

BME PAC Meeting

October 17, 2019

Location: BME Learning Commons



Attendance: Christina, Jessica, Jeanne, Janelle, Dawn, Jamie, Larissa, Michelle, Renata, Aniko, Kim, Linette, Margherita, Julee, Jessica, Tara, Nikke, Carmelle, Laurisse, Janet, Adrian

1. Call to Order/Attendance at 6:03pm
2. Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting - Margherita adopted the minutes from the previous meeting and Katie seconded it.
3. Adopt Agenda: Kim adopted the agenda for this meeting and Katie seconded it.
4. Introductions by Jamie
5. Administrative Reports:
 - a) Principal Janet Slaney – The teachers want to thank the PAC for the delicious cupcakes that we presented to them for World Teacher Day. The teachers also want to thank the PAC for the very successful Scholastic Book Fair that took place. We recently had the Terry Fox Run. Thank you so much to the BME community. We raised more money for cancer this year than we did last year. We raised between \$600-\$700! Amazing! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. Teacher Implementation Day was last week and it went very well and there was a strong feeling of cohesiveness among the staff. There will be a Pro-D Day coming up on Friday October 25th. Tomorrow is Tye Dye Friday. Kids can wear tye dye shirts to show school spirit. Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be on Friday, November 8th. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend all assemblies. The Big White after school program will be available to register for shortly. They are still finalizing pricing. Once Mrs. Slaney gets the pricing and dates she will let us know. It is intended for Grade 4's and 5's but Grade 3's are welcome. It will happen in January and February. Family Active Night is happening tomorrow night at BME. It's a great community event. Please register online! Photo proofs went home today with all students. Retake day will be Friday, November 1st. You can go online and choose from 100 different backgrounds. The photos look much better online on your computer, than they do on the papers that went home.

B) Vice Principal Adrian Zuyderduyn
 - a) Numeracy – Quite a few of the teachers at BME (14) are going to enroll in an online course (which takes 30 hours to complete) to enrich them in numeracy so that in turn they can further educate our children. The admin staff is very excited to be working alongside 14 teachers in this amazing endeavor. Well done BME staff!
6. Executive Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Jamie: Thank you to everyone that came out tonight! Welcome to all of the new people that are here today!

b) Treasurer's Report by Jessica:

a) Financial Report: (see attached document) Our gaming account is at \$2,146.75 currently. Our playground account is at \$8,615.29. Hot lunch program and fundraising has brought in \$12,837.58 so far. Our total expenses so far are \$23,471.33. Our ending bank balance is \$26,873.90. Final cash position is \$37,635.94. Our budget total for this school year is \$28,467.00. Jessica motioned to accept her own report. The budget for this school year was also presented.

Action Julee: Please put together a message to parents asking for ideas about budget items that aren't listed (maybe some new ideas?). Margherita motioned to accept the proposed budget. Laurisse seconded this motion. The budget is now open for discussion. **Action Adrian:** Adrian will look into replacing the caps on the broken drums on the blacktop (Possibly look into getting stainless steel caps?). Someone mentioned that there is a steel fabricator parent in our school community. Adrian will look into this. FYI, Field Trips are now called Field Studies. The Festival of Trees item that was on the proposed budget is now going to be removed from our budget line and Janet Slaney will be sending out more information about this great cause to parents at a later date. Margherita made a motion to approve the amended budget. All in favor. Budget approved!

c) COPAC Report by Nikke: The SD23 website is a really great resource. There are lots of useful links and resources on the website that parents can check out anytime. You can check out the school handbook online as well. We still need to register for the BCCPAC. **Action Jamie:** Please remember to register for the BCCPAC. They will pay for the cost but we need to actually register and fill out the forms. There is some talk about possibly moving the meeting locations to different schools throughout the school year. Random statistic: 73% of people have 70,000 thoughts a day, but over 70% of those thoughts are negative thoughts. (Yikes!)
Transportation: The SD23 transportation department wants parents to voice their concerns and opinions about the bussing issues. Please fill out the survey online!

d) Facebook/Communication Report by Dawn: October PAC newsletter went out on Monday to all parents that are registered through our hot lunch website. Thank you to Dawn for putting this together and for sending it out!

e) Fruit and Veggie Report by Laurisse: Apples were delivered last week. They were happily received by all students. Mrs. Donohoe's class will be delivering the milk to all students from now on. Baby carrots will be the next veggie delivery.

f) Fundraising Report by Katie & Jessica:

a) Menchie's Update: \$1,067 worth of frozen yogurt was sold at the 3 hour event at Menchie's in September. It was a huge success!! A big thank you to Katie and Jessica for organizing this event!

B) Scholastic Book Fair Update: \$7,717.45 in books were purchased at our recent book fair. WOW! \$717.72 was given to our PAC, from Scholastic, to spend on books for our BME teacher's wish lists. We were able to ensure that each teacher got at least 2 books from their wish list. We made \$1,794.34 in profit from the book fair. Awesome job to everyone that helped make this

such a big success!

c) BME Spirit Wear Update: Our order sales were \$2,840.00 (\$500 in profit).

d) Current/Upcoming Events: There will be a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser coming soon. The Candice Johnson Photography photo shoot is happening on Sunday October 20th. Sign up tonight if you haven't already. Katie and Jessica are both stepping down from this volunteer position at the end of June. If you are interested in helping with fundraising next school year, please let us know!

G) Hot Lunch Report by Tara: Thank you to the amazing BME families who placed 882 orders in September! Total profits in September were \$455.00. We are currently looking for a new soup vendor. Specialty Bakery's quiche sizes have shrunk and their prices have gone up. Unfortunately. Also, the chili was too spicy for the younger kids. Tara wasn't very impressed with specialty bakery altogether. If you have any vendor suggestions for soup, please let Tara know. Thank you.

h) Community Engagement Report:

a) Family Active Night – Friday, October 18th

b) World Teacher Day – Saturday, October 5th

c) Classroom Reps

7. New Business:

a) Road Safety Concerns – Discussion about getting Dave Gibson to come back to actually show the children how to safely cross the crosswalks. Some of our students need a refresher course.

b) Parking Lot Parking – Action Adrian: Adrian and Tara will have a discussion about some possible parking lot remedies.

8. Other Items for Discussion

a) Playground – Maintenance? Repair jobs?

b) Child-minding – we need more certified babysitters for our PAC meetings

PAC Draw Winner #1: Margherita won the VIP parking spot for this month! Congratulations!

PAC Draw Winner #2: Michelle won the Amazon gift card! Congrats!

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting – November 14, 2019