

## **PAC MINUTES JUNE 11, 2024 (MSS)**

Meeting called to order 6:05 pm

### **Attendance:**

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

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

Teacher Dave Andersen came to thank the PAC for their donation for the BBQ lunch on behalf of the SD 58 Rocks group. We were shown a presentation of the event:

<https://youtu.be/e7nTXteoiU0?si=vviarwrr6VpbQTTTr> (Heavy Metal Rocks)

A request was made to use the remaining funding, approximately \$68, to provide lunch for participants of another small trades group at MSS, in the Edison Motors Electric Vehicle Go-kart Challenge. Final receipts to be submitted. Request approved, motion carried.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-igI0WnCyL0> (Edison GoCart Challenge)

### **Funding Requests:**

This written funding request to purchase new Soccer Jerseys was initially made by the MSS Soccer club coordinator, Angela Russell, to the PAC in April presented via Principal Adriane Mouland. At the time, PAC funds had been depleted and the request was tabled until more funding dollars were received. Upon year end receipt audit and account reconciliation, there were balances remaining from previously issued PAC funding. The \$306 balance remaining from the Drama tickets and \$588 remaining in the MSS holding account from a 2023 audit is asked to be used to purchase the soccer jerseys in the amount of \$894.00. Sherry made the motion to approve this expenditure by moving unused funds from the drama dept to the athletic department, unanimous approval, motion carried.

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

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/category/news/>

The next Nicola-Similkameen School District Board of Education meeting will take place at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at the Merritt School Board Office. You will find the meeting agenda and associated documents attached for your information.

[https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/OPEN-Board-Meeting-Package\\_June-2024-1.pdf](https://www.sd58.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/OPEN-Board-Meeting-Package_June-2024-1.pdf)

For those that wish to view online, this meeting will be live-streamed and recorded on YouTube (search “SD58 Board Meeting Zoom Meeting“ ) or through our Facebook page “Nicola-Similkameen School District – No. 58”. ( [www.facebook.com/SchoolDistrictNo58/](http://www.facebook.com/SchoolDistrictNo58/) ) Please use the chat feature If you are attending virtually and have any questions during the meeting.

The School Board meeting is tomorrow June 12, the following will be on the Agenda.

A year in review about where we are with Truth and Reconciliation and the Equity Scan.

We will be talking about the Summer Learning Program that we did last year and again this year.

There will be an update on Childcare, we are in the process of building a 10.2 million facility in Princeton for which we received funding.

Approval of Budget bylaw for the Second and Final reading for the 40 million (including capital) that need to pass before the end of June.

Policy approval 1.7 for Trustee Remuneration 502.1 Code of Conduct for Students

Policies coming up for consultation, 3.2 Admission of fee paid students 3.4 French Immersion and 3.6 Learning Commons. These policies are at their First reading. The new policies will be introduced, go out to everyone, have a second and third reading before it's adopted in the fall.

Superintendent search is ongoing, updates will be discussed at the next School Board meeting.

DPAC is using its Mental Health funding by purchasing online courses and resources from Dr. Jody Carrington. We have ordered 750 licenses for the Kids These Days course. Stay tuned for information on how to access your license from your school PAC.

<https://www.drjodycarrington.com/kids-these-days-course/>

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

<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**

MSS has much to be proud of this month. In our Athletic program we had 3 different sports represent Merritt Secondary on the provincial stage.

Our Ultimate team earned a top 10 finish, making it to the provincial championships for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight row.

MSS also sent athletes in Track & Field and in Mountain Biking.

The Edison Go-kart Challenge which had MSS students building two electric go-karts over the last number of months raced at the rodeo grounds. The event was an overwhelming success and one that brought our school community together in a way we have never seen.

Two Grade 12 students took on the EmpowerHer Day that brought together all of the female students in Grades 6 & 7 together for a day of sport. The hope being to build confidence in these young women to carry on with pursuing their athletic talents.

Our Indigenous Student Advocates took some Grade 11 students on a tour of college and university campuses while the Jill of all Trades event at Okanagan College brought together female students from MSS and PSS to allow them the day to try out a variety of Trades.

Last week Indigenous Grad was held at the Arena and was very well attended. Next week we have our Scholarship night, elementary tour and official graduation ceremony on Thursday!

We will also be acknowledging students for good character, service towards the school community and academic achievement next week during grade assemblies.

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

Gaming account has a balance of \$64.03. The Main Operating account has a temporarily increased balance of \$2,215.52 after receiving an e transfer of \$2,000.00 from the TNRD for the Merritt Secondary Graduating Class of 2024 for their Dry Grad trip to RockCreek, May 27th. The cheque will be issued to the Grad fundraising committee in the amount of \$2000. Our year end balance will be \$215.52

Many of the groups that have been recipients of the PAC gaming grant funding have not followed through with funding requirements and protocol. This must be addressed immediately since future funding towards these groups will be affected.

Each year, there is an audit that the PAC treasurer must provide reports complete with proof of receipts to the Gaming Commission. If the PAC does not receive receipts from the responsible parties (teacher representatives of the group) the transparency of the funding is impossible to accurately report.

This leaves our PAC at risk of not receiving future gaming grant funding by the commission and that will negatively affect all students. Please help us by adhering to the rules of funding requests.

This means to provide in person or written feedback after expenditure or event in the form of photos, videos, and/or in person meeting by a representative along with proof of receipts. Some of the groups who have not completely fulfilled the funding requests, we would like to hear from as soon as possible. They include; MSS Mountain Biking Team, Link Leaders, Trades, Music Department, Fairy Godmothers, Permanent Art Collection, Drama Club and the Library.

To the groups who have not yet produced receipts, please understand the risk of jeopardizing PAC funding. Suggestions were made that we may have to consider approving funding amounts and then releasing the funds by way of reimbursement upon receipt. That is not an ideal method that could prove to be a barrier to access funds. The responsibility lies with the teacher making the funding requests to submit paperwork and receipts according to policy and procedure in order to protect this student benefit. It is not the PAC or MSS accounts responsibility to track down receipts from recipients.

BCCPAC fees are coming due for 2024-2025. The fees have increased from \$75 to \$100. We would like to make a request to DPAC to cover the cost of these fees from their funding. Perhaps other local PAC's might find it helpful to receive that benefit as well.

Applications for funding from the Gaming Grant Commission have been made for the 2024-2025 school year. Grant amounts are determined by October 2024 by using the school's 1701 reports based on the number of (FTE) full time enrolled students.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/data-collection/february/i1701.pdf>

### **Eligibility**

Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) or equivalent groups (e.g. parent support groups) at public schools, group 1 or 2 independent schools and First Nation band schools.

District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs)

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	Details provided in Section 3 of the <a href="#">Community Gaming Grants: 2024 PAC &amp; DPAC Program Guidelines (PDF, 3.4MB)</a> .
<b>Grant Amount</b>	PAC: \$20 per student, with a minimum grant of \$2,000 for PACs with fewer than 100 students  DPAC: \$2,500 per year
<b>Application</b>	One application per year.
<b>Application Period</b>	Apply between April 1 and June 30 Notification by September 30  Late applications are highly unlikely to be funded.

The gaming grants have decreased by half from \$40 per student to only \$20 per student. It is time for Parents to ask questions of the Ministry of Finance why the funding is cut to an all time low when cost of living and inflation have skyrocketed.

Message from outgoing President Sherry Desy: “I have appreciated working with the MSS PAC and wish the best to everyone for continued ongoing success next year and beyond. We are very proud of what we have accomplished this year including our updated Constitution and Code of Conduct for 2024. I will return for the initial PAC meeting in September to hand over the role of PAC President to another member at the Annual General Meeting.”

Meeting adjourned @ 6:47pm

Next meeting Tuesday September 10th, 2024 (tentative)

Minutes prepared by TE