



MBSS PAC Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 3, 2023

TIME: 7:00pm – 8:00pm

LOCATION: MBSS Library

CHAIR: Lori Nicli

SECRETARY: Patricia Whalen

IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Hill, Chris Johns, Lori Nicli, Liz Chaney, Patricia Whalen, Lies Salvador, Anita Choi, Jen Morrison

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

- Liz Chaney opened the meeting and welcomed everyone

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (MAY 2,2023):

- The minutes of the May 2nd meeting were approved as circulated and are published on the MBSS website

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- None

PAC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

- Lori Nicli and Patricia Whalen were nominated as PAC Co-Chairs
- Christina Hall nominated for Treasurer
- Lies Salvador nominated for DPAC Representative
- All positions were acclaimed
 - o Nominated: Liz Chaney
 - o Seconded: Jen Morrison
- *Later in the evening, the Co-Chair positions were revised to Lori Nicli Chair, Patricia Whalen, Vice-Chair, Jen Morrison, Secretary*

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT (CHRIS JOHNS):

- Presented summary of motions carried from September 12th, School Board meeting (attached)
- The School District is revisiting the school boundaries (catchment areas) focusing on Pinewood, Highlands, Kootenay Orchards, Parkland, Laurie - for implementation in Sept 2024. The meeting format still to be determined and the District is seeking parent input in the process. Some school have empty classrooms, some are bursting at the seams. The meeting will take place on 2 dates, Monday, October 23 @7pm at the Board Office and Tuesday, November 7 at 7pm. Some family members will be grandfathered in the process. Important to get the word out to all PAC groups in the District



- Trades Funding Letter - relevant to grade 11/12 Elk Valley Students, Board fighting with the Ministry due to EV students having to come to Cranbrook to participate - Chris Johns and Jason Tichauer met with the Dean at COTR to discuss further - once students graduate, they will no longer have the funding - board will continue discussion with COTR and open up dialogue with Teck. Students are currently going across the border and we lose them. As of the time of the meeting, the Board is still waiting for a response to the above, from COTR VP of Academics and the Dean of Trades.
- Letters were submitted to the Ministry of Education, inviting the Minister of Education (Minister Singh) and to the British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) inviting the President (Carolyn Brody) to visit the District to see what the growing population pressures are in Fernie. In Fernie, due to the growing student population, 4 more classrooms were opened up.
 - o The District is working on the plans to open up a Middle School in Fernie.
 - o Isabella Dicken Elementary has the largest student population in the District
 - o Have both the Minister of Education and the BCSTA Presidents do a tour of Mt. Baker. Seven Ministers to date have been through a Mt. Baker tour.
- The Board will be scheduling a special meeting to approve and adopt the District's 2023/2024 Framework for Enhanced Student Learning document and give authorization to the Superintendent of Schools to then submit it to the Ministry of Education & Child Care.
- The District recently hired Laura-Lee Philipps as the new early learning and child care director - for after school child care
- Grants open in the beginning of November for Vision 0 funding. The School Board is working with City Hall to complete traffic studies to help assist with the goals of the Board's Traffic Safety committee. The committee will resume meeting soon in order to address the crosswalk at Safeway/Baker - many options are being considered. The District has to work with the City of Cranbrook on this project because the crosswalk is on City property.

PRINCIPAL REPORT (DAVE HILL):

- Growth Plan, not too many changes as of yet
- Literacy Comprehension, baseline data for Grade 10s has been populated. The next time we meet, Dave will bring the data to the table.
- The school population is at approximately 970 of students, including the Annex; essentially the school is full
- Dealing with level 1 and 2 students, more than what is required in some classes, so working on that.
- A number of job postings for MBSS are still being advertised.
- Rugby and volleyball are currently running.
- At the District level, came through with 3 million dollars for enhancement of student learning - this helped support additional teaching positions (3.5 approx. for Baker). Our District Superintendent did a great job to come up with the 3 million in funding, it is funding that will be with us year after year, unless the Ministry of Education changes this.
- 2nd semester courses should be addressed by students now if they require any changes, at the least, make it known to the counsellors.
- Sean Sinclair has taken the position of Athletic Director for MBSS

DPAC REPORT (LIES SALVADOR):

- September 13 was the last meeting, 10 schools were represented
- DPAC AGM taking place this coming Tuesday, Treasurer and Chair will still stay in place - a call for nominations in June and September. This will be Lies' last year as the Chair - hoping someone will step up as Vice Chair this year for an easier transition next year.



- Still in need of PAC contacts from each of the District school communities. Trustee Johns can provide the list of contacts to Lies.
- Looking into guest speakers for November, who will be funded by DPAC. Guest speakers typically present via Zoom - turnouts using this format have been very good
- Format for DPAC meetings has changed, to include an opportunity for each PAC to speak to 2 or 3 items taking place within their PAC community
- DPAC meetings generally follow the day after the School Board meetings

TREASURER'S REPORT (LORI NICLI FOR CHRISTINA HALL):

- In Christina's absence, Lori provided the recap
- Just over \$18,000 in the account, \$3,000 to come out for scholarships, Prom, frames/displays for Bonnie. There was an increase to the Prom donation which has been accounted for in the balance.
- \$3,400 in the account as of today
- Last year we had 920 students (cannot include international students for government funding), including the Alternate school. We should roughly receive \$16,000 from gaming this year.
- PAC can no longer donate to scholarships due to provincial changes, due to this, PAC will have \$8,000 in surplus to allocate to other requests.
 - o Due to this overage, PAC will look to donate this year to:
 - Prom
 - Uniforms
 - Scoreboard
 - Team Travel
- Motion to remove Liz off the bank signing authority:
 - o Nominated: Jen Morrison
 - o Seconded: Lies Salvador
- Motion to add a 3rd signing authority on the bank account was not voted on at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Funding for Scoreboard:** This will hold for now, there is \$4,000 currently set aside to put towards the new scoreboard, before proceeding PAC will need an update from Dave and Sean to confirm what funds are still required.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned - 7:52pm

NEXT MEETING

- November 8, 2023 – MBSS Library