

## Minutes of PAC Meeting – September 28th 2016

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:35pm

**Attendees:** Curtis Schreiber (Principal), Susan Derickson, Candace McKinnon, Paula Diaz (recorder), Gary Buckberry, Kyla Babcock (Vice Principal), Lil Bartel, Lynne Optland, Chantelle Desrosiers

**Regrets:** Cindy Chepil

Minutes from June meeting approved

**Agenda:** Accepted as circulated

**Introductions around table and welcome to new members**

**PAC Executive positions:** were acclaimed as follows:

President: Susan Derickson

Vice President: Candace McKinnon

Past President: Gary Buckberry

Treasurer: Cindy Chepil

Recording secretary: Paula Diaz

Communications secretary: Lynne Optland

This is a position to liaise with teachers and school secretary, Curtis will provide an email list to Lynne.

School store contacts: Nicole Loewen and Karen Guy, Susan will liaise with them.

COPAC rep - open

### **COPAC report**

No report yet. If COPAC rep not filled, Susan or alternates can attend the meeting or a report can be received via the MBSS rep. It is hoped that COPAC will cover the cost of the BCCPAC membership.

### **Treasurer's report and budget deferred to next meeting**

Gaming grant application was submitted by Candace and Cindy

### **Principals report:**

#### **Curtis Schreiber**

There are 745 students, larger than expected. Most classes less than 30 students, some grade 8 classes over with the timetable holding well.

Athletics: currently cross-country running, volleyball boys and girls grade 7 and 9, rugby and girls field hockey. 8 students are playing Junior Varsity football at MBSS.

**Kyla Babcock** presented the RTI model to support all students in the building. Academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. There are assessments of the grade 7s with schoolwide write, reading skills and observing for social anxiety. Assistance offered with learning and teacher collaboration.

There are three tiers - tier 1 are successful students who are pushed to improve and excel, tier 2 10-15% students in the "grey area", tier 3 are those students designated to receive extra help.

**Curtis** spoke of the Spiral of Enquiry which will be presented to PAC members and interested parents on Oct 4th 5:30-7:30 at Hollywood Road. This replaces the SPC. Presented the rules around cellphone use which were endorsed by the parents present and commended the efforts of the Leadership Troupe who are good role models, helped at the grade 7 dance, BBQ and will help with the Terry Fox run.

Pac members Gary and Candace requested that there be a weekly email send out - the week at a glance like the MBSS Bear tracks. This was done last year and was well received. Parents who are new to the school may need a reminder to sign up to the school e mail list.

**School store, Susan reported - well run.** Encourage and accept new volunteers. Nicole does scheduling, Karen orders menu foods, may need help with COSTCO shopping. MENUS are posted on PAC website. The store is only fundraiser for the PAC along with the Gaming money.

**Staff funding requests:** Candace reported this occurs once or twice annually and decisions will be made at the October 26th meeting. Staff are requested to complete and submit a funding application form to the PAC by Oct 19th. PAC will look at applications and approve funds dependent upon budget. Priorities for money granted should try to impact as many students as possible, be spread amongst departments and when gaming funds are used there are rules. The Principals may be asked for input and guidance but they should not direct.

**Drug and alcohol information** the staff from ARC programs who are the school based counsellors are again available to present to parents, Susan will follow up with them and perhaps a smaller discussion during the November PAC meeting would be better than a large presentation as last year.

**Fundraising opportunities:** Options have been proposed to PAC, selling tomatoes and gift cards. Gary also mentioned a successful fundraiser selling teas. These ideas will be passed to Mr Perry from BAND. There is a meeting for parents of band students next Wed, Oct 5th. PAC will not be additionally fundraising other than the school store. The Outdoor education group will be holding a silent auction and selling chocolates.

## **Other business- safe walk to school**

Once again the issue of safety around the school cross walks was brought up. Of concern to all parents present. Curtis will raise this concern at the Safe Schools Committee, there are representatives at this meeting from the RCMP and City of West Kelowna Council.

There was previous focus about clean air and safe walking routes to school but the main issue is at the school. The Church opposite the school is not happy with the amount of traffic using their lot to "turn around", parents are parking in no parking zones, traffic is not obeying speed limits and cross walk is in a dangerous place next to the 4 way stop intersection. There are no crossing guards at middle schools only elementary. City and provincial government need to work on this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting October 26th