

BME PAC Meeting

March 8, 2017



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Christina, Allie, Jamie, Lacey, Annie, Mark, Julee, Mike, Debbie, Bonnie-Lee, Carmelle, Dawn, Linette, Margherita, Cory, Janelle, Adrian, Magda and Janet

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda: Lacey adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Allie seconded it. Margherita adopted the agenda for this meeting and Dawn seconded it.
3. Introductions by Bonnie-Lee
4. Officer's Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: Nothing to report.
 - b) Vice President's Report: No report.
 - c) Treasurer's Report by Allie: Allie is looking into our monthly bank fees (\$20 a month). The fees are adding up quickly and Allie will look into whether she can get the fees lowered. Our current total cash position is \$13,789.18 . Allie motions to accept her own report.
 - d) Secretary's Report: We are looking for a new secretary for September. Please let Bonnie-Lee know if you are interested in this position.
 - e) Fundraising Report: We have raised \$4500 so far this school year. We have a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser happening right now. Orders are due March 17th. The hoedown raised \$370 in profit. There will be Greenery gift cards for sale soon. \$25 gift cards. They will be on sale in April, in time for Mother's Day. Our annual Fun Fair will be happening on the last Friday of May. On May 26th. Fortis BC light bulbs are still for sale. There are still lots left!
 - f) Hot Lunch Report by Linette: The hot lunch menus for the rest of the year should be up on the website hopefully by tomorrow. There have been 9,646 orders served so far this school year. Our total profit is \$14,896.79. We recently served Beet 'n' Boos soups. The chicken noodle soup was really good but the Thai soup and the chili was too spicy for some students. A lot of the soups were cold by the time the kids got them. And the buns were not exactly what we ordered (they sent pumpernickel and sourdough instead of whole wheat). The portion size was also much too small. Rachelle has emailed the owner of Beet N Boos and has given her our feedback.
 - g) Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee: No fruit and veggies will be delivered until April.
 - h) COPAC Report: Magda Waluga went to the COPAC meeting and took notes. Kevin Kardell (superintendent) spoke about the school district budget and some of the new changes that will be happening this fall. Two teachers from Rose Valley Elementary presented on "Our Children are Watching". All about politics and children being involved with politics. Some more presentations coming up. Parents can check the SD23 website for more details. A trustee member reported about some French immersion school changes that may be taking place in the near future. Our school district is at 104% capacity. They were expecting 300 new students this fall but now they are expecting 600 new students this fall. Lots of questions about where will all of the extra students go? The school district really wants more students to start learning about

voting so that once they become adults they are more comfortable voting and the numbers of young voters will go up. Usually voting starts being taught about in Grade 11. They are pushing to teach students about voting at a younger age.

i) Facebook/Communication Report by Dawn: All is going well with Facebook. Cory asked a question about Hot Lunch. Dawn replied that the last Monday of the month is the last day to order hot lunch for the next month.

j) Classroom Representatives Report: No reports.

5. Principal's Report by Janet: The hoe down was a big success. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event. Grade 5 basketball season has wrapped up. Cross country running for grade 4's and 5's. Hopefully after April we will start this. Floor hockey games have been going on at lunch time – Adrian Z. has been helping run this. Kelowna Rockets have recently visited. Clothing drive will be starting next week. Green bags will be coming home with your children. Fill them with clothes and drop them off at our school. Every year at spring break. The school receives \$2.50 per green bag. ELFF night was a big success. FSA's are done. Student Voice: The best thing about BME... 31% said The Adults. 16% said The Children (ex: Buddy Bench). 8% The Playground. 5% School Spirit. One thing I could change about BME: 34% voted about The Playground. 4% wanted longer recess/longer lunch. 11% more gym time. Very possible...next year we may possibly be having 19 divisions. More info about this new old language, province wide changes. Even though it's 2017, we will be going back to 2002 language. More discussion about these changes will be coming in April.

Students have been actively involved in many fun filled activities over the last two months

- Hoe Down (thank you)
- Gr. 5 basketball season
- Floor Hockey
- Reading Around the World – Virtual Field Trip
- A Visit from the Rockets
- Gr. 2/3's went to the RCA and Art Gallery (thank you)
- Big White After school ski program
- Roots of Empathy Program facilitated in our Kindergarten
- Family Get Active Nights hosted by the City of Kelowna
- Great citizenship activities and initiatives taking place – positive change to our community and the world
- Student- led Conferences
- Harmony Day
- Pink Shirt Day Assembly
- Earth Hour Assembly
- Clothing Drive
- Litter-less Lunches – recognizing and revisiting the work of parents and students at ensuring our landfills are not as full with our daily garbage
- School Wide Events
- Parent-Student Led Conferences/Open House
- Kindergarten Registration & ELFF Event
- FSA writing for gr. 4 students (the FSA booklets were just sent home with students this week)

We are beginning Term 3, and report cards will go home March 16th.
Items to note:

1. Student Voice – please see some of the data that the two question survey presented. This information will be important for celebrating our school community in our Community Learning Plan (which takes the place of our SPC School Plan); as well, it will help direct our future changes to our school (ex. mirrors and washroom stalls) Thank you to the parents as well – over 12% return based on our school population of 411.
2. Cross country running will be the new zonal sport for students in gr. 4 – 5. We have many staff who wishes to sponsor our BME running team – there will be a big event planned for the zone in May. Stay tuned.
3. Very tentative! We are beginning to plan for next year. We are anticipating 19 divisions. And, currently I have organized for six combined classes.
 - a. Parents are invited until the end of May to put in requests for classroom placements based on their child's learning needs. It is not an opportunity to request teachers.
 - b. We will have some teachers changing grades next year. We will be having one posting.
4. Our staff is committed to continue on our journey with the Leader in Me. We all find it a very valuable vehicle to move important learning forward. (Share out parent involvement).
5. Theme for April will be Healthy Eating and Family Groups:
 - a. Student initiatives will be in place for the last three weeks in April
 - a. As well, in April we will be seeing events like class photos, a cultural performance, spring fire drill practices, Earth Day celebration, toy swap, SMS parent meeting for gr. 5's, and gr. 3 swimming lessons.
6. Spotlight on Student Learning by Adrian Zuyderduyn – Critical Thinking – Critical Challenges. 6 of them. A series of lessons. What criteria make a great school? Simple machines. What makes a great car? Two teachers have taken this on and are doing this with their students currently.
7. Playground Committee Report: New colorful drums will be installed. The scooter rack is being stored until all of the snow is gone. Natural apparatus. Other apparatus. Zip line (18 feet), balance steps, monkey bars, and more drums. They presented a map of where these items will be installed on the playground. Wood chips are mandatory by the school district. The playground committee will ask again about wood chips. The students don't love wood chips and would like an alternate option. We have a new 1 year plan. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 in 1 year. May 2018 is our goal. Lacey has written up a letter and will start sending them out to businesses and developers and community members, asking for donations. Funding needs to be in by December. The rainbow drums are already ordered and should arrive in 3 weeks. One recommendation came up about possibly starting hot lunch fundraising for the playground. Ex: Pizza Fridays could go towards the new playground. If someone has a grant that they know about, please contact Jamie. If someone has a donation, please contact Lacey.

8. Old Business

a) Hoe Down Feedback

b) BBQ – someone has anonymously donated a Costco BBQ to our school! Yahoo!

c) PAC Executive Positions available for next year - Nominations will be in April.

Voting is in May.

9. New Business

a) Fun Fair – Friday, May 26, 2017

Mrs. Arlt and 2 students Maddox and Aidan. They came to the PAC meeting to thank us in person for purchasing the 4 curling sets for our school. The students are having so much fun using the new curling sets. They also gave us a personalized thank you card. The students also thanked Mrs. Arlt for all of her hard work helping them organize the purchase of these curling sets.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC meeting – Thursday, April 20th, 2017