

PAC MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

Attendance:

Sherry Desy (President), Tina Etchart (Secretary), Quinn Rooke (Treasurer),

Adrienne Mouland (Principal), Gordon Swan (School Trustee)

Parents: Candice Rizzardo, Nicole Schulte

Teachers: Lia Larson, Shelley Moorhead

PAC Funding Requests

\$1000 - Organizer - Lia Larson, Library Learning Commons requesting funding for running events and programs in the Library such as Battle of the Books, Bake and Read, Big Buddies, Guest speakers, crafts, monthly displays, food, drink and games. Motion to approve by Sherry & Tina for **\$850**, this was a \$100 increase from last year's \$750

\$1500 - Organizer - Lia Larson, Fairy Godmothers (Affordability Grant) requesting funding to support Graduates towards the cost of participating in Prom with attire or with Grad photos. Unanimous motion to approve for the full amount of **\$1500**

\$1600 - Organizer - Shelley Moorhead, Sr Boys Volleyball is requesting funding for new uniforms. Motion to approve by Quinn & Tina for **\$1000** with the remaining **\$653.54** to be transferred from school trust account balance from the overpayment of previous funding of ultimate frisbee jerseys.

\$500 - Organizers - Krystal Thompson & Molly Brigden, Link Leaders request for funding to buy supplies to host the Community Winter Carnival December 12th at MSS. Motion to approve by Sherry & Candice for **\$500**

School Trustee report: Gordon Swan

Thompson Okanagan School Districts met here in October, one of the issues put forward was a motion surrounding Mental Health funding. We have had an issue in Princeton for almost 7 years of not having a youth mental health practitioner position filled. Merritt has also had trouble consistently retaining that position. That motion was supported by the Districts within Thompson-Okanagan and went in front of Provincial Council and had support of all Districts across the Province. That motion was specifically tied to support government incentivisation to attract youth mental health practitioners into rural communities.

Changes to Social Studies 10 curriculum. The subject of Holocaust used to be optional and is now a mandatory part of the curriculum going forward.

New legislative policies are in progress for Indigenous students school of choice. On reserve students will not be restricted to catchment areas and will be prioritized over other children in the community providing space allows. In our District, that only reflects on elementary schools.

We are on our 7th or 8th Local Education Agreement in the Province, we are well ahead of other Districts that do not have established councils, some that still haven't gotten to agreement 1. We have had an Aboriginal Advisory Council for Aboriginal Education within our District for many years to approve the budget and targeted funding. Currently it's a council of the School District now it will be reframed into the community working with local Indian Bands under a new name: Indigenous Education Council.

<https://abed.sd58.bc.ca/>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/indigenous-education>

One of the PAC's in our district is not receiving its gaming funding this year. Its spending has been audited and determined that the funding was improperly used according to gaming policy. Those funds must be returned to the Gaming Commission.

(Suspension, Revocation and Repayment of Grant Funds 23) If, in the opinion of the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager, any of these conditions are not satisfactorily met by the grant recipient, its agents or employees, the grant recipient may be required to repay all or a portion of the grant funds, and/or the manager and/or general manager may suspend or revoke the grant. A fine or fines may also be imposed under section 98 of the Gaming Control Act.)

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/archived-2022-conditional-pac.pdf>

Food Security dollars are being put to use. The Affordability Grant \$350,000.00 has been received and distributed to the schools within our district. MSS has doubled the amount of fruit, vegetables & granola bars available in classrooms. The Hot Lunch Program has expanded to provide any hungry student with a juicebox and any food item on the menu.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0057-001290>

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0020-000424>

https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/SFAF_Allocations.pdf (2022)

MSS Principal's report: Adrienne Mouland

- Extra-curricular clubs and intramurals are happening throughout our building.
- MSS Leadership group put on the first of the year Battle of the Grades on Halloween. Students participated in multi-age groupings which was a fun change.
- We hosted 4 volleyball and one soccer tournament!
- A group of students took part in a tour of Highland Valley Copper. This was a joint initiative with LNIB and HVC with the focus on the End Land Use Plan and Reclamation for HVC.
- Our Grade 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to explore post-secondary options when we hosted a career and education fair.
- 8 students and 2 teachers attended the Provincial Leadership Conference hosted by Rutland Secondary. The participants came home empowered to make positive changes for our school community!
- Cameras are set up and operational inside the schools and serving their purpose. Vandalism has decreased, allowing for admin to work directly with students on respect and accountability. Privacy protection and transparency procedures will be updated to add companion logs that will be kept to monitor time, date and reasons for administrative and technical viewing of files.

Treasurer's report: Quinn Rooke

2 cheques cleared in the amounts of \$650 (Writing competition) and \$1332 (Drama)

Gaming account balance \$11,382.03 General chequing account balance \$290.52

Less \$75 BCCPAC Fee reimbursement to be paid

Old Business:

Code of conduct being reviewed and updated throughout this year

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Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm. Next meeting will be **Wednesday December 13, 2023**

Minutes recorded by Tina Etchart