

## **PAC MINUTES MAY 14, 2024 (MSS)**

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

### **Attendance:**

Sherry Desy (President), Tina Etchart (Secretary), Quinn Rooke (Treasurer), Candice Rizzardo, Stephanie Johnson

Adrienne Mouland (Principal) Gordon Swan (School Trustee)

### **Funding Requests:**

**Merritt Graduating Class 2024** has requested MSS PAC assistance to apply for **Community Grant-in-Aid Application from the TNRD** towards their Dry Grad trip to Rockridge Canyon. The reason for this request is because TNRD policy states that they may only provide grant funds to **non-profit agencies or registered societies in good standing**. The PAC meets this requirement but the MSS Grad Committee, though also a not for profit, is not **registered** and does not. The PAC treasurer processed the Community Grant-in-Aid Application on behalf of the MSS Graduating Class. The TNRD grant of \$2,000.00 that has been awarded to the GRADS will be received by MSS PAC and forwarded directly to whatever account holding pays for the costs of the 2024 Dry Grad activities, specifically in this request, towards the RockRidge Canyon trip.

A motion was made on April 30th 2024, via email, by Quinn Rooke (treasurer), to file the application on behalf of the Grad class 2024. Motion to approve this request by Sherry Desy and Candice Rizzardo via email exchange. Once all details were clarified regarding banking, liability and application credentials, motion was unanimously approved to send a void cheque to TNRD along with application to receive the \$2,000.00 grant into our account on behalf of the Grad Class. Once received, the funds will be distributed to the Merritt Graduating Class for the purpose of covering a portion of the cost of their Dry Grad retreat to RockRidge Canyon in Princeton BC.

### **School Trustee report: Gordon Swan**

●**Code of Conduct for Students K-12** was updated 502.1 Adding a piece on personal digital devices.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN POLICY MANUAL Section 5 NO: 502.1**

***It is expected that students will not use personal digital devices during school hours of instruction except where their uses are for educational purposes with teacher approval, outlined in a students (ILP) Individual Learning Plan or is integral to addressing diagnosed medical health needs.***

(The revisions are in progress see the link below for current code of conduct)

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/502.1-CODE-OF-CONDUCT-FOR-STUDENTS.pdf>

- **The Superintendent search** is ongoing, there is a long list review on Wednesday there are 12 candidates to be reviewed to a shortlist. Tomorrow's District committee meeting includes, Rights holders, Education Partners, Trustees and some Senior Staff
- **Communications assessment;** looking at visual identity, we will be changing the SD58 Logo to something more contemporary that reflects the district.

Continuing review on **Equity Plan**

- **Annual facilities grant;** district budget this year is \$793,000.00 MSS share is 86,000.00. Two main items are gym floor refinishing approx \$13,000 and science wing electrical upgrades approx \$33,000.00.
- **The District Budget 2024/2025** is just under 40 million dollars. The 3 year plan to reduce the overspend of approx \$730,000.00 over and above our budget until it gets down to zero. The money in the surplus fund will run out within 3 years, that was used for extra educational programs. Part of the 730,000.00 overspend was increased bussing costs of close to 250,000.00. We still don't have enough drivers on staff and much of the increases are due to overtime costs. The Ministry does not cover most of our bussing costs, it is no longer a core service. That is a big challenge for rural communities with districts like ours who have policies not to charge parents to transport their children to school.

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Public-Budget-Planning-Process-2024-2025-2-1.pdf>

### **MSS Principal's report: Adrienne Mouland**

#### **May 2024**

- Grade 10 and 12 students had the opportunity to complete the Ministry's Learning satisfaction survey.
- Numeracy 10 exams took place.
- Q3 Report cards went home.
- SD58 Rocks was a huge success. There already seems to be a buzz about it for next year. The District partners went above and beyond to provide the best experience for our students. We are grateful for the donation from the PAC.
- Badminton, Girls Rugby, Girls Soccer, Track and Field, Ultimate, Golf and Mountain Biking are all in full swing.
- Spring Carnival was a hit! Lots of families came out.

- MSS Ultimate team cracked into the top 10 provincial rankings and qualified for provincials. They will go in as the 6<sup>th</sup> seed.
- MSS will have representation of 3 mountain bikers at the MB Provincials in Squamish.
- MSS has one student who qualified for provincials in track and field.
- On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we took part in an assembly and walk honoring, remembering, and bringing awareness to the Murdered Missing Indigenous Women and Girls throughout the country. We had guests present on the impact and importance of the day, as well as offering some practical strategies to stay safe. The walk concluded back at the high school where students were able to gather and share stories under the sunny skies.
- One of our ISAs took some students to TRU for the Indigenous Leadership Summit
- Band trip was a success. Lots of fun stories came home.
- Student absenteeism is still a concern for us. We are always looking for ways to help improve this.
- Looking at ways to better engage with families. We are always open for suggestions.

#### **Treasurer's report: Quinn Rooke**

All cheques have been cleared from April funding requests. Previous month gaming account balance of **\$4626.03**

- Link Leaders **\$1,000**
- SD 58 Rocks **\$450**
- MSS Music Dept Band Trip **\$1,900**
- Trades Hallway Display **\$406**
- Mountain Bike Club **\$800**

Gaming account balance for May 2024 sits at **\$64.03** General chequing account balance **\$215.52**

Motion to submit void cheque to TNRD made by treasurer, Quinn. Motion carried, unanimously approved by PAC executive, President & Secretary. Grant funds \$2,000 to be received and paid out to Grad Class 2024. Consideration for this to be a yearly TNRD Grant application from PAC on behalf of the MSS Grad Committee discussed and will be considered for future graduating classes.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:30pm

Next meeting Tuesday June 11th, 2024

Minutes prepared by TE