

## BME PAC Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2014

Location: Library

Attendance: Allie, Jaime, Lori, Julee, Janelle, Val, Dana, Lacey, Dawn, Bonnie-Lee, Cory, Melissa, Janet & Margherita

- 1) Call to order at 6:05pm
- 2) Adopt Minutes from last meeting and agenda for this one: Bonnie Lee motioned & Allie seconded it.
- 3) Introductions by Val
- 4) Officer's Reports:
  - a) Treasurer's Report by Allie (financial summary handout): We have now received our gaming grant in the amount of \$7740. We previously decided that we would like to spend our gaming grant money on the student's PE Field Trips. Last year we spent approximately \$15,000 on technology for the classrooms. (proposed BME PAC budget handout) Allie went over each item on the list in detail and we discussed the handout. Allie motions to accept the proposed budget. Julee seconds. All in favor. We have 5 outstanding hot lunch accounts from last year (totaling approx. \$200). Allie motioned to write off 2 of those accounts because those families have left our school. Bonnie-Lee seconds it. All in favor.
  - b) Fundraising Report by Julee: Mabel's Labels is still going on. A great way to organize your children's belongings. Candice Johnson Photography did family photos last weekend and that went okay. Only 4 families participated so we discussed why that may be. There will be another family photo shoot happening in November. Some parents said they didn't receive enough information about the photo shoot and so next month we will be advertising it better and in more detail.
  - c) COPAC Report by Cory: Parents can attend Pro-D Day seminars if they wish; cost is \$35. There is a list of parent education workshops and resources for all parents on the COPAC website. The school district and the government are working towards providing government funded daycare for parents with younger kids. It is in the works. There is a fall conference coming up for COPAC if anyone is interested in attending please let Cory know. The vice-president has been temporarily filling in for the president and has now taken on the president's role. Cory mentioned ideas for getting more parents to attend PAC meetings. Some new ideas were holding a draw for free hot lunch. There is also a COPAC Facebook page that has some great info on it.
  - d) Hot Lunch Report by Bonnie-Lee: The server went down on Tuesday so anyone that put in an order on Tuesday needs to go back online and redo their order. The server was down for about 12 hours. Bonnie-Lee had to redo her Purdy ordering forms. Please contact Bonnie-Lee if you have any questions about whether your hot lunch order went through on Tuesday or not. Action: Talk to Rachelle about possibly sending out email reminders about upcoming Hot Lunch payment due dates (usually the last Monday of the month payment is due for the upcoming month).
  - e) Communications Report by Dawn: We have 105 likes now on our Facebook page! Dawn is trying to post things regularly which will then be seen by her friends, and if other people like the post, then their friends will see it, and so on and so forth.
  - f) President's Report by Val: We received a thank you card from the BME staff for the World Teacher's Day appreciation breakfast. Val brought up the recycling program again. Janet explained that they have tried that program before but it ended up just being a sticky mess (long story short).

5) Principal's Report by Janet:

1. Thank you for providing the funds to share in the SOLOS workshop for parents at our school. I found the workshop insightful, and educational.
2. As well, thank you for the contribution of \$75.00 per classroom teacher for their classroom incentive budgets – they truly appreciate and value this fund. As well, it was a very kind and thoughtful gesture on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to have my teaching staff presented with a continental breakfast that kept them nibbling all day long in honor of World Teacher Day!
3. Our recent parent/teacher open house was well received and well attended by our families. The students were shining as they shared their successes and new classroom environments with their parents.
4. We will be having the following events coming up in the next few weeks:
  - a. DEAR Day – Drop Everything and Read Day (Pajama Day on Tuesday)
  - b. Halloween Festivities – each class is doing something different
  - c. Gr. 4 Swimming Lessons – the next five Wednesday afternoons in a row
  - d. Mind Up and Fun Friends – facilitated by Big Brothers and Big Sisters in our gr. 2/3, gr. 3, and gr. 1/2 classrooms
5. A HUGE thank you to Ms. Detjen for taking our gr. 6 student reps (10 of them) to Vancouver for We Day 2014. The work that this will lead to will guide our students in active citizenship roles throughout the year.
6. Looking for feedback from the parent population with regard to our school photos. Your feedback guides which company we do business with here at BME. Retakes are scheduled for Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.
7. Surveillance Cameras are coming to BME in the early New Year. I will keep you posted on the impacts this will have on our school community.
8. We have three ETEP Student Teachers at our school this year – Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Koch, and Mrs. Richards have taken on the mentorship role with these new to the profession teachers.
9. Remembrance Day – our Peace Assembly will be held on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 am. All parents/families are invited to attend this student led assembly.
10. First Family Active Night, hosted by the City of Kelowna, will be held at BME on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
11. The end of November will see the end of term1 reporting period. The teachers will be assessing based on the Provincial Learning Outcomes covered at that point in time.
12. Parking Lot – continues to be somewhat congested at the end of the day – morning is more smooth; thank you to the group of dedicated parents who lend a hand, directing and gently reminding parents of the protocols. Our parking lot design was altered for the better, based on parent input, at the beginning of October.

Summary Notes and Discussion on Principal's Report: Tuesday will be a pajama day (Reading day). Janet is looking for feedback about the kid's school photos. Were parents happy with the results? Should we continue using Life Touch? Photo retake day is November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have a preschool aged child and you would like his/her photo taken, bring them in first thing in the morning on November 5<sup>th</sup>. We had a discussion about the small fenced area (which used to be the preschool play area). Some talk about turning it into a possible garden in the future? More discussion about the teenagers that have been seen hanging around the school grounds in the evenings. If you ever see anyone hanging around please call the RCMP immediately. There continues to be vandalism happening almost every weekend and it is becoming quite an ordeal. Security cameras for the outside of the school building have now been ordered and should be installed in the springtime. There has also been some dog walking going on our property after school hours and they have been leaving quite a mess in the fields regularly. There are no dogs allowed on

the property! If you see people walking their dogs on school grounds please ask them to leave or let Janet know. On Wednesdays, intermediate students will be allowed on the playground and in the sandboxes along with the primary students.

13. Ongoing Business:

- a) Feedback on Solos Workshop: It was a great presentation but the attendance was low. The Solos workshop will be coming back to Kelowna again in the near future and Janet will let us know a date as soon as she finds out.
- b) Results of Vote for Goals: PE Field Trips, Money for Fine Arts, Playground (long term project of getting more equipment)

14. New Business

- a) Budget (Allie covered this in her Treasurer's report)

15. Discussion and items for future consideration: Importance and safety of our students wearing helmets. Mr. Nickel was hit by a truck on Tuesday and thankfully he is okay. Thanks to his helmet! We would like RCMP Constable Josephson to come back to our school again to talk about the RCMP presence in our community. Janet is looking for some parent input for more innovative ideas to get students thinking and using their brains. You can go onto the school website and look under Attributes to see more information about this topic. Fortis BC offers a power point presentation where they will come to the school and present some safety instructions to the students.

Meeting ended at 7:18pm

Next PAC Meeting will be Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Library (childcare will be provided)

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz