



**Black Mountain Elementary PAC
General Meeting
November 14th 2024 @6:15
BME Learning Commons**

1. Call to Order: 6:17pm

2. Attendance: Natalie C. Savrina V. Michelle S. Katie R. Ryan and Michelle R.

3. Adopt Minutes from previous Meeting: Michelle S. and Savrina

4. Adopt Agenda: Michelle S. and Savrina

5. Principal & Vice Principal reports:

Staff have been reviewing school learning priorities around Writing and Numeracy. They spent some time at today's staff meeting discussing their shared beliefs around writing and numeracy. They will be collecting data moving forward to show progress against these priorities.

No staff updates in the past month. Ms Dhesi will be going on maternity leave in December.

Harmony Day is next week, and this year the planning committee has decided to try an evening event. They may alternate back and forth between daytime and evening events in future years. So far 280 people have responded to attend.

District strategic plan has been focusing on their goal around 'System Wellbeing' – health of the organization and health of the people in the organization.

Student celebrations – Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day were student led with staff support. Contributions from many classes. Great attendance from the community.

Grade 5 volleyball wraps up next week, kids are doing great, and skill level has improved a ton. Thanks to teachers and parent volunteers.

Thanks to PAC for funding support of much needed items for the school.

Still discussing options for Christmas charitable endeavors – hampers, 12 days of Christmas etc...

Looking for parent volunteers for traffic help at Christmas – PAC to send out ask for volunteers

6. Executive Reports

a. President:

- i. Great response on volunteers, 33 forms received with many identifying they can help with multiple events through the year.

b. Vice President: Nothing to report

- c. **Secretary:** Absent
- d. **Treasurer:** Natalie on behalf of Jessica.
 - i. There was a slight delay with the gaming grant due to our bank change from TD to Valley First, should see funds deposited by the end of the month
 - ii. Review of Oct-Nov financials: Motion to approve Financials, Michelle S. and Katie
- e. **COPAC:**
 - i. See COPAC email notes below
 - ii. Consensus is that we will go ahead and pay BCCPAC fees before Dec 1st
- f. **Fundraising:** Purdy's closes Sunday 17th, Growing Smiles closes Tuesday 19th. Lots of volunteers for both Growing Smiles and Purdys. Spirit wear profit \$409.63. We will have West Coast Seeds and Greenery in the new year. Book Fair booked for Feb parent/teacher conferences.
- g. **Facebook/Communication:** Nothing to report
- h. **Hot Lunch:** October profit - \$870.54, November profit - \$1492.74, Total Sales \$9738

7. Old Business:

- a. Grade 5 hoodies worked really well through School Cash online, order has been submitted

8. New Business: Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 6:48

Next meeting Thursday January 16th at 6:15

COPAC November Meeting Highlights:

We welcomed Acting Deputy Superintendent Jon Rever as our November guest speaker, to discuss Family and Community Engagement. I have attached Jon's slides for your reference and to share with your PAC. I look forward to hearing how your schools work to involve more parent engagement and school community learning plans/goals in your PAC meetings!

Provincial Landscape: We have requested that PACs go ahead and pay their BCCPAC fees if they are able/willing. We have the capacity to cover the fees for up to 15 PACs so please reach out if your PAC has a tight budget would still like to support our efforts at the provincial level. Deadline to submit registration and membership dues is December 31. Any PACs wishing for COPAC to cover fees, please reach out by December 1.

We continue to work with our DPAC colleagues across the province to bring issues facing students and families in BC Public Education to light. For the last several years, this has been taking place informally via a group we have been referring to as the DPAC Coalition. This group is considering becoming more formal and we will share those details with PACs in the coming weeks.

PAC 360 Notes: If you have a particular question that you would like to ask the Superintendent or Trustees, they don't always have the answer in real-time as there are many staff in the district covering a variety of portfolios. Sometimes a follow up email or call is necessary for the answer. I just wanted to be sure that everyone is aware that there is the option to share a question in advance of our meeting so staff can be prepared to answer during our meeting. I am happy to forward any questions to staff prior to COPAC General meetings so they can be prepared to answer on our calls.

BC Gaming recently circulated a Fraud Prevention bulletin. I have attached it to this email for your review in case your PAC did not receive a copy.

I will circulate the link to our bylaws template in a separate email later this week to support your PACs in their bylaw reviews.

UPCOMING EVENTS

****November Partners for Inclusive Education** – Supporting Learners with Complex Health Issues November 19, 2024 (6:30-7:30pm zoom) <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

COPAC Treasurer 101 Event November 14 at 7pm – Register here <https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ctcOmsqzkoEtbLvy5iaQM-8jXWqvmTuQER>

BC Education Facilities Committee Town Hall: Monday November 18, 2024 (7:00 to 8:30 pm) [register for the zoom link](#)

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Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1308619579199627/>