

BME PAC Meeting

December 15, 2016



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Bonnie-Lee, Janet, Lacey, Dawn, Jeanne, Tara, Debbie, Marissa, Christina, Margherita, Janelle, Allie, Linette, Bonnie

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda: Allie adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Margherita seconded it. Lacey adopted the agenda for this meeting and Linette seconded it.
3. Introductions by Bonnie-Lee
4. Officer's Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: No report.
 - b) Vice President: No report.
 - b) Treasurer's Report by Allie: Total cash position is \$15,177.53. Allie motions to accept to her own report.
 - d) Secretary's Report: No report.
 - c) Fundraising Report: Our Mabel's Labels fundraiser has raised \$148.18 so far. Our Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser has raised \$1471.18 in profit. \$5600 in Purdy's product was sold altogether. A \$140 bonus was received by Lacey and some gift cards also were given to use. We will use them for a raffle at the hoe-down dance in February. Light bulbs will be for sale from the Fortis BC fundraiser program. 1,000 light bulbs were donated to our school for this fundraiser. One light bulb is good for 24 years. There will be a Hoe Down Western Dance at the beginning of March. On Friday March 3rd. We made \$600 from the scholastic book fair. The books from the wish lists from all of the teachers have now been handed out and delivered to them.
 - d) Hot Lunch Report by Linette: 5,967 lunches have already been served this school year! \$8161.93 profit has already been made. 232 orders were served today alone! Today we only had 2 parents helping. If you are available to help, please come to the multi-purpose room and help us out at 10:45am. Deliveries go out to students at 11:15. We are looking for more volunteers on Hot Lunch Mondays and Pizza Fridays. Parents please make sure you are double checking that you place your order so that your kids aren't disappointed on hot lunch day.
 - e) Fruit and Veggie Report by Bonnie: Mandarin oranges went out last week and were very well received. The next one will be apples. Third week of January.
 - f) COPAC Report: No report.
 - g) Facebook/Communication Report by Dawn: We are up 6 likes this week. Charlie Brown liked Dawn's Charlie Brown Christmas post. Over 1400 people saw Dawn's Christmas concert post on Tuesday night. There has been lots of positive interaction on Facebook this week.
 - h) Classroom Representative Report: Tara mentioned that there is one Grandma that doesn't do Facebook or email or computer stuff and she would like paper copies of newsletters and calendars. She never knows what is going on. Janet mentioned that she can come to the office and pick up a paper copy there.
5. Principal's Report by Janet: Thank you to all parent volunteers for the Staff Luncheon last week. It was a great day! The Christmas concert was a huge success. Everyone loved the venue. It was festive and warm and inviting. Families felt welcomed when they came in. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped. Risers for next year for sure. Discussion about a few things for next year. BME would really like to ask Willow Park Church for the rental again next year. Overall it was a huge success. Next year, we need a First Aid Kit up front in the lobby. One little kid slipped on the ice. Some parents were suggesting we do

tickets next year. Everyone loved the location. Loved the emcees. The limit of 3 adults per student caused some hurt feelings. One parent suggested that the audience lights are dimmed. Loved the bear theme. Loved the venue. Loved the parking lot attendants. More staggering on the stage or maybe some risers for the students. February 9th and 10th will be parent student teacher conferences. Early dismissal days. The new redesigned curriculum is in full swing. Janet is proposing that we have a Maker Day. All K-5 students would participate. The last day of January. Friday, January 27th. Parents could come through and see everything the students created after the day of creating.

Thank you to the entire parent volunteers for the wonderful staff appreciation luncheon on December 9th. The amount of thought from the lovely sign, to the drinks, to the assortment of foods and our delicious treats were greatly appreciated by everyone.

The Christmas concert we feel was a huge success. At our staff meeting today we debriefed a bit about the successes, the suggestions for next time, and the worries. To highlight a few of the staff suggestions:

i) we loved the venue - it was festive, warm and inviting; ii) we loved the comfortable seating; iii) we appreciated all the parking lot attendants, sound person, and ushers who assisted to keep it flowing.

Next time we would: i) bring our school risers to add some height to our back row students; ii) reverse the order so the K-Z students go first, etc.; and iii) we would exit the gym differently with more direction. We would like to ask Willow Park Church if they would consider renting to us again next year.

(Sidebar: We went around the table to discuss parents suggestions and heard that the students should have been staggered along the big stage, to be able to see them all; to have better school communication about the limited seating and capacity of the venue; (solutions were suggested - e.g. tickets, asking students how many they would bring); dimming the lights for those who may have stage fright.)

Tomorrow is PJ day and pancake breakfast. It will be an exciting event to end off the 2016 school year - complete with smiles, family, great food, and friends!

Report cards were distributed last week. Our student-led conference days will be in Feb. on the 9th and 10th - these two days will be early dismissal days. February is also the month that we have kindergarten registration.

Our use of the redesigned curriculum is going along well - teachers are making adaptations to their constructional methods and building in more opportunities to personalize student learning along the 'big ideas' for curriculum areas. One new curriculum that was just published two weeks ago is entitled, "Applied Design, Skills and Technologies". It is intended to be interwoven throughout other curriculum areas for students to develop foundational mindsets and skills in design thinking and making.

With that, we are going to host a Maker Day at BME on Jan. 27th. And, I have a proposal for you with a request for funding of the new tools that will stay at BME and be used for many years to help create some very exciting "thinkering" moments in cross-curricular activities for our students.

6. Old Business

a) Staff Luncheon Feedback – Everything went really well.

b) Pancake Breakfast – We will be serving pancakes at 9:00am tomorrow morning. Lacey got us 500 free oranges from Save on Foods! Thank you Lacey! We now have lots of volunteers signed up for the pancake breakfast.

c) Update on Curling Purchase – Janet will follow up with Mrs. Arlt about the curling quotes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18pm.

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting – Thursday, January 19, 2017 at Black Mountain Golf Course Clubhouse