

## BME PAC Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2015



**Location:** Learning Commons

**Attendance:** Val, Allie, Janelle, Sheila, Donna, Margherita, Jeanne, Janet, Bonnie-Lee, Julee, Lacey, Dawn and Cory

- 1) Call to Order at 6:03pm.
- 2) Adopt minutes from the last meeting and the agenda from this meeting. Allie motioned to accept and Bonnie-Lee seconded it.
- 3) Introductions by Val
- 4) Officer's Reports:
  - a) Treasurer's Report by Allie: We have made \$15,890 in fundraising this year so far!!! We made \$1400 in profit at the book fair last week! We use most of our BC gaming funds to cover the cost of the school field trips. We had budgeted to give Janet \$7,000 to cover the field trip costs but Allie is proposing that we spend an extra \$3,000 which will make it a total of \$10,000 that we will give to Janet to cover field trips for the year. Lacey motioned to accept Allie's proposal. Margherita seconded the motion.
  - b) Hot Lunch Report by Bonnie-Lee: This week we had Jugo Juice for the first time. Great reactions from all! Everyone loved the wraps and the smoothies! The Grade 3's have three swimming field trips on Mondays in May which could cause a problem for those students who have already ordered hot lunches but Bonnie-Lee and Rachelle will sort that out and take care of it. If you want to volunteer on Mondays and help with our Hot Lunch Program, we need help from 10:45am until around 12 noon.
  - c) SPC Report by Bonnie-Lee: Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 in the Learning Commons is the next SPC meeting.
  - d) Fundraising Report by Julee: Fundraising is going great! Devry orders are really low this year; there are only 11 orders so far. Please spread the word. We would like to see our numbers go up. Julee is looking into setting up another family photo day with Candice Johnson Photography. Julee also needs more volunteers for our Family Fun Fair at the end of May. Janet volunteered to help run the ticket booth. We still need someone to run the ice cream sundae station at the concession window in the multi-purpose room. The ponies will be coming again and Party Perfect will be setting up bouncy castles. We still haven't heard back from the RCMP who have come in the past and made a presence at our fun fair. Janet will follow up with them about coming and bringing a radar gun to test the speed of people throwing baseballs by the backstop. Julee still needs volunteers (with trucks) to get the rented BBQ and the propane tanks. Please contact Julee if you are able to volunteer! The BBQ starts at 4:30 pm and the fair ends at 8:00pm. There are also lots of volunteer opportunities during the day; setting up and getting prep work done. We are talking about doing a 50/50 raffle draw. Also, our silent auction baskets will be happening again. Janet has some great ideas for themes for the baskets (gas, green, grapes).

- e) Communications Report by Dawn: Dawn is posting 3 or 4 times a day on Facebook! Dawn is going to make a post again about no dogs being allowed on the property! There have been more messes found by students in the last week again! Talk about a speed limit sign needing to be posted by the front entrance of the parking lot.
  - f) COPAC Report by Cory: Brain Trust Canada came to the last COPAC meeting and Cory brought some flyers for everyone to read, about how to keep your brain safe. There will also be a mental health event happening on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. Guest speaker is Nan Henderson, co-founder and president of Resiliency in Action. Cory also talked about Bill 11 which may be passed soon. BCCPAC will be having another event in Vancouver in May. There are some new resolutions that they want to implement. Cory had a whole bunch of resolutions printed off that she passed around for people to read if they were interested.
  - g) President's Report by Val: The book fair went really well. It was very successful! We made \$1400 profit! We have tentatively booked another book fair in November. From the \$1400, we opted to take some cash and some product. Each teacher got 2 books from their wish list and we will also be giving out books with each cake at the cake walk at the fun fair. Nomination forms are now available for next year's PAC. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer on our PAC starting in September, please fill out a nomination form and put it in the PAC mailbox by the school office. There are many positions available, all with different responsibilities and duties.
- 5) Principal's Report by Janet: Projections for September are at approximately 395 students. We will have 16 divisions next year, possibly 17 divisions if we get around 10 more new students registered between now and September. We have 417 students right now. Almost all of the teachers will stay the same with the exception of just a few. Janet talked about the playground committee meetings. We will be getting 3 new blue benches installed. We are also getting our wooden picnic table back; it has now been repaired. Janet ordered and purchased a whole bunch of new outdoor equipment (\$5,000 worth) for the kids to play with at lunch time. Janet spoke to the parking lot supervisor and he has now made some more enhancements to our parking lot, as per requested. Janet did a survey with all of the grade 1-6 students. One of the survey topics was "What's the best thing about BME?" Some of the answers were friendliness, friends, it's awesome, makes me feel welcome, kindness, no bullies, it's safe, great environment... Another survey topic was "What would I like to improve at BME?" Some of the answers were: Playground was at 45%, Behavior was at 19%, Learning/Classroom was at 15%. There was a lot of great feedback. The students liked being able to give their opinions anonymously. There has been no bathroom door on the intermediate boy's bathroom for the last 7 years so Janet had one installed for them. Janet wants to thank all parents and families for their help during the book fair. Also, Mr. Nicol is now back part time (gym teacher) and is hoping to come back full time in May.
- 6) Ongoing Business
- a) Scholastic Book Fair
  - b) Fun Fair May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - c) Playground Committee

7) New Business:

- a) Nominations for next year's PAC positions. Sheila (K/1 split teacher) is going to post the nomination form by her classroom door so parents can take a look and hopefully fill them out. We are also looking at adding a new position: A Classroom Parent Rep (member at large). Julee will also be speaking to the new upcoming kindergarten parents on May 29<sup>th</sup> at their kindergarten orientation about our PAC and the available positions. She will be letting all parents know that they are invited to join the PAC and how important it is to be involved in their children's school.
- 8) Discussion and items for future consideration: Nominations for next year's PAC positions. We might set up a parent table in the front entry of the school to give parents another chance to vote for PAC positions. Janet will ask the teachers what they would want to get out of the parent rep position if we go ahead and add that new position.

Next PAC Meeting: May 21st, 2015

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz