

BME PAC Meeting

June 9, 2016



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Allie, Bonnie-Lee, Janelle, Rachelle, Lacey, Dawn, Jamie, Val, Jeanne, Margherita and Janet

1. Call to Order at 6:00pm
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda: Dawn adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Rachelle seconded it. Lacey adopted the agenda for this meeting and Allie seconded it.
3. Introductions by Bonnie-Lee
4. Officer's Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: This is the last PAC meeting of the school year! Thank you to all of the parents who have helped make this year awesome!
 - b) Treasurer's Report by Allie: Our current and total cash position is \$7,301. We paid out \$12,000 in field trips for the school year and \$6,000 for two hydration stations. Altogether, we have paid out \$30,000! Our total profit for the whole year for our hot lunch program is..... (Drum roll please)....\$18,939.50 (Hot Lunch only). Altogether we raised \$24,439.47 in total, for the whole school year, including our Family Fun Fair. A total of 11,614 student hot lunch orders were placed. That means 11,614 hot lunches were delivered to our students this school year. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped serve hot lunches! 384 students are currently registered for our hot lunch program. Which means approximately 84% of our student body is registered for the hot lunch program. We will carry about \$5,000 over to next year. We need to discuss whether we want to give \$12,000 for field trips again next year. We still need to purchase a few teacher gifts for the end of the year. We received \$9,000 from our BC gaming grant. All of this money went towards field trips. Plus another \$3,000 from our general account. Thank you to Allie for all of your hard work!
 - c) Fundraising Report: Lacey and Margherita will be the new fundraising committee for the next school year. Janet made a suggestion that the fundraising next year should only be one or two big events, rather than a whole bunch of little fundraisers.
 - d) Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle: Rachelle brought some paperwork breaking down the numbers for the whole school year. Pizza is one of the most popular lunches, by far. We will be handing out some gift certificates from Little Caesars Pizza to those kids who received burnt pizza a couple of weeks ago. Rachelle also has some BC Dairy Foundation swag to hand out in the next couple of weeks. There are also some leftover ice cream sundaes from the fun fair that will be given out to the grade 5 students before the end of June. Currently, we still have 29 outstanding accounts unpaid. Beet N Boo's will be added to our menu next winter. We will try them once and if the feedback isn't positive, we won't use them again. If the reviews are good, we will use them more than once. A few parents have asked about the aesthetics of the hot lunch ordering system. The months aren't listed in order and it can be a bit confusing to find things. Rachelle had a great team of moms and even a couple of dads helping out every week and she couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to all volunteers!
The grade 5 students will be going on a field trip to Summerland next Friday and Rachelle still needs to figure out how to deliver their Dominos pizzas to them. She will continue to work on this until a solution is found. Thank you so much to Rachelle for all of her hard work this year!
 - e) Facebook & Communications Report by Dawn: Everything is going well! There is a contest running right now for new likes on the Facebook page from new families. Dawn will keep tracking the new likes and then she will draw for a great prize in September.

f) Classroom Representative Report: Janet asked if Lacey could attend the first staff meeting of the next school year to explain how and what a classroom representative is and some of the jobs that they have. Only a few teachers chose to have a classroom representative this year and some of us think it was because the teachers weren't properly informed of the description of a classroom representative. Next October we will talk more about classroom representatives and we will vote in who the classroom representatives will be. Action Dawn: Can you please get us a quote on some badges that say "classroom representative" for next year.

5. Principal's Report by Janet: It truly is a year we can celebrate proudly. First of all, thank you for the gifts of your children – they are so amazing – caring, helpful, friendly, and genuinely empathetic towards others. My staff is collaborative and creative professionals – who all have wonderful skills which complement each other so well, and I feel very privileged to be working along-side them. And, to our parents – the parents and volunteers at this school are a blessing! Your involvement is so critical to the running of our school, and the support of our young students. Please know every moment you walk into this school, into the classrooms, every moment you spend ordering/delivering hot lunches, fruit and vegetables, every moment you spend helping your child read at night to get their 'golden apple, or have other children read to you at school, every moment you take the opportunity to help us move our school community forward with fundraising, or learning initiatives, or cool spirit wear, every moment on supervising on a field trip, and every moment you showcase our greatness digitally, and by word of mouth – is priceless!! Finally to our PAC executive, both outgoing and incoming, which is pretty much the same - I am so proud of the work the parent group has done this year – the meetings were all very effectual, and focused, and for that I am thankful. You all have made a huge difference and impact for our students and community. Please know that we are indebted to your generosity of personal time, and skills. Thank you PAC members! We will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Social on Wed., June 15th which we hope you will be able to attend. On June 15th, in the evening we will be having a gr. 5 celebration. (explained seating) On the 24th, we will be hosting a play day, and will require parent volunteers (sign-up sheet). I loved working with the students– I love having students lead our assemblies, being leaders in so many ways, taking initiatives that are important to them, and helping facilitate their wonderful ideas into something great for the school. Having a monthly assembly has been well received this year. Next year, we are going to host a monthly assembly in the am on Friday mornings. With regard to specific curriculum and learning resources, I support all learning initiatives brought forth by my staff. We increased our technology this year again during our refresh, and reconfigured our computer room into a resource space to help our more vulnerable learners. We have just recently added a portable to our site to house our new Fine Arts Program. Next year we are looking forward to build in more collaborative time for teaching teams, and reintroducing our school library as the learning commons. We continue to surpass our expectations with these goals, and think smarter about our instructional practices. Next year, we will continue to embrace the teachings of the seven habits put forth in Covey's work entitled, "Leader in Me". I would like to invite two parents to our professional workshop on August 26th to learn more about this program.

A few new items for next year to note:

- Our focus will continue to be academic and leadership
- We will be using Fresh Grade as a system for reporting, and will be having parent meetings at the start of the school year to share its ability to gain a greater insight into the learning experiences of your children.
- We will diving into the new curriculum, and presenting new opportunities to our students learning more about the Aboriginal perspectives cross curricular areas, more learning about social competencies, and, more 'big ideas' to keep a child's sense of inquiry more about their 'choice' for what they want to know more about.

- We welcome new staff members, and say good bye to others. And two of our long time teachers will be changing grades – Mrs. Naka will be teaching gr. 4, and Mrs. Regan will be teaching Gr.3.
 - Change our field trip fundraising goal, in which the PAC fully funds, to more 'in house' field trips which allow the money raised to be spent on tangible items for our school (e.g. new playground equipment, PE equipment).
 - Our Learning Commons will be developing a "Maker Space" next year – allowing student's creativity and curiosity an area to flourish and take flight. Thank you for supporting a GREAT year at BME!! Thank you for the gift of your children. It has been a great year! Volunteer appreciation breakfast will be happening Wednesday, June 15th. The Grade 5 celebration evening will be happening also. On June 24th we will be having a play day and a free hot dog lunch picnic for all students. We will be adding a new portable outside for the Fine Arts program and for Ms. Detjen to use. We will also be getting a new vice principal in September. We will be saying goodbye to Mark Watson and saying hello to Nathen Elliot, (our new vice principal). From 9:30am--10:30am there will be a scavenger hunt for the new kindergarten students on the first day of school in September. Next year, the teachers will be getting one free field trip covered by the school and then the rest of the field trips will have to be paid for by either the PAC or by parents. There have been 4 trees donated to our school playground! After looking into it, it is going to cost \$3,000 to have the holes dug and the trees planted. Janet also wants to get some stand alone drums installed by the library windows. Also, some scooter racks need to be invented and installed. The playground committee is also looking to expand the current playground structure. The 4 new trees will provide some much needed shade on those hot sunny days. The playground committee is looking into new climbing structures for both primary students and intermediate students. August 26th and October 14th there will be Leader in Me training days. There is a possibility that a small amount of parents will be invited to attend.
6. Old Business:
- a) Fun Fair – We raised almost \$3900.00 at our Family Fun Fair! It was a huge success! Thank you to all volunteers for making our fun fair possible!
 - b) June Hot Dog Day – A Sign-Up Genius page is now online and available! We are in need of volunteers for the lemonade station and the watermelon station. Mrs. Williams also has a separate sign-up sheet in the office for Play Day and she still needs lots of parent volunteers to sign up to help at various stations throughout the day.
7. New Business:
- a) Welcome Back Snack – September 2016 – School will be open the last week of August for the staff. Lacey is trying to get some apples donated. Rachelle, Val, Dawn, Margherita, Lacey, Janelle, Bonnie-Lee are all volunteering to help put together the back to school snacks at the end of August. Coffee will be provided for all parents (it will be donated by Starbucks). Janet suggests that we ask Starbucks to donate snacks and coffee for all of our PAC meetings in the future. Other schools do this regularly.
8. Discussion and Items for Future Consideration – Allie motions to give Janet Williams \$2500.00 towards the Leader in Me Conference and training and anything else related. Motion passed. All in favor.

Next PAC Meeting is September 15th 2016

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz