

## Mount Albion School Council Meeting

### Minutes of Wednesday January 6, 2010

**Attendance:** Carol MacKenzie (Principal), Bob Ellis, Pam Hewitson, Carol Sebben, Janet Smuck,  
Lori Sonoda

Carol MacKenzie and Carol Sebben welcomed everyone.

1. Minutes of November were approved.
2. **MAPA Report:** There was \$1463.55 raised in the Magazine fundraiser. Janet raised the question as to the need to keep a separate account for School Council as we do not have as much money flowing through this account as in the past. Discussion resulted in decision to keep this account for now and to endeavour to increase the interest in the School council and MAPA to engage in more fundraising efforts.

The teachers did submit their requests for funding for this year as well as the annual commitments to fund grad (need between \$4-600 – some will be fundraised by the grade 8 classes), citizenship medals and ribbons for track and field. Janet will send Carol MacKenzie a summary of the things that MAPA normally funds per year and what was subsidized last year.

3. **Movie Night:** Mount Albion has purchased the rights (again) to use Disney / Pixar movies in school and are thinking of having a (?monthly) movie night in the gym. This would be available to families and plan to start in February. It was suggested that a Friday may be the best night and are considering selling popcorn snacks and juice/water for profit. Each month a different group may organize the sale of snacks. Feb to be the grade 8 for their grad. The cost per person would be around \$2.00 or \$5.00 per family for the movie.

#### **4. Principal Report:**

##### **Student Work Study Project**

- Ministry of Ed/Literacy & Numeracy Secretariat project –
- All boards across province – selected schools within each
- HWDSB has selected 19 schools and Mount Albion has been selected
- 5 classrooms involved: 1/2 M, 3 H-M, 4 C, 4/5 B and 6S.
- Special teacher hired – at our school every Monday from now until June.
- Focus of project – to study work habits, learning styles, etc. of students who appear to get stalled at level 2
  - Totally anonymous – research based study – feedback to all schools in province
  - January 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Literacy Day
    - divisional chairs, along with myself and our Literacy Improvement project teacher will firm up school plans. Flyers will go home
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> P.A. Day

Teachers will be at Janet Lee for most of the day – a.m. – Networking with staffs from Bellmoore, Gatestone, Janet Lee and Tapleystown - - focus on School Improvement in the area of Literacy - - follow up day, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – each teacher released for a half day of training.

#### Grade 1 parent night

Learning to read takes a critical turn in grade 1, and the relationship between home and school is very important. The two grade 1 teachers, along with the LIPT, and myself will be hosting an evening to support parents with children in grade 1 with effective tools to use at home to help their children in the developmental journey to becoming a reader. Date TBD – flyers will go home.

Lunch Connection program to start this Friday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

December's lockdown drill went well, no issues identified.

There has been a request from Jason Milloy to check out the Mount Albion School's new re-designed web-site. The Launch date is proposed to be Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The direct temporary link is : [www.hwdsb.on.ca/mountalbion/newsite](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/mountalbion/newsite)

Please direct any comments or suggestions to Jason Milloy at [mountalbionweb@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:mountalbionweb@hwdsb.on.ca)

5. **Teacher Report:** Mr. Ellis provided information on the following:

The Board's Internet filtering system has now allowed access to You Tube for student and teacher access. As of January 11, 2010 staff and students will have unfiltered access to You Tube. There are thousands of educationally relevant videos available for instructional purposes. Many policies, directives and administrative memos that explain the expectations for the appropriate conduct of staff and students are in effect and available.

Food that was collected at the Christmas dance was donated to the Heritage Green Day Care food drive collection and a note of thanks was received. The dance raised somewhere between \$200-\$300 that will go towards this year's grad.

Currently there is approximately \$500.00 in the grad account. Estimated need of about \$2500-\$3000. There is still expected proceeds from events held at the upcoming Bulldogs game (50/50 draw and perhaps Chuck a Puck).

The grad will be held on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> at Paramount Alliance Church / Marquis Gardens.

6. **Follow ups:** Sue Chapman will call Boston Pizza to follow up on receipts for fundraising and to set up family night. Volunteers will be required, get your serving aprons ready!

**Meeting adjourned at 8 pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday February 3, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Staff Lounge**

