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At the turn of the decade, Principal Art Tinney was looking for a way to promote relations between the Pemberton Valley and Mt. Currie students. Their geographic separation was particularly challenging back in the late 50's and early 60's, and made fostering relationships outside of the school setting difficult. Mr. Tinney decided that there was no better way to bring the two communities together than to encourage students to take up the sport of basketball.

Decker, Foughberg and Ronayne (1977) quote Art Tinney as saying, "*We hired two young Catholic teachers especially to assist in this integration – Sam Frketch and Chuck Curteis. The key was basketball,*" (p. 251).

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