



## **BME PAC Meeting**

**Sept 21, 2017**

**Location: BME Learning Commons**

Attendance:

1. Call to Order/Attendance - Julee, Bonnie-Lee, Adrian, Allie, Dawn, Annie, Stacey, Janet, Michelle, Jessica, Margherita, Lacey, Christina, Tara, Janelle, Jocelyn, Nikke, Carmelle, Linette, Rachelle, Jackie, Laurisse, Jared, Amie, Byron, Eva, Teresa, Christy, Claire, Crystal, Ryan, Jamie, Leah, Mary, Cory, Crystal  
Called to order at 6:07
2. Adopt the Minutes and Agenda for this meeting - Lacey and Dawn adopted the minutes and adopted the agenda
3. Introduction/icebreaker - We want to make sure everyone feels welcome and the president wants to be a great listener this year. Jelly bean game to show peoples personalities.
4. Officer's Report - We would like to gather ideas and get feedback from parents. Created a list to be picked in order of importance so we know where people's focus is this year.
  - a. President report by Julee - Received some Thank you cards from Natasha Guidi, and Taylor Koenigbauer/RSS counselling team.
  - b. Vice President Report by Jamie - Communications - parent engagement - looking to build community to get to know parents of BME better - coming in the next few weeks to tell more about you
  - c. Treasurer Report by Allie - Total cash Position is \$11,918.04.  
For the BC Gaming account our school receives \$20 per child to be put towards technology, field trips, and the playground fund. Allie motions to accept her own report.

- d. Secretary Report by Tara - no report
- e. Fundraising Report by Jessica and Lacey - September will be Mabel's Labels. October we will have the Scholastic Book Fair at the end of the month and also a table out to sell light bulbs. Discussion to sell light bulbs posted on castanet. Some of the book fair money goes to the librarian. We will need volunteers and will create this on sign up genius. Last year's profit was \$1400 and teachers got \$600 divided between them. Saturday Oct 14th there will be a Photographer where you can book online through hot lunch website. It will cost \$25 and you get a free 8x10. There is also extra packages you can purchase. In November we will have Poinsettias. December will be Purdey's chocolates. February 22nd will be the Hoe Down. May 25 will be the Fun Fair.
- f. Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle - 279 students signed up. We have the same vendors as last year with a new one - Deli City. They will provide soup and chili with whole wheat buns. We also added a chicken teriyaki noodle bowl to the menu. McDonalds is allowing us to add a Jr. McChicken that will be grilled. Foods will all meet guidelines. Salad dressings will be portioned. We work with hot lunch from Springvalley Elementary School. As for events we will need to follow guidelines. We had a lot of volunteers on Monday. We will create a new system this year with a schedule for volunteers. You will need a criminal record check if you would like to volunteer. Last year sold over 14,000 meals and made over \$24,000. Any treats coming into classrooms for birthdays etc. need to be looked at for allergies and made sure guidelines are followed. We need to watch what is coming and going. Fun fair and hoe down items for sale might need to be changed this year so they meet the guidelines.
- g. Fruit and Veggie Report by Julee - First fruit and veg was Italian prune plums, product was plentiful and great conditon. We need info for soy students, improvised by sending a soy to each class. Next fruit and veg is next week, expected product in mini bell peppers! Please inform us if your child cannot have dairy. A form does go home for kindergarten students and parents can let us know if the milk is not working for their child. BC

Fruit and Veggie promotes local fruit and vegetables and is a great model for kids. We have 400 free apples coming for students.

- h. COPAC - need to be voted in. Each school sends 1 rep to district meeting and they bring info back and present to Pac. No Report.
- i. Facebook/Communication Report by Dawn - Interaction has been way up especially last month. Lots of messages coming in. 332 likes so far. Likes, comments, shares all help to grow our community. If you need anything posted let dawn know.
- j. Classroom Representatives email sent out to teachers - liaison between teacher and parents. Class reps for Mrs. Mynell, Singh, Schulz have been added. Any reps need to have criminal record checks.

## 5. Principal's Report

First, thank you to all the parents who have come to the meeting this evening. As a parent, I can truly appreciate the effort it takes to align your busy schedules to be at a meeting – and I hope you find the time here valuable – please know that all of us here at BME value your contribution of time.

1. Thank you to the PAC Executive who have committed themselves to support – not only their own child – but all of our students this year. They are an important liaison between home and school – and are a wonderful asset to our school community of Black Mountain. During August, they worked at organizing a welcome back snack, and welcome station for all parents. Thank you.
2. Thank you to the parent volunteers who were able to support our kindergarten orientation and our opening day events with energy and excitement as we welcomed the start of the school year.
3. This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year in education and my 11<sup>th</sup> as a school principal, and I continue to be excited about my role to support and work along side our school personal who work diligently to ensure each child feels safe, valued and connected. I truly believe that happy confident children are the best learners – and at BME we are all about 'being happy'. In fact, this year we began our year with the theme of 'making ripples' and a 'big splash' into

the new year – knowing that what we put out has an impact. (Check out our school website to see a slide deck of student work about this topic.)

4. Communication is my priority as a school administrator. It is very important in a school community –and it is a key part of my position. I want to ensure everyone has up to date, current information. There are many ways we do this: i) a monthly newsletter that is published at the end of each month to highlight events, themes, and showcase work and to have a calendar attached that you can use to help plan for specific events (always sent electronically); ii) website – I am the one who updates this information on a regular basis – and I work in sync with our BME Facebook communicator who also helps guide my messages, and important notes (if you see something written in error – or have questions about the website please direct them my way); Phone out ability – we can send messages to all homes in our school community – this would be if there were an emergent issue that could arise; and iv) drop by the office – or make an appointment, and v) Reader Board.
5. We have 427 students registered this year in 19 divisions – 74 kindees, 73 gr. 1's 70 gr. 2's , 77 gr. 3's and 133 gr. 4 & 5 students. Two of our rooms were remodeled to support the additional classrooms that we required – if you haven't had a chance to 'peek in' – you are welcome to check out the old MPR... it has morphed into a beautiful kindergarten classroom.
6. We have many leadership activities started already – announcers, equipment cart leaders, assembly leaders, safety patrollers, classroom lunch monitors, and office helpers. We will be having a spirit team at BME to help encourage our students to be active and involved citizens who take on a global cause that they will bring back to the rest of our school population. Like our Haiti focus last year, we are supporting the country of Ethiopia with digging wells for clean drinking water. We will have many events that tie into this social justice campaign under the umbrella of "Run for Water" charity.
7. We continue to have our school goals at the forefront of our decisions and our plans for the year. And we will support our goals of collaboration and working as team – in fact, many of our classes are working together co-planning and co teaching groups of students. Our school's Learning Story is on our school website – and this story continues to be written each year – and expanded as we ask more questions, and

learn from each other to provide the best experiences to support student learning.

8. Mr. Zuyderduyn will continue to organize our sport teams at BME – and this year, as part of the Rutland Zone – the children in gr. 5 will be invited to play soccer, basketball, volleyball, x-country running, and track n' field. He is also working closely with a team of students to plan and organize our wonderful spirit days at BME this year.
  9. We will continue to have monthly assemblies planned for this school year which will focus on our 7 Habit Learning and our attributes of learning. There will be assemblies each month and families are always welcome to attend. In fact, we are having a very special assembly next Thursday – a celebration of sorts that grew out of the terrible events that the fire in Joe Rich brought many of our families, children and staff members in August. As the fire had such a direct impact on our school community, we thought we would take time to "Thank our heroes" on a day where we already acknowledge Canada's greatest hero – Terry Fox – and we have invited the first responders from Joe Rich Fire Hall and Kelowna Fire Hall to our assembly so we can applaud their efforts and show our appreciation.
  10. I am excited about getting to know our newest students in our school community members – there are 99 little ones, and over 200 parents..... Most importantly I'm looking forward to working with all of our students to provide great learning experiences and environment for all our students.
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6. Spotlight on Student Learning Report by Adrian - Communicate with others including children, teachers, and parents. We want to keep communication open and will learn and teach in different ways. We want parents to have input for learning. Fresh Grade will be used and this is an easy opportunity to have a window into the classroom. Things we talk about for student learning this year will be core competencies. This includes the way we think and communicate, and having personal and social responsibility. What kids know/understand/what can they do. We use the Leader in me that has 5 attributes of the district. What is your part? Kids effort and ability. Thank kids for working hard in whatever they do and they will keep working hard and

improve every day. Comment on your fresh grade posts because feedback is huge. Parents need to praise the effort because it is a huge indicator for success. Teachers will bring this up at parent teacher conferences at beginning of October.

7. Playground Committee Report by Lacey - Brochures to show how the community can donate. We have \$3960 donated so far. Anyone is able to write to the School District. Our school needs 70k total for the playground. Scooter rack and drums have been bought already.
8. Old Business
  - a. Welcome Back Snack - Apples purchased from De Simone
9. New Business
  - a. Fundraiser, COPAC, Treasurer - Need to vote in. Laurisse Fedderson & Mary Anderson for Copac. Jessica Shea and Lacey Dolman for fundraising. Allie Becker for Treasurer.
  - b. Goals for the year/Survey - online to be filled out by parents. Action: Julee and Dawn to edit goal list with descriptions.
  - c. Spirit Wear/Gr. 5 Hoodies - PAC contributes money towards these. \$432 total needed. Motion to vote to spend \$500 on Grade 5 hoodies. All in favor.
  - d. World Teacher Day - Breakfast Thursday Oct 5th. Volunteers will be needed to shop and set up at 7:30am.
  - e. PAC Draw - Winner of \$50 gas card Leah VanMeter
  - f. Grade 5/4 Symphony Production will be considered in budget - Mozart Play \$8 per ticket.

#### Discussion and Items for Future Consideration

- a. Tower Garden

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Minutes prepared by Tara Stewart

**NEXT PAC MEETING – Oct. 12,2017@ 6pm**