

**Mount Baker
Secondary
School**



MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 2 Dec 25 7:00 pm

1. **Welcome & Introduction:** Meeting Opened at 7:05 pm, in attendance Aaron Thorn, Jen Morrison, Christina Hall, Michelle Warrenchuk, Chris Johns, Stewart Hertstu-new parent.
2. **Previous Minutes** posted on the MBSS website by Brittany. Approval of November 7th meeting's minutes: Christina motioned to approve, Michelle seconded the motion, passed.
3. **Additions to the agenda-** nil
4. **School Board Trustee Report** - Chris Johns: Next board meeting December 9. East Kootenay Heritage Fair for all schools including Elk Valley this year. Access to meals program is available for all students.
5. **Principal's Report** - Aaron Thorn: Request/design in works for professional kitchen to be added to a current classroom space, "snack shack" idea to keep students on campus with causeway doors between rooms and outdoor seating available. Query from parent regarding coaching philosophy and variations among schools and teams. School coaches to follow BC School sports rules and have a clear outline of rules and expectations. Code of conduct for the school is planned to be published on the website by Christmas break, will outline policies on attendance (students sign out at office), cell phone use, dress code, school behavior, school-related travel, drugs and alcohol rules, smoking and vaping rules, etc. Note other schools in SD5 follow this discipline protocol for no access to cell phones during instruction time (1st offence parent call with notice of 2nd notice will be discussed, 2nd offence phone is in 1 day detention during school hours, 3rd offence is 30 day phone detention during school hours). Report card season, query regarding how many parents are using the My Ed family portal for grades versus sending out paper report cards. Vaping offences for students; 1st offence - 45 minute interactive course on vaping with a call home to parents, 2nd offence is a 2 hour course on E-case, 3rd offence is TBD. Basketball season has started. Grade 9 orientation visit while the 10th grade students stayed home; this happened in March last year, but this year should be

closer to June to allow time to finalize course selections/schedule for the following school year.

6. DPAC Report - nil

7. Treasurer's Report - Christina Hall

- a. Gaming funds status and account balance \$21,648.28, PST rebate \$ 321.30 for the first time ever, Library and chess club need to submit receipts for reimbursement payments
- b. Request for new jerseys for basketball teams; Jen made a motion to approve up to \$3200.00 for Jr. Sr. boys and girls basketball jerseys, Christina Hall second the motion, and this was passed. These jerseys are estimated to last up to 3 years.
- c. PAC should consider standing budget item for uniforms every year for all school sports teams to be replaced every 2-3 years on a sport specific rotation.
- d. Gaming Fund Signatories will hopefully happen before our next meeting in Feb: New executive for 2025/2026 signatories to be added/remain on file: Jennifer Morrison (Chair), Christina Hall (Treasurer) and Michelle Warrenchuk (Secretary). Former executive members to be removed (Lies Salvador, others to be confirmed by BMO).

8. Old Business

- a. Review of Gaming Fund Signatories - Covered in treasurer report, see above.
- b. Solicitation for Vice Chair, DPAC - No volunteers have come forward.
- c. Canadian Parents for French - grants, culture, language program for parents and students, free membership, local chapter in the Fernie/Cranbrook area (Chair is Erin Stevenson).
- d. MBSS Facebook page has been set up by Natalie, open to MBSS families and guardians.
- d. Parent Communication - managing expectations about sports & academics, discussed the idea of a newsletter that could get sent out and/or posted on the website & FB page.

9. New Business

- a. Sports - Jason Tichauer- Director of Student Learning, Indigenous Education, and BC School Sports, Action Item: Michelle to get the Sports letter from Natalie and Aaron to add to Feb agenda (Natalie was not here today) re: observation of how a variety of coaches approach school sports (club versus school sports), cuts/no cuts, equal playing time, affordability/accessibility, is there a policy or governance for how sports are delivered in each of the different schools and different sports, use MBSS as an example to set a standard. Plan for next year is to have a coach handbook with clear expectations outlined of what MBSS sports coaches should follow, our budget, game schedules, communications to parents, road behavior, travel schedules, common philosophy for ALL SPORTS (as mentioned in Principle's report)
- b. Dominos Pizza Fundraiser Card for large pizza \$15 (\$6 Dominos and \$9 MBSS), you can order 100 cards and return what you don't sell. Suggested as a possible prom fundraiser.

10. Adjournment 8:07 PM. Next Meeting: Tue 3 February 26 @ 7:00pm