

BME PAC Meeting

September 22, 2016



Location: Learning Commons

Attendance: Dawn, Colleen, Stacey, Mike, Jamie, Lacey, Denise, Margherita, Kim, Melanie, Carla, Stephanie, Jeanne, Christy, Blair, Linette, Rachelle, Allie, Janelle, Julee, Bonnie, Jamie, Annie, Reg, Dana, Bobby, Marissa, Jessica, Debbie, Rhonda, Zoe, Bonnie-Lee, Angela, Sabrina, Katie, Cory and Janet

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting: Julee adopted the minutes and Rachelle seconded it. Lacey adopted the agenda and Margherita seconded it.
3. Introductions by Bonnie-Lee
4. Officer's Reports:
 - a) President's Report by Bonnie-Lee: We received a nice thank you card from Chris Polacco, who was the recipient of our bursary of \$500.
 - b) Vice President's Report: Thank you everyone for coming out tonight; lots of new faces. Very exciting!
 - c) Treasurer's Report by Allie: We receive \$20 per student from Gaming BC, which goes into our gaming account. We currently have around \$300 in the account right now. We are waiting for this year's gaming grant to come in, which should be around \$8,000. Last year we raised \$19,000 from our hot lunch program alone. Last year we paid over \$31,000 to the school. Our current total cash position is \$6,503.25. Allie motions to accept to her own report.
 - d) Secretary Report: Nothing new to report.
 - e) Fundraising Report by Lacey: The Mabel's Labels fundraiser is still going on! We have already received a cheque for \$56. There are still 6 spots left for the Candice Johnson photography session at the beginning of October. You pay \$25 for the session and will receive a free 8x10. If you want to purchase all of the photos you have the option to do that. In November we will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair. On October 31st the books will arrive at our school. The book fair will be open from Nov 1st – Nov 3rd. We will need volunteers to help run the book fair as well as set everything up and take everything down. Please contact a PAC executive member if you are available to help. There will be a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser in November and December. And at the end of May, we will host our annual Fun Fair! The date is May 26th.
 - f) Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle: Thank you for last year. We served 11,614 lunches last year. And we raised \$19,000! Rachelle is always looking for volunteers to help serve hot lunch on Mondays and Fridays. If you are interested in helping deliver hot lunches to the classrooms, please let Rachelle know. 252 kids are already signed up this year. Last year we had 384 kids signed up. We have already made over \$600! The menus are all open until the end of December. You can order online or by paper forms which are at the office. We are trying some new vendors this year and Rachelle is looking for feedback on all vendors. McDonald's has improved their chicken nuggets so we have added them to our menu this year. We will be using our own sauces though. Rachelle is always looking for feedback on our menu items and vendors.

g) Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee: Peaches were delivered as well as milk. Bartlett Pears are next. It's a free program that BC offers. Fruit and Veggies get delivered on Mondays and then they are handed out to classrooms on Tuesdays. The info is usually posted on our BME PAC Facebook page.

h) COPAC:

i) Facebook/Communications Report by Dawn: 255 likes so far on our Facebook page! It keeps parents informed about the entire on goings at BME. If you subscribe to the page it will be the first thing on your news feed.

j) Classroom Representatives: Lacey explained what a classroom representative is and what she did last year with her kid's teacher's classrooms. Name tags will most likely be handed out for classroom representatives. The teachers discussed this at their staff meeting today and Janet will let us know in a few days which teachers would like a classroom rep and which don't.

5. Principal's Report by Janet Williams: Janet introduced Jen Detjen, our Fine Arts teacher. Thank you to everyone who is here.

Thank you for supporting our very smooth start up for school this year. You did such a great job at welcoming all of our students and parents – new and returning! Some of you did extra duty that day helping make our kindergarten scavenger hunt a great success! I had lots of great feedback from our new families! Everyone is settled in and learning is in full swing at BME!

I know that student success has a direct correlation with happiness – happy, confident kids are the best learners. And, it is my vision to nurture a school community where all students feel safe, valued and connected. In fact, by moving ahead with our 'leadership' focus this year – we are instilling in kids a love of leading with their hands, head, and heart!

For instance, we are going to have some classes, in kindergarten and gr. 4/5 support orphaned children in Haiti this year through the Heart 2 Heart foundation. The goal is to teach 'social justice' versus charity. It will give them a sense of appreciation of a greater cause – a long term project, rather than a 'one off' focus.

We have welcomed 408 students to our school this year – 26 new students from various parts of the Okanagan, BC, and Alberta. We still have some wiggle room – but class compositions and balances are on par.

We continue to have our school goals at the forefront of our decisions and our plans for the year (Shared out our Plan on a Page).

Show our BME Website – new electronic version of Learning Outcomes. (saving paper Allie); Leader in Me; Fresh Grade (11 divisions are on board) – parent session on Nov. 2nd (after the book fair closes).

I am so very proud, and very excited about the new school year, working with all of you, and continuing to provide, to learn, and to grow great learning experience and environment for all our students

6. Spotlight on Student Learning: MDI Results - Middle Years Development Instrument.

EDI – Early Years Development Index.

7. Playground Committee Report by Jamie: 5 year plan which will cost approximately \$100,000 (including labor and install costs – about half and half). Jamie handed out a proposal paper. Janet will be having another playground committee meeting so if you are interested in being a part of this, please let Janet know. Trees are coming soon – to provide more shade! Also, we are getting a scooter rack soon!

8. Old Business

a) Welcome Back Snack – It was great! One comment about the coffee lineup being too long.

9. New Business

a) COPAC Representative – Voting In

b) Goals for the Year:

Field Trips

How Canada Came to Be Field Trip

Learning Commons Expansion

Author Visits

Music Program Expansion

Red Cat System and Smart Board for Portable

Teacher Discretionary Funds

Grade 5 Celebration/Hoodies

c) Spirit Wear – We will be sending out order forms so if you are interested in purchasing spirit wear, you can. We will be adding sweat pants and toques. And also new water bottles.

d) World Teacher Day – Wednesday, October 5th. We will bring in breakfast for all of the teachers. Set up needs to happen before 8:30am. We will have bagels, fruit, coffee and juice. We will need a few parent volunteers to help set it up that morning. Please let us know if you are available to help out.

10. PAC DRAW

11. Discussion and Items for Future Consideration

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz

Next PAC Meeting – Wednesday October 19, 2016