

**MOUNT BAKER PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

Meeting commenced at 7:03 pm.

There were 12 people present.

Amendment of January minutes: Motion for presentation on the day of April 30th should read; PAC Should give \$1000.00 for 2 presentations (both during the day for students).

Omission: In January's minutes it should have read: The School Planning Committee will be writing a letter of support for our current timetable. Brought forward by Audrey Stetski and 2nd by Heather Hewitt. Motion Carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Darrell Goss

-A new common timetable has been submitted and it would look like this:

1/2 and 3/4 blocks will always rotate together, classes will either be 66 minutes or 47 minutes in length. We will stay with a 4 block rotation and the Elk Valley will stay with 5 block rotation.

School Board still to approve of this schedule.

-Thanks to Chris Olsen for her compromise on the timetable schedule, Mount Baker did change slightly to Fit Elk Valleys timetable.

-Portfolio still going. Grade 12's do not have to present their portfolio's, however, they will be able to. Grades 10 and 11's will continue to work on theirs as there has been a change for the requirements.

- 1) Requires 80 hours of physical activity outside of the school (can be over a 3 year period).
- 2) Volunteer, Work Experience or Community Work totaling 30 hours.
- 3) Grad plan.

-This year's grad 12's will receive 4 credits and will not have to present their portfolio's.

-Janyce Bampton (PARTY) presentation will go ahead. 2 presentations on April 30th for students and 1 in the evening at the Alliance Church on May 1st for parents etc., admission will be by donation.

-The school will be taking an active role along with Mental Health, the Coroners Office and Community Counseling in dealing with suicide. The Credit Union would like to support this long term but it must be put before their board before a final decision is made.

-Satisfaction Surveys have gone out, we would like to get as many back as possible.

-School closures and major changes for next year: Grade 7's to be put in with grades 8-12 in both Fernie & Elkford. (Fernie not to change until 2008). Sparwood will wait until their new school is completed in 2008. Pinewood to close as an Elementary school and be used for Kootenay Educational Services. They are currently in the old Muriel Baxter School. Muriel Baxter would then be closed.

-Report cards due out on Thursday Feb 15.

-BCESIS- hopefully all the kinks are worked out of this program.

-Old sign will be mounted on side of school at the gym end.

-Student enrollment will be down next year, portables are still questionable?

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Sherryl Taylor

-Breakfast program has started. Approximately 20 kids a day are being fed.

This is a free breakfast and is being paid for by a grant which Gary Toyota had submitted and received approval for.

-New cell phone policy (District wide): Phones have to be turned off once inside the building.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heather Hewitt

-A reminder that in last years minutes (April 11th, 2006) a motion was carried that PAC allocates \$10.00 to each Grad Student. This should be an annual commitment.

-We will receive \$1700.00 a month (Jan-June) for our Bingos

-Allocation requests:

Drama Club (costumes)	2000.00
Athletics Club (Cross Over Machine)	4000.00
Electronics Club (Robotic Arm)	1200.00
Baseball Team (Bat and Balls)	672.00
Metal Shop Club (Welding Equipment)	<u>1630.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9502.00

-A motion that we accept all but the Metal Shop Club Allocations, reason being it was late submission.

1st by Kelly Maag and 2nd by Dave Ball. All in favour.

-Total allocation funds will be \$7872.00.

BINGO: Audrey Stetski

-All Bingos have been worked this far and we have 1 this Friday.

-Gaming Association meeting Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

-Card from PAC to Lukas Laird's Family.

OTHER: Sherryl Taylor

-Will contact the Historical Society and see if they will take all the grad photos (some in the basement and on the walls) and preserve them in a display and house them. We still have \$5000.00 from the Grant that we received in 2005 and this money was allocated to go towards this project.

DPAC: Cheryl McCann n/a

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Interactive Innovations Workshop: Feb 28, March 1 & 2. Put on by Patricia Dooley, Regional Coordinator for Literacy. It will be held at the Nelson Prestige Lakeside Inn. There will be a cost.

-Fundraising.

-CDTA

-Teachers magazine.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-EF Tours: 26 students leave March 12-22 and tour Italy and Greece.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 6th, 2007

Minutes by Shelley Semeniuk