

MBSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Minutes – Sept 19, 2011

Attendees:

Loreen Thomson, Tina Pomponio, Bobbi Massey, Allison Glutek, Susan Martin, Tracy Neuman, Denise Andre, Rebecca Enns, Vince Boyko, Gayle Voyer, Lisa Plocktis, Linda Bello, Tracy Janes, Sally A Bouloudli, Dawn Kern, Alexis Larson, Jana Potts, John Simonson, Linda Ross.

Meeting called to order at 6:25 pm in MPR.

Introductions (Loreen)

Adopt minutes from last meeting (June 13/11) – Bobbi; seconded – Tina; Motion carried.

Reports

Treasurer Report (Tina):

General account: \$10 100.78

Gaming account: \$2070.60

Last year spent \$29 760.90 from gaming account

This year, \$28 700 was approved for MBSS (will be deposited end of Sept)

Also passed around the summary report from last year

COPAC Report -

First COPAC meeting is tonight

New pres this year

Draft parent education plan

Encourage parents to go

Only method of communication is through First Class – Pres and COPAC rep need account

Liz Therres (250-717-1909) is our contact person

Next meeting in Oct

Principal's Report (Mr. Simonson)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 20	Photo day
Sept 22	Clubs day (noon hr displays in MPR; students can browse)
Sept 28	Grade 12 Parent Meeting at 7 pm MPR
Sept 29/30	PSP sessions for grade 12's (during day or after school)
Oct 7	Implementation Day (no school) – possibly can change due to job action?? Watch email.
Oct 17	Next PAC and Parent Ambassador training session
Oct 21	Provincial Pro-D day (no school)
Oct 25	Photo retake day (need to bring proof package back)

STAFF CHANGES

- *Linda Ross (vp replacing Gerry Mason)*
- *Bill Adams (Culinary Arts Instructor OC) – program is now full!*
- *Ashley Bedwell (Career Programs & Sociology) - temp*
- *Kelsey Dawson (Dance) – mat leave replacement*
- *Hazel Forry (Home Economics) – retirement replacement*
- *Amanda Kehler (English)*
- *Brad Kuhn (Math) – filling in for Mr Treadgold temporarily*
- *Crystal Naka (Spanish & Japanese)*
- *Susan Smith (Counselor) – new filling in for Mrs. Goddard*
- *Steve Weibe (Math & Physics)*
- *Bob Tonsaker (returning from teacher exchange in Australia; PE and Sciences)*

SCHOOL START UP

- Enrolment is approx 1388. Projection was 1365. 24 International students. Expect to grow to ~30. Most stay for the year
- Course changes for semester one have been completed! ~60% of fees were paid early this year which made for good start-up.
- Working through class size and class composition issues. Need to take this info to the SPC before the end of September.

TEACHER JOB ACTION

- Review notice to parents posted Sept 6 on sd23 website (Mr Gloster).
- Not sure what will happen at interview times (Nov) if job action continues.
- Check email since teachers cannot distribute handouts to students. Parents must sign up to receive emails.

OPTIONAL EXAMS

- M of Ed. have cancelled optional exams and scholarship is now based on results from required exams – Math 10, English 10, Science 10, Socials 11 and English 12/Communications 12. Not sure the dollar amounts. Some opportunities for students in gr 11 and 12 to rewrite exams from previous year(s) to get higher grade.
- The exam schedule from the Ministry has changed so we may need to change our exam calendar.

GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT

- District has replaced the floor in the BEAR gym. High quality floor (maple). We should have access starting Sept 26 (half gym until bleachers are up). School is responsible for cost of logo and bleachers (school only has to pay half, over 3 years, ~\$30 000).

New Business (Loreen)

- Still need VP and another SPC member

Next meeting Mon Oct 17 @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7 pm