



BME PAC Meeting

Nov 16, 2017

Location: BME Learning Commons

Attendance: Julee, Tara, Janet, Jamie, Dawn, Rachelle, Vikki, Crystal, John, Adrian, Christy, Jessica, Bonnie-Lee, Margherita, Michelle, Jeanne, Teresa, Melanie, Cory.

1. **Call to order/Attendance**

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

2. **Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting:** Rachelle adopted the minutes and Tara seconded them. Dawn adopted the agenda and Margherita Seconded them.

3. **Officer's Reports:**

a. **President's Report by Julee:** Date for pick up is Tues Nov 14th for book fair bin.

Jan 30, 2018 a Showcase on Learning will be at Rutland Senior Secondary . This general meeting includes 11 schools in the area, our family of schools. It will be from 6-7pm and showcase learning to see high school in a different light- With the option to have a 30 min PAC meeting after. This will be an event to attend. **ACTION DAWN** . We will keep our January meeting for the 18th and it will be a social at the Golf Course. No babysitting offered on Jan 18

b. **Vice President's Report by Jamie:** Parents night out Dec 7th - Movie Night to watch Bad Moms Christmas. We need help to spread the word about it to the parents. November 28th is the deadline to get tickets to have group seating.

c. **Treasurer's Report by Allie:** Total cash position is \$21,955.66. There is \$8429.40 in the business account. Book fair cheque needs to go out still. The snowshoes and cross country skis still need to be ordered. Budget items to be talked about.

d. **Secretary's Report by Tara:** Nothing to report.

e. **Fundraising's Report by Jessica (Lacey away and emailed her notes):**

Our photography fundraiser went great! A big shout out to Candice Johnston we raised \$725.00. Scholastic Book Fair was awesome. Thanks to everyone that came out and helped. Couldn't have done it without you. \$ 1432.36 is our profit for the book fair with an additional \$580 in free books which each teacher will get a few books that were not purchased off their wish list. All student orders have been handed out. Teacher wish list will go out soon.

Our Purdy's is in full swing with sales over 1,000! Just a reminder all Purdy's will be sent home with the child unless you contact Lacey at laceyandryan@shaw.ca . Purdy's due Nov 27th. Orders will go out Dec 18th.

Poinsettias total so far is at \$675 with 20 orders. Poinsettia orders are due Nov 22nd and pick up for these will be Dec 5th.

Reminder: We always have the ongoing Mables Labels. Don't forget to label that snow gear!

f. **Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle:** - January to March menus open soon. 333 kids signed up with \$4458 profit so far.

- g. Fruit and Veggie Report by Vicki:** - Apples on Halloween. Helper was Ethan who counted milk and delivered. Went fast still. Nov 23rd will be pears and Dec 5 will be oranges.
- h. COPAC report (no rep present)-** ADHD workshop coming up. Playground funding - no schools having to pay for playgrounds - not sure upgrades are included.
- i. Facebook/Communication Report by Dawn:** There has been steady activity with best year of so far. Total of 344 page likes. Impressions are at 2000 per week. Getting things posted quick. If you need anything posted send links/images. Get to know PAC exec is going good. Send yours in if you haven't yet.
- j. Classroom Representatives:** - This description has been sent out to all teachers:

Classroom Parent Reps (CPRs)

You are a new addition to the PAC team, Classroom Parent Representatives.

The Purpose: To have a liaison between the teacher and the parents and act as support if teacher requires.

The Role: To be established between the CPR and the teacher.

Most important first steps is for the teacher to obtain permission from each students guardian to share their contact information as per our privacy policy, and for the classroom rep to complete their criminal record check.

Possible ideas include:

- Organize classroom parties – what food is needed and who can bring
- Communicate reminders and news outside to other parents,
- Schedule volunteers as needed in the classroom – Sign-up Genius is a great tool,
- Help with scholastic book orders,
- Help organize paperwork that gets handed in such as field trip permission forms,
- Phone tree system (email) to inform parents of upcoming events or items needed in the classroom such as art or science ‘stuff’,
- Help inform parents of a lock down situation,
- Put up or take down a bulletin board,
- Art stations or in-class reading

How/What: This is up to the teacher and you. Would you like to meet in the morning, lunch, after school? Would you like to meet once a month or more? Would your teacher like a helper? Is that you or should you source other parents for help as needed?

The idea is to meet and be the teacher’s conduit to others as to what is happening at the class level, and what is needed. As the CPR you can give info to teachers from the PAC or vice versa, such as a wish list to the PAC on what would be useful to them. It is not meant to be intrusive just helpful. Every person is different so please tailor it as you find useful. This position is intended to help the teacher with the non-academic parts a teacher must do in the everyday running of a classroom.

3. Principal's Report by Janet Williams: Thank you to the entire parent volunteers for all of their help and support with the Scholastic book fair. Your efforts and support for literacy in our school is astounding. Many children, many families, and many teachers benefitted greatly from your volunteer time.

Our social justice campaign supporting the charity Run For Water is going strong – we have collected approx.. \$950.00 to date. The next school wide assembly, on Nov. 22nd, will be led by our gr. 1 leaders and will focus on the importance of water in our world. Parents and families are invited to join us on this day. Our next student initiated event will be our PJ Day in December. We are asking students to donate a toonie if they want to participate.

Our school counselor has invited parents to a morning learning session on the topic of anxiety. This meeting will also be a 'bridge' to allow some of more anxious students to work closely with Mrs. Martin for further support. Please let me know if there is another topic that may be of interest so that Vanessa Martin can continue on this path for supporting our school community and bridging the work between school and home.

This week I began supporting our gr. 4 students with the completion of the online assessment tool - Middle Years Development Index Assessment. The purpose of this study is to better understand and measure areas that contribute to children's well-being, health, and school success by asking children themselves about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in school and in the community. I have brought some of the data from last year to share out.

The Christmas concert date is confirmed for December 20th @ Willowpark Church (Students with last names K – Z from 5:00 – 6:00 pm/ A – J 7:00 – 8:00 pm with a Lights! Camera! Christmas theme. Pajama day and movie afternoon will be on Dec. 22nd.

Report cards will be coming out the second week of December. More of our teachers will be reporting using Fresh Grade, and all teachers will be reporting based on the Ministry's newest guidelines which follow with our Redesigned Curriculum. (Ex. Language Art – DPA – Science/Socials – Health Education – Art Education); They will be handed out on Dec. 15th which will provide parents an opportunity to discuss their child's progress with their child's teacher before the break.

The grade 5's were so happy to receive their hoodies – what a great unifying team symbol for them! Thank you for your support in making this 'financially tangible for all students who wanted one. The grade 5's are very excited about volleyball season – which is well underway – being sponsored by Ms. Angeard, Miss Meynell, and Mrs. Crumb.

Our gr. 3 curriculum has changed, and as such, the long standing O'Keefe's field trip will not be occurring. Instead, learning about landforms, and First People's principles will be highlighted in a 'field study' in Osoyoos, at the Desert Educational Centre. The date will be announced for May at a later time. Our Rutland Family Zone of Schools consists of 11 schools. On January 30th, we have proposed a 'Celebration of Wonder' evening in which families from each school are invited to participate in an exploratory inquiry about 'What happening in the Rutland schools?' night. This night will be from 6:00 – 7:00 pm – and PACs are encouraged to have their January meeting on this night – a room at RSS will be saved for it. Our goal is to show connections between our family of schools and our community; and to provide an opportunity for the community to celebrate student learning together. With our 'Begin With the End In Mind' philosophy, it is an exciting opportunity to have students and parents visit RSS to see

where their 13 years of school will lead to. We will be advertising this event – and we hope as many BME families as possible can show their support for our wonderful Rutland community!

4. **Spotlight on student learning Report by Adrian Zuyderduyn:** - Full Steam Ahead! Starting Nov 17th the children will be conductors of their own learning like a train. This will happen in the Learning commons and have 6 stations. Each child will do two of these per session. Some examples are using blocks and microscopes. This will be set up for all classes to come in. These ideas will be brought back into classrooms. We will be doing this again in the Spring.

5. **Playground Committee Report by Jamie:** - We have confirmed we got Westjet raffle tickets for playground enhancement. (Thank you to Tower Family) We have a quote to print and have a licence to sell under \$20,000. We want to do the draw at the Christmas concert, but time line is short so do draw at hoe down to give more time. Prize is 2 Westjet flights return anywhere they fly. We will be selling tickets 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. There will be 1200 printed. Will have policies and no booklets going home with students.
Current total for playground \$7000.
Scooter Rack and Drums unable to install due to snow. Pour concrete pads. First phase in spring.

6. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Garden** –Janet shared her thoughts- Innovation center has living wall with baskets. Looking for best idea for a garden at our school for all children. Looking for someone who wants to find a garden plan for us. Crystal Brown will take this on.
 - b. **Internet Safety** - The liaison officer will be coming in to present to kids. Parents would be able to go to this presentation.
 - c. **Spirit Wear** - Order has gone in - Will arrive in 2-3 weeks.
Grade 5 Hoodies have been handed out.

7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Staff Lunch Dec 21.** We will have \$350 left for teacher appreciation lunches. LaCucina for staff lunch. We will do a second dinner on the night of the Christmas concert. We will spend \$200 on sushi /finger food for teachers. Beverages will be supplied by Janet.
Bonnie-Lee Motioned to spend \$200 on dinner. Rachele Seconded this motion. Accepted by show of hands by all.
 - b. **Health & Safety Position** - We will be adding a person back in for this to deal with highway concerns - Rachele motioned to vote Crystal Brown in for this position and Bonnie-Lee Seconded it. Crystal Brown is voted in by acclamation for health and safety by show of hands by all.
 - c. **Hwy Safety** - Emails going around for concerns for speed and lack of signage. We will be increasing signs but cannot make it a school zone.
Concerns:
 1. **Loseth/Kloppenbug has no crosswalks .**
A work order was sent for crosswalk, but this was shut down because it is a marked 4 way stop already. We have contacted the RCMP learned about a program called safe routes for schools Okanagan that other schools are doing. This is a person who is assigned to create a safety plan for the school. This is an 18 month process for a working document and has to go through the City and RCMP. Interior health, principal, and parents will need to do walk abouts to improve safety for kids. This will improve activity level for kids and decrease the number of traffic vehicles on school property. Looking into getting funding for this. They do 2 schools per year and we will be one of them.

2. Highway Speed

Awareness - Images posted of speed limit.

Enforcement - Volunteer police department came and it was unsafe to park on highway

City of Kelowna says no because it is a provincial hwy.

Highway Ministry -More signage to be put up including school crossing signs and a speed reader sign to make drivers aware of their speed.

Semi truck or big vehicles coming down the highway do not slow down to 60km and would not be able to stop in time if needed.

Anyone can go to the City of Kelowna website and do a work request.

First priority is clearing the hill out the entrance and the intersection of Gallagher Rd/Hwy.

We will be sending out a survey to hear parents concerns.

8. Discussion and items for future consideration

Fresh Grade - Report Cards

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Minutes prepared by Tara Stewart

NEXT PAC MEETING – December 14 @ 6pm