

BME PAC Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2015

Location: Learning Commons



Attendance: Val, Janelle, Donna, Julee, Allie, Bonnie-Lee, Janet, Lori, Jeanne, Rhonda, Stephanie, Cory

- 1) Call to Order at 6:01pm
- 2) Adopt minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting; Allie motioned to accept and Bonnie-Lee seconded it.
- 3) Introductions by Val
- 4) Officer's Reports:
 - a) Treasurer's Report by Allie: We currently have \$7,853 in our gaming account. We also have \$21,068 in our general account but Allie still has to pay Janet this week for everything owing. Janet will need a copy of Allie's June report for her year-end audit. Allie will get that to her. Allie motions to accept her own report.
 - b) Hot Lunch Report by Bonnie-Lee (on behalf of Rachelle): Rachelle will be looking at incorporating long weekends (Mondays being holidays) and possible hot lunch Tuesdays for next year.
 - c) COPAC Report by Cory: The Healthy Food Fair was moved to September 16th (it was supposed to be in May). COPAC is wondering what they are doing wrong. There are 41 schools in our district but there was only about 8 or 9 schools represented last month (usually there are around 20 people in attendance). They want more people to attend and more people to be involved. Do we want guest speakers? Would that help with attendance? Ideas for what they can do to get more people to come. If you have any suggestions, please let Cory know and she will pass it on. Bill 11 might be passed. COPAC still needs their vice president position and secretary position filled. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Cory know.
 - d) Fundraising Report by Julee: There are lots of volunteers now so that is great! They might bring the freezer outside and put it by the BBQ area so that they can serve the ice cream sundaes by the rest of the food. The RCMP constable that usually comes to our fun fair still hasn't returned our phone calls and emails so we don't know if we will have a RCMP presence. Allie has 11 confirmed vendors for Vendor Ally. There will be a cake walk/literacy walk; each winner will win a cake and a book. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. There is a possibility that we might have a dunk tank. Also, we will be judging the cakes for the cake walk. Please drop your cakes off before 5:00pm on Friday.
 - e) President's Report by Val: This coming Sunday from 1:00-3:00pm there will be a Cowboy Picnic at the Black Mountain Golf Course clubhouse parking lot. There will be chili served and a petting zoo and a talent show. Blue Sky residents get in by donation; other families from other neighborhoods will have to pay a \$10 donation upon entrance. There is also an Internet Safety Presentation for parents on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00pm-9:00pm at Spring Valley Middle School. Action: Dawn: please post this on Facebook.

- 5) Principal's Report by Janet: The final term is always a busy time in schools, especially at Black Mountain Elementary. Only 23 days of school left.

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 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.

Safety reminders: What to do if you were in the school during a fire alarm, or a lock down procedure?

Further, parents who enter into our school need to sign in at the office, and to be respectful not to wander into their children's class unannounced.

May's calendar was packed full. There have been many field trips, Apple Bowl track and field meet, a cultural presentation, 2nd annual Egg Drop (reinvented), and coming up our Bike to School Week, Gr. 6 Gardom Lake, and kindergarten orientation.

Mrs. Thibert left earlier this month to begin her new 'motherhood' journey. Mr. Lane Hardy joined our teaching team. And, Mrs. Lindsey Hamilton has been moved to Chute Lake Elementary to begin her administrative career in September.

The playground equipment cart has still not arrived but hopefully it will be here very soon. There are 400 students registered for this upcoming September, which would make 16 divisions (classes).

Our Hot Dog Fun Day is coming up on June 19th. This will be a year-end fun day with park and play inflatable's, hot dogs and hopefully sunshine.

And, on behalf of our staff, we would like to welcome all volunteers to our school for June 2nd in the morning to enjoy a continental style breakfast, and some student entertainment as a 'thank you' for your dedication to our learning community.

- 6) Ongoing Business

a) Fun Fair on May 29th. Val brought up the idea of us possibly volunteering at Belgo Elementary School's fun fair next year. And then maybe they could volunteer at our fun fair. That way we could take turns helping each other out and still be able to enjoy our own fun fair with our kids and not to have worry about volunteering all night at all of the different stations. Stephanie (a new parent who has a kindergarten student starting in September) teaches an ECE college course and has access to lots of volunteers for next year's events. Also, it would be a great idea for the rest of this school year and for next year, to job shadow the position you are going to be volunteering in.

7) New Business:

a) Voting for 2015/16 Executive PAC Members:

Bonnie-Lee Gorda has been voted in for next year's PAC President by acclamation.

Bonnie Siddon has been voted in by acclamation for next year's PAC Vice-President.

Janelle Schultz has been voted in for PAC Secretary by acclamation.

Allie Becker has been voted in for PAC Treasurer by acclamation.

COPAC representative position is still open!

Julee Richmond will be a Member at Large.

Stephanie Lapointe will be a Classroom Parent Rep.

Val Kurtenacker will be Fundraising Coordinator.

Rachelle Couillard will be Hot Lunch Coordinator.

Donna Dudych will be a Member at Large.

Jeanne H will also be a Member at Large.

Julee Richmond is interested in being the Fruit and Veggie coordinator for next year.

Past president is Val Kurtenacker.

Communications Coordinator is Dawn Douglas.

8) Discussion and items for future consideration

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next Meeting: June 4, 2015