

MOUNT BAKER PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

Meeting commenced at approximately 7:10 p.m. with 10 people in attendance
Those Present: Dave Ball, acting Chair, Sheila Hansen, Diane Sullivan, Chris Olsen, Brenda Tyson, acting Vice Principal, Deb Empson, Principal, Sherryl Taylor, Barb Bilinski, Cheryl McCann, Marge Hoffart, Treasurer & acting Secretary

Minutes from last meeting reviewed and amended as follows:

Bingo "Allocation" should read Athletic Department \$5000 rather than
Senior Boy's Basketball \$5000

Motion to adopt minutes, as amended, by Marge Hoffart, seconded by Diane Sullivan

Additions to Agenda: Fruit & Veggie Program

: Scholarship Evening June 3, 2008

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

New items to add to tonight's agenda under Item 12 - "Other Business":

Fruit & Veggie program

Scholarship Evening, June 3, 2008

BINGO REPORT

Ellen Perrich absent. Marge reported information obtained from a friend who had attended the most recent Bingo Association meeting. The next meeting will be in September, when they hope to have more information regarding closure of the Bingo hall. There is no longer any need for volunteers at the hall and no new schedules will be made up effective May 1, 2008. There is approximately \$200+ being allotted to each charity, the result of closing down a certain account, and will be disbursed at the September meeting.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Roberta Rodgers not able to attend, again due to scheduling conflict with SD#5 Board meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Timetables are all in motion.

Hairdressing program running during school hours.

They are looking at an evening food course. Feedback expected from returned surveys.

"Women in Motion" may be held during after school hours. There will be no Superfit due to huge financial burden.

The school held a very successful parent night for the new 2008/2009 Grade 10 students (presently Grade 9's)

Principal Deb Empson will be coming back to her position full time on April 1, 2008.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT

This committee had a good last meeting. They unveiled the Peace Wall. The school needs a larger eating space than what is presently available and the food being served must be in compliance with the new food guidelines. Bear Paws will be in place after

Spring Break. The bathroom projects are on hold. There was some discussion on the garbage issue and on the fence.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marge Hoffart reported that she has had to use February bank balances as the March statements haven't arrived yet. There is still \$1700 in outstanding Scholarship cheques and \$27,460 not yet disbursed from the fall funding allocations. Estimated amount left in the bank by the end of May is roughly \$11,000 and by the end of the PAC financial year, roughly \$16,000.

APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF BINGO FUNDS

2 new applications were received by PAC. Paul Visentin brought a short presentation to PAC regarding a safer alternative to the usual post-graduation festivities at Lakit Lake. His presentation came on the heels of grad parents wishing for something else/safer for their grads on the Saturday night. For the past 2 years one alternative was Organics Sports Ranch but now organizers are looking for something more adventurous which can handle more people. Paul's presentation was for "Go APE" (After Prom Extravaganza) at Od Aasland's White River Lodge in the White Swan area on June 28, 2008. This program can accommodate approximately 30 grads, with a minimum of 10, there are various activities such as white water rafting, and 4 meals would be provided (lunch, supper, breakfast, lunch). There would be 5 Lodge personnel present. There would still be a need for transportation, but this group is planning to approach Arrive Alive. The purpose of the presentation to PAC is to put forth a request for funding. The request is for \$50 per grad registered to attend. There was discussion and a Q&A period.

Rod Osiowy submitted a late application for funding. This would be to offset costs of the next Spring musical production of Aida on May 7 to 11, 2008. The request is for \$4000 for make-up, costumes, & set pieces and will assist approximately 130 students involved.

As to the 2 new Bingo Allocation requests, the following took place.

Motion made to allow the late application for the Go APE program in the amount of \$1500 by Sheila Hansen. Seconded by Diane Sullivan

Motion made to allow the late application for the Spring Musical in the amount of \$4000 by Cheryl McCann. Seconded by Shiela Hansen.

SPRING BINGO ALLOCATIONS

Grad Committee (Go APE), \$1500.00

Mt. Baker Drama Department, \$4000.00

DPAC REPORT

Cheryl McCann reported that there is an on-line survey being created for School Planning Councils. The District Student Council wants a Self-Defence component within the PhysEd program and are requesting that the District pay for it. School Trustees asked DPAC to have the PACs survey the parents. A motion is still before the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Superintendent Bill Gook to PAC Chairs, Principals, & Vice Principals re: two recommendations being brought forward to the Board for their consideration regarding school closures vs. no school closures.

Amended Annual Budget passed February 12 for 2007/2008. \$52.5 million spent in this district this year, \$4 million coming from surplus, remainder is funded.

Arts & Culture Week, April 20 to April 26, 2008-04-08

Arts & Culture Heritage programs 2008/2009 via Columbia Basin Trust

MBSS - letter to administration regarding unkempt garden. Topic "Natural Gardening" & Ktunaxa partnership

Thank You from Mt. Baker staff

Memo from CDTA, Chris Johns, Learning Round table & Assessment Practices

Latest edition of "Teacher" newsletter

Email from Gary Toyota to Gary Halber regarding an excess balance of \$502.45 in their accounts from the Rob Dowswell Memorial Scholarship. A cheque will be written to PAC in that amount.

Letter from former student Eric Bang, thanking PAC for the scholarship but declining it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fruit & Veggie Program - Marge Hoffart queried whether or not Mt. Baker was currently on the 13 week Fruit & Veggie Program that is funded by the Province of BC. The administration suggested Mt. Baker is not on the program and Cheryl McCann clarified that the schools have to apply for it.

Scholarship Evening - Dave Ball reported that the Scholarship Evening is to be held on Tuesday, June 3 and that presenters are still needed. We have until our May meeting to commit. Gary Halber has already volunteered to present all athletic scholarships and Dave Ball suggested he would be available to present some others as well, although they would like a few more volunteers from PAC.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

These minutes prepared by Marge Hoffart, acting Secretary