

BME PAC Meeting

October 19, 2016



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Bonnie-Lee, Janelle, Rachelle, Adrian, Christina, Tara, Stacey, Christy, Allie, Margherita, Carmelle, Dawn, Val, Nicole, Ben, Jeanne, Leah, Mike, Debbie, Jocelyn, Cory, Julee, Lacey, Linette, Janet and Carley

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting: Dawn adopted the minutes from the last meeting and Rachelle seconded it. Margherita adopted the agenda for this meeting and Linette seconded it.
3. Introductions by Bonnie-Lee
4. Officer's Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: Welcome to everyone who is here!
 - b) Fundraising Report by Margherita: We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair November 1st to November 3rd. We raised \$1500 last year from the book fair and we are hoping that this year's book fair will also be a big success. Many of the teachers will be posting book wish lists for their classrooms. If you wish to purchase a book for a classroom, that would be great. If you are available to help out at the book fair in November please sign up at the office or online. There will also be a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser happening in November.
 - c) Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle: Our hot lunch program is going well! We currently have 290 students signed up! We have brought in \$3450 in profits already! On Hot dog day we raised \$590!! 89% of September has been paid. 2401 meals have already been served this school year! Beet N Boo's will be our new vendor coming up in November. Rachelle is looking for feedback from parents and students as to whether the students like them. If they do, we will add them to the menu again in the future. It's a mother daughter company in town, everything is homemade. Rachelle is getting lots of parent volunteers coming to help! Thank you
 - d) Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee: Cucumbers were well received! They were easy to hand out. November 1st will be carrots. Mandarin oranges will be handed out at the end of November
 - e) COPAC: November 5th COPAC parent conference. 9am-4pm
 - f) Facebook/Communications Report by Dawn: 261 likes on Facebook, lots of interactions and lots of posts! Lots of comments with lots of questions. Engagement is increasing!

g) Classroom Representatives: We have now filled all of the classroom rep spots. 12 teachers wanted classroom reps and those spots have all been filled! Lacey presented at the last staff meeting, letting teachers know what is all involved.

5. Principal's Report by Janet Williams:

a) We welcome Mr. Adrian Zuyderduyn as our new Vice Principal. He is currently working each Wednesday at BME, while he is covering a medical leave at KSS. We anticipate he will be at BME in a full time capacity beginning in November.

b) The trees on our playground were donated by Bylands Nursery – thank you to the Playground Committee for supporting our students' vision and requests for 'more shade'.

c) Thank you for honoring the work of our BME educators on World's Teacher Day on October 5th!

The breakfast was a real treat and was very much appreciated.

d) Our school will be joining a few others in the district in a prototype project (like a pilot project) using Virtual Field Trip technology beginning in November. This \$2000.00 worth of equipment will allow teachers to plan wonderful trips abroad (ex: NASA, Drumheller Dinosaur Museum, Whale watching tours) right from the comfort of our Learning Commons.

e) Freshgrade is one method of communicating student learning. Some of BME's teachers will be using this method for Term 1 Report. Parents will receive a report card, however, the weekly pieces of evidence, and assessments emailed/uploaded will serve as the evidence of "What the student is able to do", and the comments will share out "areas in the student learning which require further attention or development". Mrs. Williams, Mr. Zuyderduyn, Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Crumb, our teacher leaders, will lead a parent information night on Nov. 1st at 6:30 pm to answer questions and to discuss the capabilities of this web-based tool to communicate learning.

f) We will continue to learn about The Leader in Me this year – as we have renewed our journey, and continue to improve the culture of our school with these 7 Habits. This Friday, teachers, CEAs and some parents will come together in a workshop session to learn more.

g) Our Christmas Concert will not be presented in BME's gym this year. We will be putting on our show at Willow Park Church on Hwy 33. There are three main reasons for this decision: i) we were unable to get a stage for our event as we had in our past years; ii) we have tried three night performances, and two night performances with much positive as negative feedback from parents (particularly, not enough seating, unhappiness for parents who have to come to more than one night), iii) the rented venue will have better parking, more seating, a sound system operator, ushers, and parking lot attendants to support the event. There are two shows on one night.

5:00 - 6:00 pm (Students from A - J)

6:45 - 7:45 pm (Students from K - Z)

6. Spotlight on Student Learning – Leader In Me: The 7 Habits of Happy Kids: Be Proactive, Begin With the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, Synergize, Sharpen the Saw.
7. Old Business
 - a) COPAC Representative – Allie motions to vote in Kristy Anrushuck as COPAC Rep. Lacey and Julee accepted the motion. All in favor.
 - b) Goals for the Year: Field Trips, Fine Arts (Music and Drama), New technology for the Fine Arts portable (Red Cat System and Smart Board), Teacher Discretionary Funds, Agendas/Planners for Grades 1-5, In-school Field Trips, Learning Commons enhancements and Author Visits. Also, a new playground fund will be established.
 - c) Spirit Wear – Grade 5 Hoodie order forms have gone out to parents, orders are due back tomorrow. There will be shirts, sweatpants, ball caps and new water bottles,
 - d) Classroom Representatives
8. New Business
 - a) Budget Report by Allie: Our current cash position is \$27,423.98. \$8,000 of that comes from the BC Gaming Grant. Carly Joyce (a grade 3 teacher) said on behalf of all teachers, thank you so much for the teacher’s discretionary funds. They really appreciate that extra money. Allie motions to vote the budget in, as it stands. Currently, we have \$19,720.47 in our account. Most of it was from the gaming grant. Dawn and Lacey motion to accept Allie’s budget report. All in favor.
 - b) Scholastic Book Fair – November 1-3, 2016. We are still looking for more volunteers.
9. Discussion and Items for Future Consideration: Val Kurtenacker requested a dust buster or small vacuum for the resource room. We received a request from a group of grade 5’s that are looking for 4 more safety vests. It will cost under \$100. A group of students wrote a letter to the gas station owners asking them to paint the door that has bad language written on it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting – Thursday November 17, 2016