

**MBSS Replacement - Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC)  
Advisory Committee Meeting #4  
Friday, January 13, 2012**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

**Chris Johns**, Chair, MBSS School Building Replacement Committee  
**Trina Ayling**, Trustee  
**Donna Fields**, United Way  
**Jennifer Osmar**, MLA's Office  
**Debbie Therrien**, DPAC  
**Wayne Stetski**, City of Cranbrook  
**Dana Osiowy**, Social Planning Council  
**Sandra Cave**, Key City Theatre Society  
**Nick Rubidge**, COTR  
**John Miller**, Student, MBSS  
**Mallory Balfour**, Student, MBSS  
**Sandra Davis**, Cranbrook Family Connections, Mt Baker PAC  
**Bob Whetham**, City of Cranbrook  
**Jennifer Krotz**, Columbia Basin Trust  
**Terry Anonson**, Metis Nation B.C.  
**Scott Holt**, VP, MBSS  
**Rob Norum**, Secretary-Treasurer, SD5  
**Debra Empson**, Principal, MBSS  
**Gail Rousseau**, Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary

Chris Johns thanked all attendees for coming. The agenda was reviewed and the purpose of the meeting reiterated which is to prepare for the upcoming tour/visit by the Minister of Education, George Abbott, on January 27, 2012.

The tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. for approximately 1.5 hours. A rough draft of the tour was provided with a tentative schedule as follows:

- MBSS Choir performance;
- MBTV performance;
- A tour of various rooms and departments throughout the school while students have a dialogue about the present and future NLC partnerships

**Suggestions by Committee:**

- Presentation of memorabilia to the Minister at the end of the tour
- Videotaping tour (please check with Minister's office for approval)
- extensive schedule - need timekeeper to keep things moving (John Miller)
- Keep entourage small to avoid potential delays

The Minister will then meet with select NLC partners who will have a 2-3 minute conversation outlining their support for the NLC concept at Mt. Baker School.

A handout was prepared and distributed outlining a brief history of MBSS as well as a summary of all of the efforts on the NLC concept to date and what the next steps are. The MBSS Advisory Committee will continue to work on next steps projects in the future. Clarification was given on the following:

- Last bullet on background of MBSS - Further research will be done to determine if Mt. Baker is the largest secondary school in the East and West Kootenays;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet on 2<sup>nd</sup> page – worded this way so that the Ministry understands we are on top of issue with KCT
- 6<sup>th</sup> bullet, 2<sup>nd</sup> page –so it appears we are already in partnership with the City on the replacement of the tennis courts (which is in progress)

Suggestions from Committee as follows:

- need to emphasize all partner groups and next steps
- emphasize magnitude of progress to date
- perhaps have a separate handout displaying logos of all community supporters

Please contact Chris or Trina if you would like to have a 2-3 minute time slot to outline your support to the Minister on the NLC concept.

The “Supporters of MBSS NLC Initiative” Petition will then be given to the Minister. The idea of the petition is to have all signatures of all partnerships showing support for the NLC concept. Chris will follow up with those partners not present today to obtain their signatures. It is hoped that the Minister will go back to Victoria with a better understanding of the magnitude of support for an NLC concept from our community and that all partnerships are solidly behind this project.

There will be a media release closer to the date of the Minister’s visit outlining our hopes and expectations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.