



**Black Mountain Elementary PAC
General Meeting
February 19 2026 @6:15
BME Learning Commons and Teams Online**

1. **Call to Order: 7:20pm**
2. **Attendance:** Michelle Relova, Ryan Ward, Natalie Corbett, Savrina Viani, Kimberley McCarthy, Brittani Stedham, Kayla McDonald
3. **Guest Speaker:** Solenn Dishaw, Counsellor at KSS, presenting on behalf of COBSS – see attachments related to BME participation in COBSS. Natalie recommends increasing our 2026-27 contribution to at least 2 x \$500 Bursaries as our last increase was in 1994.
4. **Adopt Minutes from previous Meeting (Jan):** Kimberley, Natalie
5. **Adopt Agenda:** Savrina, Kimberley
6. **Principal & Vice Principal reports:** See attached
7. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. Vacant position – Secretary
 - b. **Vice President:**
 - c. **Treasurer:**
 - i. Review and approve financials to Jan 31st – Savrina, Kayla
 - d. **COPAC:** Question about access to Paul Davies presentations fo 4s and 5s. No information shared as of yet, but additional copies of his parent handbook have been provided to the school. Suggestion to make these available (first come first served) to families at the Hoe Down.
 - e. **Fundraising:**
 - i. Book Fair - **\$11,721.44** – for reaching sales of over \$6000 we get 50% back in book credit. Used about \$2800 to fulfill all class lists and Ms. Flannigan will have over \$3000 to use in the next year!!!! Thank you to all
 - ii. The Greenery gift card sales are live on the Hot Lunch site until Feb 25th
 - f. **Facebook/Communication:**
 - g. **Hot Lunch:** Mar and Apr open – Feb Revenue \$5189 / Profit \$1279.89
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Fun Fair** – inflatables, face paint, glitter tattoo, ballon animals all booked – review draft timeline. No concerns with timeline, next review at April meeting.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. **Hoe Down** – confirmed for March 5th – 5-7pm **Food 5-6pm ONLY**
 - \$2 for hot dog + drink + chips and \$1 for drink only? Do we need veg or GF?
 - Buy 1.5 x last year’s amount and save extras for Fun Fair?
 - Option to take cash or tap with Square (saved a float from Bookfair \$\$)
 - Advertise to Families ASAP, flyer home early next week?
 - Suggestions to reduce congestion?

- Call for volunteers
 - 4 people prep 2:30-3:30pm, 3:30-4:30pm
 - 4 people prep/serve 4:30-5:30pm
 - 4 people serve and clean up 5:30-6:30pm

No concerns with proposed Hoe Down plan – Savrina and Natalie to grocery shop, Ryan and Michelle to handle cash/square table for meal tickets – option to ‘gift’ tickets to families as needed.

Suggestion to place tables in front of kitchen for increased serving capacity and to open doors as early as 4:45 if food is ready and families are lining up.

Photo booth set up in hallway adjacent to Mrs. Anderson’s room to reduce congestion at kitchen area and in gym. Regular announcements about photo booth location.

Question from Brittani about what happens to unclaimed Lost & Found

- Michelle advised that the Bear’s Den reviews items for student spare use (after washing) and the rest is donated.
- Suggestion from Brittani to take good quality items to Once Upon a Child for cash credit to go back to the school.
- To be reviewed after next lost and found pick up deadline.

Adjourned at 7:12pm

Next meeting April 16th

PAC Principal Report

Date: Thursday, February 19th

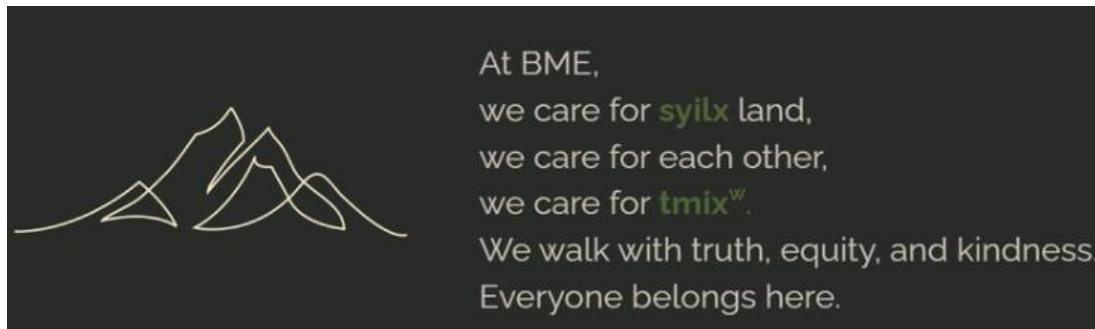
Location: Library Learning Commons



We acknowledge that we are learning together on the unceded,
Traditional Territory of the Okanagan, Syilx, People.

School Learning Highlights

- Indigenous Education / Truth & Reconciliation Priority



- UBC Okanagan Pre-Service Teacher Learning Session – Small group of BME students will be joining Ms. Flannigan and Mrs. Wynne alongside a group of AP students from GESS and to share their school learning journeys
- Deeper Learning Canada Conference – BME Team Leading a Deep Dive

School & District Information

Learning Surveys

- Gr. 4 students have completed the learning surveys now (~90% of students)
- We currently have 4% of parents who have completed the survey – we would love to get this number above 10%

Registration

- Registration opened on Monday, February 2nd
- Any families with kindergarten aged children (born 2021) are encouraged to register as soon as possible

Learning Opportunity Highlights

- Gymnastics K-2
- Gr. 5 Symphony Field Study
- Metis Jigging (Ryan Richard)
- Grade 5 Basketball
- Knowledge Keepers

Important Upcoming Dates

- Gr. 5 Boys Basketball Wednesday, Gr. 5 Girls Basketball Thursday until Spring Break
- BME Hoe Down – Thursday, March 5
- Term 2 WLU – Wednesday, March 11

- Spring Break – March 14 – March 29
- Classes Resume after March Break – Monday March 30



DRAFT 2026 - 2027 BME School Calendar

Early Release Days at BME

First Day of School – dismissal 11:00 am	Tuesday, September 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences – dismissal 12:00 pm	Wednesday, October 7 & Thursday, October 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences – dismissal 12:00 pm	Thursday, February 4 & Friday, February 5

District Calendar

Number of Days of Instruction	182
Number of Non-Instructional Days	7
Schools Reopen for the 2025 – 2026 Year	Tuesday, September 8
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Schools Closed	Wednesday, September 30
Implementation Day - Schools Closed for Students	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day – Schools Closed for Students	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day – Schools Closed	Wednesday, November 11
Winter Break – Schools Closed	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
New Years Statutory Holiday – Schools Closed	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day – Schools Closed	Monday, February 15
Spring Break - Schools Closed	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 25
Good Friday – Schools Closed	Friday, March 26
Easter Monday – Schools Closed	Monday, March 29
Schools Reopen after Spring Break	Tuesday, March 30
Victoria Day – Schools Closed	Monday, May 24
Last Day of School for Students	Tuesday, June 29
Administrative Day – Schools Closed for Students	Wednesday, June 30

THANK YOU

Black Mountain Elementary School PAC For your \$500 award

Your **Black Mountain Elementary School PAC Award:**

- was established in April of 1992 with 1 award at \$400
- was increased in 1994 to 1 award at \$500

Criteria: A student who attended Black Mountain Elementary for at least three years, with financial need.

***Your Award is available to eligible grads from all 14 Central Okanagan High Schools**



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Address: 316-3001 Tutt Street, Kelowna B.C.



Be the change in the life of a Central Okanagan Student
Consider joining COBSS as a donor or volunteer member



Independent CSA approved, non-profit society comprised of approx. 40 volunteers, 13+ high school counsellors and one paid administrator

Unique in BC to the Central Okanagan

Established 1971 by Harry Dewar, Ken Harding, Lou Dedinski, and Rosemary King with 7 original awards – now over 50 years of supporting Central Okanagan grads (total \$7.4 million of awards)

Pursue and establish contracts w/Central Okanagan donors for bursaries, scholarships and awards - donors are individuals, families, businesses, PACs, service clubs, sports organizations...

Run an online, one-stop application each school year available to all full time Central Okanagan grad students from 14 high schools, involving the crucial assistance of high school counsellors

Manage and allocate 580+ bursaries, scholarships and awards – allocated by COBSS volunteers in consultation with our generous donors

Fulfill the necessary administration of awards through articulation with post-secondary institution registrars on each student's behalf

Meet CRA guidelines re: issuing T4A slips and producing financial information, maintain donor relationships, and doing continuing follow-ups to ensure alternate award winners are notified and administered accordingly

COBSS administered bursaries, scholarships and awards are for students going directly on to post-secondary studies in September of their graduation year

COBSS administration fee is \$40/award

2025 – 650+ applicants for 588 awards – total value \$587,275*

***SD23 grads receive approx. 90% of the available awards**

***School PACs provided approx. \$40,000 in awards last year!**



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Cost of education

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/post-secondary-education/data-research/bc_tuition_fees.pdf

Cost of a Four-Year University Degree, By Province¹

Province	Ranking of Most Expensive Provinces By Education Costs Next Year (Including Residence)	Cost of Education Next Year (Including Residence)	Comparison to National Average (Cost of Education Next Year)	What Education Will Cost In 18 Years (Including Residence, Forecast)	Education Cost Growth Over The Next 18 Years (Compared to 2024 Costs)	Year That Children Are Forecast To Pay More Than \$100,000 For School, By Province
Canada	National	\$75,387	-	\$104,898	39 %	2039
Nova Scotia	1	\$88,490	17 %	\$132,565	50 %	2029
Ontario	2	\$86,106	14 %	\$114,024	32 %	2034
New Brunswick	3	\$83,162	10 %	\$116,741	40 %	2033
Saskatchewan	4	\$80,761	7 %	\$115,014	42 %	2034
Alberta	5	\$78,034	4 %	\$104,493	34 %	2039
Prince Edward Island	6	\$76,802	2 %	\$105,879	38 %	2038
Quebec	7	\$69,719	-8 %	\$96,919	39 %	-
British Columbia	8	\$68,495	-9 %	\$93,668	37 %	-
Manitoba	9	\$67,934	-10 %	\$95,705	41 %	-
Newfoundland	10	\$54,366	-28 %	\$73,975	36 %	-

¹Employment and Social Development Canada's (ESDC) Canadian Post-Secondary Institution Collection (CPIC) database found at www.newswire.ca, January 2024