



Black Mountain Elementary PAC
General Meeting
January 22nd 2026 @6:15
BME Learning Commons and Teams Online

1. **Call to Order: 6:21pm**
2. **Attendance: Michelle Relova, Natalie Corbett, Kimberly McCarthy, Jenny Lachelt, Brittani Stedham, Kayla McDonald**
3. **Adopt Minutes from previous Meeting (Nov): Kimberly, Jenny**
4. **Adopt Agenda: Jenny, Kimberly**
5. **Principal & Vice Principal reports: See attached**
6. **Executive Reports**
 - a. **President:**
 - i. Vacant position – Secretary
 - ii. Welcome Kimberley, now set up as signing authority
 - iii. COBSS to present at Feb or Apr meeting
 - iv. \$200 for padded Ukelele cases – approved by Natalie and Kimberly
 - b. **Vice President: Regrets**
 - c. **Secretary: Vacant**
 - d. **Treasurer:**
 - i. Review and approve financials to Dec 31st – Jenny, Kimberly
 - e. **COPAC:**
 - i. Free Parent Education Conference on Saturday, February 28
 - ii. New working group for transportation/safety – survey to provide input
 - iii. Paul Davis information night this week- possibility of pre-recorded session geared to Gr 4/5
 - f. **Fundraising:**
 - i. Growing Smiles- \$530.15 profit
 - ii. Purdy's – \$1855.10
 - iii. Book Fair sign up out – good for Wednesday and early Thursday, need more late Thursday and Friday
 - g. **Facebook/Communication: send out Book Fair reminder**
 - h. **Hot Lunch: Feb and Mar open**
Jan profit \$1962.65
7. **Old Business:**
8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Fun Fair** – inflatables booked, what else do we want? Planning meeting in March (no PAC meeting that month). Natalie will bring a proposed meeting date to the Feb meeting. Book glitter tattoo, balloon animals and face paint ASAP.

- b. **Hoe Down** – Michelle to check with Ms.Detjen on preference of Mar 5 or 12.
Repeat of \$2 hot dog + drink + chips. Try not pre-ordering this year, take cash or square payment. OK to WAY over order – return to Costco or keep frozen for Fun Fair.

Next meeting February 18th 2026

PAC Principal Report

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026

Location: Library Learning Commons



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

A huge BME thank you to our PAC for all your amazing support these past couple of months! The wonderfully organized fundraisers, Grade 5 Hoodies, dinner for Christmas concerts, contributions to the Paul Davis parent presentation, organizing the Book Fair, and so much more – we are so grateful!

District Information

Strategic Planning Community Engagement Sessions: opportunity to collect feedback on the following questions:

1. When you think about the world students are entering today, what do you believe students need most from their experiences in our schools to be successful?
 2. When you think about the future, what ideas do you have that would improve student learning for all students?
 3. What would help families feel more meaningfully involved in supporting student learning?
 4. What is one change that would make schools healthier and more supportive places for students, staff, and families?
- Rutland Family of Schools Session – tonight @ 6pm
 - BME parents are welcome to attend any of the other planned sessions:
 - o GESS: Monday, January 26th
 - o MBSS: Thursday, February 5th
 - o KSS: Tuesday, February 10th
 - o OKM: Tuesday, February 17th

School Information

STAFFING UPDATE

- Welcome Brittany Vazquez
- Excited to share that Madison Somerville will be with us until the end of the school year
- Before spring break, we will be wishing Maisha Donohoe all the best as she goes on her maternity leave

DISTRICT INFORMATION

- 2026 – 2027 District Calendar (see below)
 - o Fall Conferences: October 7 & 8 – Early Release 12:00 pm
 - o Winter Conferences: February 4 & 5 – Early Release 12:00 pm
- MDI Grade 5 Student Survey
- Registration opens Monday, February 2nd at 7:00 am for kindergarten students and new families

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

- Winter Concert
- Student Presentation to the Indigenous Education Council
- Gr. 5 Basketball – Meeting Monday and will begin the first week of February

Important Upcoming Dates

- January 28: Wear Your Bear & BME Family Evening 5:30 – 6:30 pm

- January 30: Primary Winter Gathering
- February 3 - 6: Scholastic Book Fair
- February 5 & 6: Early Release & Conferences 12:30 pm
- February 13: Pro Day - No School for students
- February 16: Family Day – Schools Closed



DRAFT 2026 - 2027 BME School Calendar

Bell Schedule: (290 minutes of instruction – 1 less instructional day)

8:30 – 11:20	Morning Classes (170 minutes)	12:15 -1:35	Afternoon Classes (80 minutes)
11:20 – 11:47	Lunch Recess (outside play 27 min)	1:35 – 1:50	Recess (outside play)
11:47 -12:15	Lunch Eating Time (28 min)	1:50 – 2:30	Afternoon Classes (40 minutes)

Early Release Days at BME

First Day of School – dismissal 11:00 am	Tuesday, September 2
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