

January 30th, 2021

**Mount Baker
Secondary
School**



MBSS PAC Minutes

February 2, 2021 7:00 pm via zoom

1. **Welcome & Introductions - Attendees: Chris Johns, Dave Hill. Jill Carley, Lori N., Christina H., John and Christina Mcd., Erik A., Ruth, Timothy's mom, Liz C.W.**

Meeting called to order at 7pm

2. **Additions to the agenda – grad planning and school messenger app (answered in Dave Hill's Report below))**
3. **School Board Trustee report – Chris Johns**
 - **Berry Architects has been retained to do a study on Mount Baker – looking at full replacement, partial replacement, or full renovation. Report should be done by end of school year. Parents are welcome to add input – contact Chris Johns, school trustee chris.johns@sd5.bc.ca**
 - **Sd5 Trustees sent letters regarding FSA to Ministry of Education and to the City regarding the changes to zoning for the homeless shelter near Baker, information is available on the Sd5 website**
4. **Principal's report – Dave Hill**
 - Milk and Cookie Day was a huge success!
 - "A Christmas Carol" via video streaming was successful and the next drama production is in the works
 - There is a "virtual" art show with work from Q2 art students – check the MBSS webpage
 - Basketball skills development is starting based on the guidelines from PHO and the Ministry of Health
 - Letters regarding grad requirements have been sent to parents of grads who may not have the appropriate courses for graduation – no news is good news!
 - Course selection for next year has started
 - Current Grade 9 parents will have a virtual parent night coming up regarding the transition to MBSS
 - Graduation/Commencement – likely similar to last year. Dave Hill will send an email to all parents of grade 12 students regarding grad planning

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- School messenger app – still some hiccups, but it is a great way to get information out to the parents and for parents to report absences (and find out about absences you may not have known about.....) – unfortunately it is not perfect and cannot be used to track homework etc.

5. DPAC Report – Lies Salvador

- DPAC will be providing a Valentine treat to all students in Sd5 – thank you DPAC!
- Sean Larsen presentation on Child Anxiety is available here if you missed it <https://www.sd5.bc.ca/AboutUs/supersrpt/Videos/Sean%20Larsen%20Presentation%20Jan.%202020.21%20AnxietyParents2020PDF.pdf> or in the school district webpage
- Whitehatter presentation on gaming in conjunction with CBAL is coming up on Feb 9 (link on SD5 page)
- Hot lunches are starting up in some schools with COVID safety protocols

6. Treasurer's report – Christina Hall

- We have \$17577 in the bank (we have promised \$8000 for scholarships and \$3500 for grad) so we have about \$6500 available.
- Milk and Cookie day was \$1040.44 – cookies were from Max's Place – thanks for keeping it local!

7. Funding Requests:

- **Benches for new basketball courts** - \$2000 (Jimmy Robinson) – there are benches being removed from the courtyard that may be available for the basketball courts. Until the court is fenced, we do not know what will work. **Decision:** That we pause on this request until we have more information. We will bring it forward at a future meeting. Liz will contact Jimmy and let him know.
- **Computer (iMac desktop) for music composition and production class** - \$1800 (Evan Bueckert) –
- **Computers (5 Macbook Air laptops) for filming production** - \$5800 (Mary Hamilton)

Motion: *That PAC support Mr. Bueckert's request for a computer at a cost of approximately \$1800 for the Music Production class. 1st/Lori 2nd /Lies*

Discussion: This was difficult because both drama and music are so important at Baker and especially during this school year. Since Ms. Hamilton received funding for a computer last year, and we cannot financially afford to support the request for 5 laptops at this time, we are going to review our options and try to provide some funding later to honor this request. At this point we want to keep money aside to fund mental wellness events such as cookie days. School admin will discuss options and bring ideas forward to PAC.

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Motion PASSED

- **Outdoor climbing boulder - \$8000 – to cover a portion of costs (Leigh Cormier) – PAC** will support in other ways. Liz will discuss with Leigh and look at grants and other funding options.

FUN FACT: Baker officially opened on April 6th, 1951 (70 years ago!)

Thank you Dave, Kaley, and Jill for organizing Milk and Cookies in December!

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at 7pm (no meeting in April or June unless needed – there will be a meeting May 4th at 7pm, email reminder and zoom link will be emailed to all parents)