importance of Reconciliation and how we can all be part of that, as well as on the need for reflection. Students from the Indigenous Academy have designed t-shirts that have been available for sale.
 - Grad Planning – Ms. Wowchuk has started planning with students. There will be a range of sanctioned and unsanctioned activities but it is still uncertain what will be allowed.
 - The school is continuing to purchase items from last year's PAC Wishlist Fund, and is reallocating money that was to go to a new score clock as that ended up being fixed.
 - Students are not able to linger in hallways still. With warmer weather they are encouraged to be outside during breaks. Most have been very respectful and cooperative around this and mask-wearing.
 - Appears that most staff and students are vaccinated. Administration can't ask if they are, therefore, what is important is that everyone follows the basic protocols that are in place.
 - Extra-curricular activities are going on including football, volleyball, cross country, boys soccer, field hockey, drama, band and some clubs.
 - In terms of physical space for handling increased numbers – have received one additional portable from the district and another is coming. Class sizes have gone up but are mostly in normally accepted range. The VPs and staff are doing a good job of making needed adjustments.

2. Updates

- a) BCCPAC AGM - Susan attended the last one but there were not enough people for quorum. As a result, outstanding and still relevant resolutions will be moved to the next AGM.
- b) COBSS - Several thank you cards were received from Bursary recipients. Issues around future funding will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. New Business

- a) Election of 2021/22 PAC Executive Members - No positions were contested. The Executive for this year will be: President – Susan Derickson, Vice-President – Melissa Ganzeveld, Secretary – Ann Sutherland, Treasurer – Laura Sharun, COPAC representative – Mike Jamieson (will give it a try for one meeting before confirming).

- b) Funding request for BC School Sports Membership Fees (player registration fees). The school has asked for \$2975 for this from unallocated Gaming funds from last year.
Motion to approve – Susan, 2nd Tanya. Carried.
- c) Signing authority for bank accounts – discussion on whether to follow CPAC recommendation to not have Treasurer as signatory.
Motion by Jill, 2nd Penny that Laura retain signing authority. Carried.
Motion by Laura that Melissa and Ann be added and that Susan remain as signatories on both the Gaming and General Accounts. Carried.
- d) Parent concerns:
- Question about lockers: Scott responded that lockers will not be used as long as covid numbers are up. If and when there is a dip, lockers will be assigned. The likely time frame is after the winter holidays
 - Question about students with severe allergies; what are protocols? Scott responded that schools are to be peanut/nut aware but are not nut-free zones. Suggested that students carry EpiPen's and that they are welcome to talk to him or VPs. A reminder of the need for the school community to be aware there are students with severe allergies will be put on announcements.
 - Request for outdoor basketball hoops. Scott will take this to the Athletic Director and supports finding a suitable place.
 - Question about open gym – Scott noted that this cannot take place during covid.
 - Question about rapid covid testing – Scott responded that this not available at school, and that there is a District Safety Committee that might be the route to ask. Susan mentioned that there has been some discussion about this at COPAC, and that it will likely be on the agenda for the next meeting. Parents are welcome to attend but each school can only have one voting representative.
 - Question about putting a note from PAC in Bear Tracks encouraging parents to attend meetings – Ann will do this.

Next meeting is Oct 25th at 6:30 on Zoom.