

MHS PAC Meeting Minutes

12:00pm. Wed. Oct 13, 2010-MHS Boardroom

Present: Debra Maguire (principal), Blake Lyons (YK1 Trustee), Denise Drouin, Susan Sibbeston and Jason Perrino.

Old business from Sept 8th MHS PAC Meeting:

MHS teacher, Jason Perrino addressed the Sept 8th MHS PAC meeting minutes. His concern was regarding comments made under the YK1 Updates regarding the ALC Program and ALC teacher. Mr. Perrino volunteered to furnish the MHS PAC with YK1 policy and procedures and any NWTTA information that may direct a PAC in what they should discuss at PAC meetings and publish in minutes.

1.) MHS PAC Updates

- **Handbook follow-up and update.** Basically done. The first section, pages 1-8, is designed for the students and the remaining pages (Additional information: Communication and Discipline at MHS) are designed for parents and guardians. Will be published on the new MHS website under Student Handbook on left side of homepage. Paper copies will be kept on file in the office for anyone wanting to take one. The handbooks may be given out to each student/family at the beginning of each school year, once updating is done. Jason Perrino recommended that perhaps the MHS PAC could be involved in updating and helping with this annual task.
- **PAC Chairs meeting minutes review**-See YK1 PAC Chairs minutes that are included with these.
- **Special needs, modified and gifted programming info update for parents.**
 - Program Support Teachers (PST): Josianne Beaumont replaced Brenda Johnson and is working as a 0.5 PST alongside Cindy Kelly a 1.0 PST. MHS also has Kathy Borden, District Literacy Coach. Ms. Borden is primarily at MHS full time. There are designated staff at YK1 to oversee and further coach teachers. Please start with your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's special needs, modified or gifted (enriched) programming.
 - Students that have been assessed and who require a high level of special needs require Individual Education Programs (IEP). IEPs need the constant attention of teachers and any changes to an IEP requires parent/guardian permission. Modified and gifted (or enriched) programming students have Student Support Plans (SSP) for their needs. SSPs are less intense programs that still requires communication to parents/guardians but can be modified more easily by teachers as the need arises.
 - Teachers of students with special needs (including those who require modifications and gifted programming) will continue to be responsible for the instruction and assessment of these students. Teachers are also responsible for the communication of student achievement to parents. More information about this is available through the Programming for Student Success document (ECE). Regardless of the program, parents/guardians should discuss any questions or concerns with their child's teacher first.
- **Debra forwarded a copy of the *Ten year Education Facility Plan Yellowknife 2005-2010 Update*.** Submitted to the GNWT – ECE, Tammy Allison. Contact the MHS PAC if you would like a copy. Or visit: <http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/> and click on Yellowknife Facility Plan on the bottom left hand side of homepage.

2.) MHS Updates

-**Staff meeting summaries from Sept. 16 – Oct 13:** Staff are reviewing the Indigo funds and deciding what books and other literacy resources to buy for MHS, Alberta Achievement results are in from last

years 3 and 6 grades tested. Report Card review-done by staff and admin to aid in student evaluations. **Laptop for Every Child funding (Belinda Stronach Foundation):** MHS applied to this program to be considered for laptops. MHS was not successful. Weledeh was successful. Debra was not sure of the criteria or eligibility requirements and why MHS may have not qualified. Superintendent Metro Huculak was going to be looking into this, according to Blake's reporting on comments from the Oct 12 YK1 board meeting.

Check out <http://mhs.yk1.nt.ca> for all school info, calendars and staff contacts.

Check out <http://mhs.yk1.nt.ca/newsletter> for school newsletters and upcoming events/presentations.

Check out <http://mhs.yk1.nt.ca/student-handbook> for MHS student-handbook. Link not ready yet but soon.

3.) YK1 Board Updates

Virtual Desktop Demonstration (Martin Male): According to YK1 representatives, the pilot project at MHS went well, May be introduced to all YK1 schools this year. The initial cost is quite expensive but the board will be reviewing this when we look at the budget.

Athletic Excellence Programs (Darren Wicks): Are going well. Hockey program has been expanded 3 levels of teams including a girls team. Soccer will be scheduled again for 2011.

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. Blake confirmed Mattie MacNeill is the Aboriginal education coordinator at YK1. There is an advisory committee that holds regular monthly meetings every 3rd Wed of every month. These advisory committee meetings are open to the public. In the meantime a parent may call her at YK1 or contact the MHS PAC if they require more information on being involved. MHS PAC will invite Mattie to an upcoming MHS PAC meeting. Will update when that will be.

Next YK1 board meeting: 7:00pm on Nov. 9, 2010 at YK1 Boardroom. Everyone welcome.

Check out <http://www.yk1.nt.ca> for all district info and contacts.

Check out http://www.yk1.nt.ca/district/board_agenda_min.html for meeting agendas and minutes.

Check out http://www.yk1.nt.ca/district/board_policies.html for YK1 policy and procedures.

4.) **Adjournment:** 1:00pm. Thank to all who attended!

5.) **Next MHS PAC Meeting:** Nov. 10, 2010 @ 12:00 noon, boardroom.