

BME PAC Meeting

January 21, 2016

Learning Commons



Attendance: Bonnie-Lee, Janet, Margherita, Dawn, Jeanne, Carla, Lacey, Val, Julee, Allie, Janelle, Melanie, Lori, Arlene, Julie and Cory

- 1) Call to order at 6:05pm.
- 2) Adopt the minutes and agenda for this meeting. Dawn adopted the minutes and Margherita seconded it. Lacey adopted the agenda and Carla seconded it.
- 3) Introductions by Bonnie-Lee.
- 4) Officer's Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: We received a nice big thank you card from the kindergarten students thanking the PAC for helping pay for the Nutcracker Ballet field trip in December. We also received a thank you card from the staff at BME thanking us for the teacher's luncheon we hosted in December. Bonnie-Lee also showed us a photographic proof (on the document camera) of the new welcome mat for the entrance of the school.
 - b) Treasurer's Report by Allie: Our current cash position is \$19,054.94. We are still waiting for a few invoices to come in so there will be some more cheques being written soon. We still need to pay Janet approximately \$8,000 for the field trips. We are also thinking about purchasing a second hydration station for the primary side of the school building. Allie motions that we should purchase a second hydration station and spend approximately \$5,000. Margherita accepted the motion and Lacey seconded it. All present are in favor of this motion. Motion has been passed.
 - c) Fundraising Report by Val: There will be a family dance happening at the end of January. There will be popcorn for sale \$0.50 each bag, there will also be glow sticks for sale, water bottles and juice boxes. We still need volunteers for the dance and there is a sign up website set up online. The dance starts at 6:00pm. Terry Nicol and Jen Detjen will be running the dance. The doors will open around 5:45pm. Our annual Family Fun Fair will also be happening at the end of May.
 - d) Hot Lunch Report: New vendor has been added: Taco Del Mar! Another Pizza Friday PAC fundraiser will be happening in April.
 - e) Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee: Julee delivered pears this week. There was a lot of unpleasant feedback from our parents. They arrived pre-sliced; most of them quite brown and some were even moldy. Next upcoming fruit is kiwi. Julee will cut them in half and hand out spoons.
 - f) COPAC Report by Cory: There will be a presentation coming up from the Ministry of Education and they will be talking about the new curriculum. It will be on February 11th. AGM for all PACS will be on April 29th – May 1st. There is funding available and if anyone wants to go we can pay for your fee. It will be held in Kelowna this year. There will be lots of sessions about how to run a PAC, new and upcoming info sessions and resolutions for upcoming changes. Shelley, the

Kelowna COPAC president, is also on the BCCPAC. Also, as a school, if you offer two or more milk products per week there are some free bonus items that you can be eligible for. Julee mentioned that we are already signed up for this dairy program. There is \$7,000 set aside for conferences in the COPAC fund and \$4,000 set aside for parent education. If you have any ideas for guest speakers, please let them know. In the past, they have had Barry McDonald present. Kevin Kordell, the new school district superintendent, spoke about the SPC at the last COPAC meeting. They are working on reformatting the SPC and how it works. They are inviting us to be more involved in our student's education. They want parents to be more involved in their student's education.

g) Facebook/Communications Report by Dawn: We now have 198 likes on our Facebook page; we are so close to 200 likes! If you notice that someone from our school hasn't liked or joined our Facebook page, please send them a message!

5) Playground Committee Report by Lacey: One of the moms at our school works at the Greenery and she will look into possibly getting a tree donated for our school grounds. The committee looked at lots of options for what our playground could potentially look like for the next 3 years. The students have started making wish lists for what they want and they will be approving whatever is decided on before things are ordered. Julee brought up a couple of new games that the kids at SVMS really enjoy (9 square on the ground, 9 squares in the air and also the gaga pit).

- 6) "Spotlight on Student Learning" Report by Janet Williams: Grade 3 performance actually correlates with Grade 12 graduation. We want to make sure our Grade 3 students are meeting or exceeding in reading and writing by the final term of Grade 3. Our goal is that 95% of students will reach this goal. Academic learning is our highest priority. The Leader in Me program has been implemented this year. The staff has widely accepted this program and at our school, all ages and all students are welcome to be a leader here. There are lots of opportunities to be a leader here. It gives the students a sense of responsibility when they have a chance to be a leader. Janet is always available for feedback or questions. Please feel free to contact her with any comments you may have.
- 7) Principal's Report by Janet: On February 9th, the teachers and staff will all be gathering together at KSS to kick off the new curriculum. A big thank you for all of the parent helpers which made the pancake breakfast in December a big success. Feb. 4th and 5th will be early dismissal days for student led conferences. February 1st at 7:00am, Kindergarten registration will begin online. Parents need to register online first and then bring the correct documents into the office as soon as possible. Janet also wanted to report that our school will *not* be getting a vice president this year.
- 8) Old Business
 - a) School Team Uniforms: The red shirts have now been ordered and will be arriving soon!
- 9) New Business
 - a) Hoe Down Dance
 - b) Hydration Station – Another one???
 - c) Christmas Concert feedback: lots of different ideas and suggestions made

d) SD #23 2016-2017 Proposed School Calendar – Bonnie-Lee passed it around and showed everyone that was present at the meeting.

e) February PAC Meeting – Amanda Swoboda – Canadian Mental Health - we will be having a speaker and she will be talking about building a bounce back kit for our kids. This is a free presentation so feel free to invite other parents in the community. Bonnie-Lee will be posting all of the officer's reports the week before the meeting so that parents can view it before the meeting. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17th.

10) Discussion and Items for Future Consideration

Next PAC Meeting: Wednesday, February 17th

Meeting Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz