

Communications Report – February 2016
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Thank you to Janet for providing a sneak-peak of the February calendar so that I could schedule posts on Facebook to go live while I was on vacation.

The Facebook page has grown to over 200 likes, +10 since our last Executive meeting. Currently at 207 likes.

I've tried changing up the publish times of the posts, still keeping an early morning post and adding one in around 2 pm. Post engagement has increased with this change. Additional posts go live as needed, such as the added pizza fundraiser, or when COPAC posts items of interest.

338 Student
enrolled in
Hot Lunch!

Hot Lunch Report February 2016

Profit Report

September 2015	\$385.34
October 2015	\$1356.19
November 2015	\$1275.09
December 2015	\$581.62
January 2016	\$1277.78
February 2016	\$1088.81 <i>plus any additional late orders I add on ☺</i>

Total Hot Lunch Profit to date not including Grade 5 Fundraiser or Family Fundraiser is \$5964.83

Overall total we have made \$9517.22

Grade 5 Pizza Fundraiser November 2015	\$1206.88
Grade 5 Pizza Fundraiser January 2016	\$1061.56
We will give a cheque to the Grade 5's for	\$2268.44

Pizza Friday Family Fundraiser Feb / March 2016 \$ 1283.95
(profit from currently placed orders)
plus any additional orders I take and concession sales we make.

April is now OPEN for ordering and our new vendor Taco Del Mar headlines the first menu on April 04th 2016.

The apple slices and the sugar snap peas are a hit. Almost triple what the carrots are, so it appears that parents are receptive to the options available.

Gaming Account	Current	YTD	Budget
Beginning Bank Balance	<u>\$624.95</u>		
Revenue			
Gaming Grant	\$8,220.00	\$8,220.00	
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Xmas Raffle	\$0.00	\$365.00	
Total Revenue	\$8,220.00	\$8,585.00	
EXPENSES			
Bank Charges	\$2.16	\$3.94	\$0.00
Gaming Licence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Field Trip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
COBSS Bursary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Total Expenses	\$2.16	\$3.94	\$8,525.00
Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$8,842.79</u>		
General Account	Current	YTD	Budget
Beginning Bank Balance	<u>\$18,429.99</u>		
Revenue			
Fundraising	\$2,785.87		
Hot Lunch	\$5,606.65		
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Revenue	\$8,392.52	\$0.00	
EXPENSES			
Hydration Stations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
Childminding	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$300.00
Teachers Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
Play Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Teachers Appreciation Breakfast/	\$0.00	\$500.52	\$500.00
SMS Welcome BBQ	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Flowers & Gifts	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Hot Lunch	\$2,751.98		\$0.00
Welcome Back Snack	\$0.00	\$184.37	\$200.00
Parent Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Fundraising Exp & Supplies	\$4,012.03		\$0.00
Planners	\$0.00	\$1,282.59	\$1,282.59
Drumming	\$0.00	\$837.00	\$837.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$235.59	\$0.00
Field Trip Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Uniforms	\$2,553.19	\$2,553.19	\$3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$9,317.20	\$9,188.26	\$22,819.59
Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$17,505.31</u>		

TOTAL CASH POSITION @ Feb12

\$26,348.10

Fundraising 2015/2016 BME PAC

1) Candace Johnson Photos (Sept/Oct)	\$350
2) Spirit Wear	\$300
3) Scholastic Book Fair (Nov)	\$1354.90
4) Purdy's Christmas Chocolates (Nov/Dec)	\$1038.06
5) Christmas Concert Raffles (Dec)	\$375
6) Hoe Down Dance Concession (Jan)	\$200???
7) Purdy's Easter Chocolates (March)	
8) Fun Fair (May)	
9) Hot Lunch (all year)	

Hoe Down Feedback:

Need more popcorn. We had 2 big bags of buttersalt from Kernels, make it 6 next year. Bags were \$1 each. (should we get a flavoured kind of popcorn and charge more money for it, as it costs more for it, or are we okay with the one flavour?)

Need more juice. We had 2 flats and used 2 flats from Hot Lunch. Get 6 flats for next year. Charge \$1 a juice box. We had enough water bottles; 2 flats from Superstore. Water bottles were \$1 each, keep the price the same for next year.

Glow Sticks-order from ebay. Get 400 sticks all the same (ie sticks)

MPR not to be opened to the public. People may eat and drink in the gym as it is easier to clean the floor in the gym than the carpet in the MPR.

The dance could go longer.

The photo station was a hit!

We would like to see this become an annual event at BME. The timing was great, end of January, keep it the same for next year if we have it again.

If I don't make it- fruit n veg is going great. Just had kiwis they were a hit see photo on school Web page. Next is apples Feb 22 week. Mixes reviews on pears. Some loved some didn't. Already submitted a report for not liking have tried to add on to report but it isn't an option.

Anyone interested in helping with fun fair please let myself or val know. Last Friday on may

Good evening!

Here are both Cory's and my notes from Feb 1st COPAC meeting.

If someone would like to go to the BCCPAC AGM held in Kelowna, one person from each PAC will be covered by COPAC. To be covered by COPAC, the person MUST bring minutes from our PAC meeting that stated that particular person can go and the motion carried. The minutes MUST be submitted to COPAC in order to receive coverage.

If anyone from our school is one the French Immersion Task Force, COPAC would like an update from the meeting on Feb 11th. The meeting will be held at the education centre with snacks provided to those in attendance.

Also on Feb 11th, there will be a presentation on the new curriculum at the Hollywood Road Education Centre, 1040 Hollywood Road South Room 1 at 7pm. They encourage PAC and Principals to attend. Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--kelowna/events/>

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Sessions for Pro-D days can be reviewed at www.mycota.ca Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend for a small fee. Pro D day on February 19th will be held at George Elliot with the theme of Making Connections. There will be 4 speakers with topics ranging from gender identity/issues to how you connect with others to engaging the brain!

ACES (Advisory Council for Exceptional Students) is looking for parents/caregivers to be on the council. This is for children from special needs right up to very gifted students. To be on the council your child must already be designated one of the two areas.

Budget Presentation:

BC is #3 in the WORLD in terms of achievements and #1 in Canada! (China and Finland take the #1 and #2 spots).

SD#23 serves from Peachland to Lake Country. 4% of the provincial enrolment is in SD#23. We are the 5th largest district in the province with 43 schools (31 elementary, 6 middle, 5 secondary, and 1 alternative). As of Oct 31st 2015, we have over 1200 teachers, 90 principals/vp's with a student

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population of 22, 251 with more than 11,000 in elementary!

SD#23 capacity of schools are:

98.1% for elementary

96.2% for middle

102.1% for secondary

****Only Surrey is slightly higher in capacity then we are. All other schools are lower or significantly lower then we are.**

To see the funding formula, please visit: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/k12funding



K-12 Funding Allocation System - BC Ministry of Education

www.bced.gov.bc.ca

The provincial government and B.C.'s 60 elected Boards of Education co-manage the education system in British Columbia. The province establishes the amount of grant ...

The budget is \$200 Million. The anticipated budget pressure for 2016/2017 is -3,585,711, which equals 1.5% of the budget. This is due to the Ministry's cut back by \$955,000 plus with the addition of more children will obviously increase the costs in general. Every year we have similar short falls. Many are deeply concerned about how an efficient district (we are more efficient than average in BC) that is growing, needs to continuously cut major amounts of money. We are already using \$1000.00 LESS PER STUDENT in BC than any other province.

Some solutions to this issue:

- *Encourage all PAC and parents go to their MLA and talk to them so they are aware how serious this is and how seriously we take our children's education.
- *There will be a public finance committee hearing on Feb 17th that we are also encouraged to attend.
- *Mid-February there will be an on-line survey for the budget. Encourage all parents to participate.
- *Brainstorms other ideas at PAC meeting to get more thoughts and ideas.
- *DON'T LET THIS GO!

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-in mid-Feb there will be an online survey available to help the district figure out how they can address this concern.