MBSS PAC Minutes

Tue 7 Oct 25 7:00 pm

Present: Lori Nicli (Outgoing Chair), Jen Morrison (Outgoing Secretary and Incoming Chair), Patricia Whalen (Outgoing Vice Chair), Chris Johns (Trustee), Aaron Thorn (Principal), Michelle Warrenchuk (Incoming Secretary), Natalie Brons

Regrets: Lies Salvador (Outgoing DPAC), Christina Hall (Treasurer)

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** Meeting opened at 7:07pm.

2. **Minutes posted on the MBSS website.** Chair sends to Office staff (Brittany).

3. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes (May 2025)** Natalie made a motion to approve the minutes, Jen seconded, all in favour.

4. **Additions to the agenda.** Meeting schedule added to New Business.

5. **PAC Executive Elections**
   a. **Chair.** Jen self-nominated, seconded by Patricia, all in favour.
   b. **Vice Chair.** Seeking nominations.
   c. **Secretary.** Michelle self nominated, Jen seconded, all in favour.
   d. **Treasurer.** Christine nominated by Jen, seconded by Patricia, all in favour.
   e. **DPAC Rep (note not executive position).** Seeking nominations.

6. **Overview of Funding (funds received and spent from last year).** No update to provide.

7. **AGM Discussion -** Nil

8. **Adjournment of AGM / Opening of Regular Meeting** at 7:37pm

9. **School Board Trustee Report.** 9 Sep board meeting, next is Tue 14 Oct in Fernie. Discussion regarding insufficiency of budget (1% increase), provincial deficit and contract disputes. Passed a balanced budget. Needs identified for our district included MBSS replacement. Looking at how to secure notion of building replacement; met with Aaron to mobilize PAC and student group to put pressure on government to put MBSS replacement on the agenda. Competing regional demands of new Fernie elementary and Amy Woodlands replacement. Once PAC elections are settled, Chris will approach PACs and develop long term plan for advocacy for MBSS replacement. Met with MLA Pete Davis, wants to work with district to secure a new building.

10. **Principal's Report** Looking forward to engaging with PAC on broader issues. Enrolment at 929 and just under 100 employees. Spending time with students and getting their perspective on issues – racist language, safety, etc. Staff vacancies being worked on. Three fully qualified shop teachers, planning to run a power mechanics course. Seeking options outside of timetable (e.g. superfit) and maximize use of support blocks vice spares to optimize FTE. Developing Code of Conduct for the school regarding attendance, purpose, behaviour etc. Communication with families – wants families to have a voice. Tightening attendance and accountability. Reviewing

sequence of events for year end (teachers have requested moving commencement one day earlier).

11. **DPAC Report.** Nil

12. **Treasurer's Report**
    a. **Gaming funds status.** $17680 approved and expected by end of October.
    b. **Confirmation of payouts from last year** (library speaker, yoga club, outdoor ed, prom). Cheques have been written, funds approved.

13. **Old Business**
    a. **Status of scoreboard purchase** ($4000 set aside in trust acct pd out in Mar 2023). Awaiting details from Joe Tank regarding installation. Purchase agreement completed.

14. **New Business**

    a. **Review of Gaming Fund Signatories.** Table to next meeting, ask Christina to coordinate.
    b. **Funding requests.**
        i. $450 Wild Library Club request from Mrs Merkel. Natalie made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelle, all in favour.
        ii. $653.62 Chess Board Puzzle Table, wall mounted ring swing, Ipods etc for library. Natalie made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelle, all in favour.
        iii. $4000 for prom. Natalie made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelle, all in favour.
        iv. $2100 Gaming Club request from Chris England for new controllers and consoles and games. Natalie made a motion to approve, seconded by Michelle, all in favour.
    c. **Meeting Schedule:** Oct (AGM), Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr, May. First Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm in the library.
    d. **FB Page.** Natalie willing to administer.

15. **Adjournment at 8:35pm**

16. **Next Meeting: Tue 4 Nov 25 @ 7:00pm**