

RAMPAC Meeting Minutes
Mt. Doug School Library
Wed. Oct. 15, 2008, 7:00 pm

In attendance: Daryl Cowden, Lorraine Pawlivsky-Love, Ylva Ellerback, Bev Perry, Kate Dickson, Tom Ethier, Grace Young, Gord Mitchell (vice-principal), Phil Gym, Gayle Bliss, Michele Cliff, Gail Pohl, Joy Carroll

Regrets: Lori Elder

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting call to order at 7:10 p.m. by Daryl Cowden, Chair, followed by Welcome.

2. **Leadership Report** – Phil Gym, vice-president Student Council

- Fair Trade participation initiated.
- Leadership students attended Royal Victoria Marathon to rally runners.
- RAMBucks now in operation (fundraiser for Leadership)
- Proposed fundraising to raise awareness of leukemia
- French Movie Night proposed as fundraiser for French travel programs
- More fundraising ideas are being considered including a Mount Doug Jukebox, etc.
- Talent Show to take place November 4th, 2008 with Leadership students helping.
- Remembrance Day will be supported

DC responded with “thanks” from the RAMPAC for Leadership participation and looking forward to Leadership attending the meetings during the year.

3. **Admin/School Report** – Gordon Mitchell, Vice-principal

- **2008-09 School Enrolment:** 1130 students enrolled including 80 international students.
- **Daily Physical Activity (DPA):** Teachers are currently running through the program with all students to familiarize them with the Ministry of Education initiative.
- **Ms. O’Dea Memorial Service:** Ms. O’Dea’s passing was remembered with a service for the students and staff. Administration is purchasing art produced by Ms. O’Dea to hang at the school in memory of her talent and dedication as a teacher.
- **Trauma Training initiative:** School District 61 is assisting students and teachers with ongoing counselling that started October 2nd and 3rd, to continue, after Ms. O’Dea’s passing. The district is also starting a program that will offer grief counselling for schools to help staff and input was received.
- **School Map:** A new school map/floor plan has been made due to the seismic upgrades and will be available to use by students and teachers.
- **Attendance Implementation:** In preparation of the Attendance Implementation (BCeSIS) the Auto Dialing function for calling parents regarding missed attendance is not operating or mis-dialing. Parents should call the school for updates.
- **Interim Reports:** Oct. 22nd expected release and BCeSIS has upgraded the process. There will not be letter-grades produced unless a teacher wishes to attach a separate report.
- **Announcements on Web Page:** Daily announcements can now be accessed on line via the left top icon on the MD home web page for students and parents added enjoyment.
- **Recycling/Trash:** The school is exploring more ideas on dealing with ongoing programs for handling trash and recycling with Leadership.
- **Photo Re-Takes:** Monday, October 20th.
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews:** Thursday, October 30th.

4. **VCPAC Report** - Lori Elder, not available.
 - Check emails/notes from RamPAC website.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Kate Dickson (Treasurer)
 - \$53,745.99 funds to disburse (see attached RAMPAC Budget 2008-09)
 - Kate explained disbursements and why funds were allocated to applications including the voting criteria for determining funding approval or denial.
 - Motion to move that report be accepted; all in favour/carried.
 - It was also suggested that a Letter of Intent from the RAMPAC be authored to the Mount Douglas administration pledging funding support for 3 years (2008 inclusive) indicating on going financial commitment of \$3300 per year (up to \$10,000 with a contingency clause in case funding levels drop). Move to accept proposed, accepted by Joy C, 2nd Kate Dickson.
6. **Volunteers Needed**
 - Bingo Nights – Gail P. explained responsibilities and passed around a sign-up sheet.
 - Emergency Preparedness – Bev P. requested that additional parents needed to volunteer.
 - Daryl passed around mail and brochures to be decided whether they could be on RAMPAC bulletin board. Phil Gym agreed to help with bulletin board updates with Lorraine P-L.
 - Teacher's Christmas Lunch Coordinator – Gayle Bliss/Michelle Cliff agreed to duties.
 - Grad Committee Coordinator – Gayle Bliss/Ylva Ellerbeck agreed to duties.
 - Website Coordinator – Grace Yang agreed to duties.
7. **Other Business**
 - Letter sent in reply to Saanich Councillor Brownoff's inquiry regarding interest in a Saanich/school parent liason committee, by RAMPAC executive indicating interest.
8. **Announcements:**
 - **Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 19th, 2008 in Mount Doug Library.
 - **VIHA Free Parenting seminars.**
 - VIHA info session.
 - Island Sexual Health Seminar
 - Additional items were put on bulletin board.
9. **Meeting adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m. by D.C