

**Black Mountain Elementary
PAC Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2014**



Attendance: Angela, Donna, Val, April, Margherita, Janet, Julee, Rhonda, Cory, Dawn

- 1) Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Val.
- 2) Last month's minutes were presented and Dawn made a motion to accept minutes as prepared, Julee seconded and motion passed. Angela made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Dawn seconded and motion passed.
- 3) Introductions of attendees were done.
- 4) a) Treasurer's Report - no report
b) Hot Lunch Report – no report but all good
c) COPAC – Cory presented more resolutions for members to respond to. She reported the percentages of graduation, which were 91% of females, 86% of males and 73% of aboriginals. The average for class sizes for Kindergarten is 20.2 children, grades 1-3 is 22.6, grades 4-7 is 25.3 and grades 8-12 is 22.9. There was a lot of good treasury info presented in Nanaimo. There is an on-line programming course available for students with no cost found at <http://code.org>. She presented a “buddy bench” idea for students which Janet will survey students about to see if there is a need for such in our school. Pearson Elementary is working on a Family Hub Proposal.
d) Communications Report – Dawn reported a lot more action on the Facebook page.
e) Fundraising Report – Julee reported approximate sales at \$725.00 for poinsettias, \$986.00 for Purdy's Chocolates and \$200.00 for family photos. A request was put in with Janet's help for the Warm Hearts Campaign. A registered charity number would be a great idea for the PAC to have, which is being looked into. Target has been contacted and will supply volunteers for our Family Fun Night. Other companies do this as well and also donate funds to organizations like PACs; in particular we are looking for a Scotia Bank parent connection. Magazine fundraiser and cookie dough fundraiser by QSP will start on January 15th.
f) SPC Report – Angela reported that in January, the committee will look at first term report cards. The committee is also looking to revamp the Mission Statement and overhaul the school motto, which is from 1997.

- 5) All students now receive emails from the school. Report cards will be issued on December 12th. Learning level at BME is good. Parent Teacher conferences will be in January. Christmas concert is on three nights, December 10-12th and PE will be moved to the MPR that week. Pancake breakfast is set for December 18th. Beatrice shaving her head made the news! The Learning Commons hours have expanded as per newsletter. Carolling will take place December 15-18th in the mornings. Raffle baskets will be drawn at each night of the concert-tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 ACTION: Val. Grade configurations of K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 were discussed.
- 6)
 - a) Principal Janet did a survey of concerns and comments about the new school configuration and collected comments.
 - b) See Principal's report; no day performances.
 - c) The teacher's luncheon is planned for Friday, December 19th and will be purchased from Hillcrest Market. Baking will be asked for from parents/guardians.
 - d) Volunteers are still needed for the pancake breakfast and can let the office know if they are available.
- 7) No new business.
- 8) Future items for Discussion: The Parking Lot.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Minutes prepared by Donna Dudych