

BME PAC Meeting

May 17, 2017



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Bonnie-Lee, Janet, Adrian, Dawn, Annie, Tara, Margherita, Rachelle, Jamie, Janelle, Jessica, Cory, Julee, Kyle, Vicki, Amandeep, Magda

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting: Jamie adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Rachelle 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: We received a letter from COBSS letting us know who will be receiving the bursary this year. Taylor Koenigbauer is the winning recipient this year.
  - b) Vice President's Report: No report.
  - c) Treasurer's Report: No report.
  - d) Secretary's Report: No report.
  - e) Fundraising Report by Margherita: \$270 was made from our Greenery gift card fundraiser. \$804 has been made so far from selling the Fortis BC light bulbs. There are still lots of light bulbs for sale, please let Margherita or Lacey know if you would like to purchase some.
  - f) Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle: 12,315 orders have been served so far this school year. \$20,012.55 has been made so far this school year. Boston Pizza has been sold to a new owner so they may not be on the menu this coming fall. Rachelle is looking for a new pasta vendor so if you know of a place that may be willing to work with us, please let Rachelle know. Only 2 days left to order Fun Fair BBQ tickets. You can order online through our hot lunch website.
  - g) Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee: Cucumbers were delivered and served last week. They were well received and a big success. There is one more fruit and veggie delivery happening at the end of May. Gala Apples. On May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - h) COPAC Report: Janet suggested that we ask 2 parents each month to attend the COPAC meeting on the first Monday of the month. She suggested that we purchase a \$10 Starbucks gift card as an incentive and hopefully that would generate some interest in having some new parents attend the meetings each month.
  - i) Facebook/Communication Report by Dawn: We hit 300 likes on our Facebook page! Dawn will be posting a contest on Facebook soon, encouraging new families to "like" our page. Stay tuned for the upcoming contest!
  - j) Classroom Representatives Report: Mrs. Richard's class won the water wise contest. They won a field trip to go on a tour of the lake and they will be learning all about water safety while they are on their tour. A representative from Science World will be joining them and giving them a lesson on water safety and pollution. Congratulations to Mrs. Richard's class!

5. Principal's Report by Janet Williams:

70 new kindergarten families will be arriving in September. 2 additional classrooms. Our portable and our multi-purpose room will be new classrooms. Janet received \$14,000 from the government and will be spending it on field trips and student planners in the fall. June 14<sup>th</sup> will be our volunteer appreciation event; a continental breakfast will be served. Suggestions made about donors for the playground committee donations. We could make a photobook of our playground construction and present that book to businesses that donate larger amounts. Mrs. Biro will be retiring in June.

Thank you parents for your time this evening – I know that this time of year is very busy, and the sun has been hard to enjoy lately – so it means a great deal that you are here this evening. As well, thank you to those who have held executive positions this year on our PAC. You amaze me with your energy, enthusiasm, and genuine care and concern for all the students in our community – not to mention the community building and rapport you bring to our families – those who are new, not so new, in need, or in crisis. You have done an amazing job this year and it has been a true privilege to work alongside all of you. Thank you!

The final term is always a busy time in schools, especially at Black Mountain Elementary. This week the weather didn't cooperate with us when our photographer was on site – we were only able to get the classroom shots done, not the panoramic or staff photo. This will be rescheduled for a later date which we will announce.

School Planning Council – this is a thing of the past – however, we are still mandated to report out as a school regarding our goals and learning focus for the upcoming school year. Please note the newest heading on our school website which highlights the learning done by our staff during our inquiry collaborative blocks of time (eg. Reading, Growth Mind Set, Freshgrade).

Please have a look and let me know what you think as it is still a work in progress.

It's hard to believe that next week we will welcome over 70 new kindergartens to BME for our orientation planned for Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

As we prepare to close out and celebrate the wonderful learning year for our students, we are planning and preparing for next year.

As mentioned in the newsletter, we will be having two additional divisions next year. We will have 4 kindergarten, 3 gr. 1, a gr. ½, 2 gr. 2 classes, a 2/3 class, 3 gr. 3 classes, and five intermediate classes of gr. 4 and gr. 5. We have a few teacher changes to mention – Mrs. Bury will be moving schools, and Mrs. Yutzy will be moving districts. Two of our new teachers have been hired for the additional classes – Mrs. Jody Crumb, Ms. Allison Meynell, and Ms. Jen Dacosta (Davidson Road).

We still have three temporary teaching assignments to hire for due to maternity/parental leaves). Student Learning Grant = \$14,000 will go towards offsetting parent costs towards field trips and student planners for the 2017-2018 year. During the final weeks, students will be provided with an opportunity to engage in special events. Although it is often a time for teachers to do “special things”, there are still many academic outcomes, and a great deal of learning to cover. We hope that good work habits, and the Leader In Me seven habits that have been established for all students continue in spite of the many distractions that springtime can bring.

With the longer days, children are more active, and involved in a variety of after-school activities. As a result, some children may postpone homework until it gets dark, but will be too tired to do their best. Parents can help by remembering to check your child's homework daily and following up with the school if you have any concerns, reinforcing good homework habits and encouraging your child to get their needed rest.

And, on behalf of our staff, we would like to welcome all volunteers to our school for June 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning to enjoy a continental style breakfast, and some student entertainment as a 'thank you' for your dedication to our learning community. This will be the same day as our Grade 5 celebration which will again be an evening event.

6. Spotlight on Student Learning – Mrs. Valiant’s Kindergarten class – by Adrian Zuyderduyn – Story writing workshop. Mrs. Valiant’s kindergarten class has been doing some impressive writing. Her kindergarten students are building a character with materials and then drawing the character and creating a story, with a plot and writing it in their journals. They are doing very well!
7. Old Business:
  - a) Fun Fair: We are still in need of a lot more volunteers to sign up for all of the stations at the Fun Fair. Please sign up online! We also need a lot more cakes donated for the Fun Fair Cake Walk. Please let us know if you can bring a cake! Classroom representatives will need to help put silent auction baskets together over the next few days. Our fun fair is coming up soon! Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm!
  - b) PAC Elections:

President: Julee Richmond wins by acclamation  
Vice President: Jamie Taverner wins by acclamation  
Secretary: Tara Stewart wins by acclamation  
Treasurer: Marissa Morin wins by acclamation  
COPAC Representative:  
Non-Elected Executive:  
Fruit & Veggie:  
Fundraising:  
Hot Lunch: Rachelle Couillard  
Facebook/Communication: Dawn Douglas
8. New Business
  - a) June Hot Dog Day June 23, 2017 – Janet will set up a volunteer sign up for this day.
  - b) Welcome Back Snack September 2017 – We need to start thinking about this now so that we can start planning for September. We will discuss it in more detail next month. Start thinking about ideas and what worked last year and what didn’t work last year.

Discussion and Items for Future Consideration:

Cory brought up the buddy bench. She was just wondering if it is still being used and if kids are aware of it. A couple of lunch hour supervisors said they haven’t seen the sign out lately. Janet Williams will look into this and make sure that the buddy bench sign continues to get put out on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm.

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2017