

BME PAC Meeting

November 17, 2016



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Bonnie-Lee, Allie, Margherita, Tara, Jamie, Marissa, Jeanne, Bonnie, Adrian, Janet, Dawn, Annie, Mark, Kristy, Rachelle, Julee, Cory and Janelle

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting: Dawn adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Margherita seconded it. Rachelle adopted the agenda for this meeting and Allie seconded it.
3. Introductions by Bonnie-Lee
4. Mrs. Arlt and Grade 5 Students: Three Grade 5 students, on behalf of all students, are asking for 3 full sets of curling kits. The cost is approx. \$1600. It is called a Floor Curl Starter Kit. One curling kit includes 8 floor curl rocks with a carrying case and 2 target mats (houses) with a carrying case. It would cost \$549 for one kit. Mrs. Arlt will look into getting more than one quote to see if there are better prices out there.
5. Officer's Reports:
  - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: Nothing new to report.
  - b) Vice President's Report: Nothing new to report.
  - c) Treasurer's Report by Allie: Our gaming grant is now in the account. \$8,100. Allie has now opened a separate playground account. There is currently \$9,188.93 in our general account. Our total cash position is \$17,603.45. We have now paid for the teacher's discretionary funds and the school planners. Allie motioned to accept her own report.
  - d) Secretary Report: Nothing new to report.
  - e) Fundraising Report by Bonnie-Lee: The Scholastic Book Fair went great! Thank you to all parent volunteers who helped make it a success! We raised \$1474 in cash and we also received \$600 in free books. We were able to order the remainder of all of the teacher's wish lists. There has been \$963 dollars sold in Purdy's Chocolates so far. Our profit on that is \$240.
  - f) Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle: So far we have raised \$5031.97!!! 3476 meals have been served so far! 321 students are now signed up for our hot lunch program! Our new vendor Beet 'n' Boo's went over really well! We will use them again! Thank you so much to all of our hot lunch volunteers!
  - g) Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee: Milk deliveries have been cancelled for now. The apples went over really well. There were a few different apple varieties so Julee handed out one variety to each class. For example, one class got Fuji apples; one class got gala apples, etc. Mandarin oranges will be delivered at the end of November.
  - h) COPAC Report by Christine: There will be a report coming out about the recent Abbotsford lockdown. It only took 90 seconds for the school lockdown. There are some parent workshops coming soon. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be an Anxiety workshop. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be another workshop. There are 325 seats available for that workshop. 9 ways to bring the best

out in your child and yourself. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a workshop supporting student mental wellness. On April 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be another workshop. The topic is TBD. There will be no COPAC meeting in December. You can register online for all of these workshops.

i) Facebook/Communications Report by Dawn: We now have 264 likes on our Facebook page. There has been lots of interaction lately and there are lots of questions being asked. Please let Dawn know if you have an idea about something that needs to be posted.

j) Classroom Representatives: Some Fresh Grade confusion. Mrs. Dick asked the parents of her class if they had any questions about Fresh Grade. She wasn't sure if there were viewing the photos she was posting because no one was commenting on them. The teachers would really like to see more parents posting detailed comments on the photos!

6. 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!

You may notice our new addition of technology in our learning commons – this is our Virtual Field Trip equipment. Mr. Zuyderduyn will explain...There have been 2 Virtual Field Trips already. Mrs. Naka's class attended the first one, which was at a museum in Virginia. It was a 1 hour virtual field trip. There are a few more upcoming virtual field trips already scheduled: Arms, armor, Cleveland museum, a penguin one, a human show, a look at your gross anatomy... Mar Jok Elementary School and Chute Lake Elementary School are also taking part in this virtual field trip program.

Our social justice campaign supporting Heart to Heart orphanage in Haiti is going strong – we have collected approx. \$2700.00 to date. Our next student initiated event is "Crazy Hair/Mustache Day" on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. We are asking students to donate a toonie if they want to participate. And the next bottle drive will be on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, a Christmas tree chipping service will be offered in January by donation for Haiti.

Our school counselor has initiated some morning workshop sessions on the topic of anxiety for parents and these have been well attended. 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.

Next week I will be taking the Grade 4's through the Middle Years Development Index Assessment. If you recall, I shared statistics from this report at the first PAC meeting. 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 will bring these results back to a future PAC meeting.

The Christmas concert dates and times have now been organized. Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Willow Park Church (Students with last names A – J from 5:00 – 6:00 pm/ K – Z 6:45 – 7:45 pm with "A Beary Merry Christmas" theme.

Pajama day and a pancake breakfast on December 16th. Janet would like to suggest serving the pancakes another way, on trolleys. Pancakes will be served at 9:00 am. All students will be in the gym at the same time. Parents will set up the evening before. Parent volunteers are needed!

Report cards will be coming out shortly. Some of the teachers will be reporting using Freshgrade 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 December 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Again, there will not be an overnight trip for the Grade 5 students - Just a day trip. Janet will be using the money we raise to celebrate the Grade 5 students appropriately.

Report cards will be handed out on December 9<sup>th</sup>. They will look a little bit different this year because the templates are different.

7. Spotlight on Student Learning: School Budget 2016/2017. Total budget 2.3 million. Janet passed around the budget breakdown for us to read over. Janet also passed out the Code of Conduct pamphlet. There has been one change made on the third paragraph about respecting the rights of all individuals in accordance with the law.
8. Old Business: (already discussed earlier)
9. New Business:
  - a) Staff Luncheon: On December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be putting on a BME Staff Luncheon. We will need some parent volunteers for that. We are thinking of providing a healthier option for everyone. Possibly a stir fry meal option. Lots of veggies and maybe a chicken option too. Yamato's could also provide some sushi at \$8.50/person. There are 45 staff members to feed. Beet and Boo's could provide the stir fry meal. Yamato's would provide the sushi. Parents could donate salads, fruit trays and some Christmas baking. Allie made a motion that we should spend an extra \$200 on the staff luncheon. Rachele seconded it. All in favor. Unanimous vote. Dawn will post a Sign up genius link soon.
  - b) Pancake Breakfast – December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Set up after school on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Parent volunteers will be needed on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> to serve the pancakes and juice. A Sign up genius link will be coming soon. 7 am start time to start cooking pancakes. Serving pancakes will begin at 9am. We will need at least 6 people to lend us their griddles.
  - c) Resource Room Requests: They are requesting \$500 from us to purchase some extra items for the resource room. (There are 21 students designated with special needs). Silly putty, math assessments, dry erase markers, national geographic books, etc. Bonnie-Lee would like to make a motion to supply the resource room with the requested \$500. Cory seconded it. All in favor.
10. Discussion and Items for Future Consideration

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm