

BME PAC Executive Meeting

February 12, 2016

Location: Multi-Purpose Room



Attendance: Dawn, Janet, Colleen, Rachelle, Bonnie-Lee, Allie, Janelle, Lacey

1. Call to Order at 1:00pm.
2. Adopt the Minutes & Agenda: Rachelle adopted the minutes & agenda and Dawn seconded it.
3. Officer's Reports:
 - a) Treasurer's Report by Allie: Our gaming grant came in today! We received \$8,220. We also found out that we will be getting a discount on our second hydration station! The total for both hydration stations will be \$6,000 as opposed to the original \$10,000.
 - b) Fundraising Report by Bonnie-Lee: We have a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser going on right now. We raised approximately \$200 at our concession at the hoe-down family dance. Some notes for next time: more popcorn (possibly 6 bags of popcorn), more juice boxes, more glow sticks (all the same size so it's fair for everyone). The photo booth was a big hit. It was busy all night and everyone loved it. There will definitely be another hoe-down family dance in the future!
 - c) Hot Lunch Report by Rachelle: Things are going awesome! We have raised \$9517.22 so far this year! April is now open for ordering! A new vendor, Taco Del Mar will be on the April menu! There has been some negative feedback about the chili from Family Gourmet. The vendor has been experimenting with a new recipe and is looking for our feedback. Rachelle will pass those comments on to her. Also, she has changed the noodles in her chicken noodle soup. Some said they were too mushy. Rachelle will pass all of these comments on to her. We now have 338 students signed up for our hot lunch program! That is 83% of our student population! Thank you to Rachelle for being so flexible and for allowing parents to order late. Rachelle said we are lucky to have flexible vendors who will allow these late orders.
 - d) Fruit and Veggie Report by Bonnie-Lee: Kiwis were a big hit! There is a picture on the school website of some of the older students with their kiwi snack! There will be apples served next week. The pears were not very well received last time but we will be having them again because the order was already submitted before we knew what they were like (pre-sliced in bags and brown).
 - e) COPAC Report by Colleen: This year's AGM will be held in Kelowna. One parent from each school's PAC can attend for free, on behalf of the COPAC. The parent attending must bring in PAC meeting minutes with a motion in it that they have been given permission to attend. On February 19th there will be a "Making Connections" speaking event. The advisory council for exceptional students is looking for some more parents to join this council (ACES). If you are interested in joining, please contact ACES. SD23 is the 5th largest district in the province of BC. Our district currently has 43 schools in it. There are a lot of COPAC members concerned with the budget shortfall for the upcoming year. There will be a finance hearing coming up. They want parents to participate in the budget meeting and to brainstorm about what they can do to help

fix this problem. The government is cutting back on school funding which in turn will eventually affect our children.

f) Communications Report by Dawn: We have seen more growth on our BME Facebook page! We have now reached 207 likes. Dawn usually posts something first thing every morning and then again at around 2:00pm. One of our parents shared a post about “Bouncy Bands” on our Facebook page. We will pass this on to Janet. Bouncy Bands go on student’s desks and chairs and they can be played with by fidgety students to help release some energy.

4. Principal’s Report by Janet: Janet has started teaching a reading enrichment group twice a week. We will be welcoming a new administrator as of March 1st. He will be working in our office 2 days a week. His name is Mark Watson and he is also a parent here at BME. His wife works at our school also and they have 2 children attending. There are lots of sports programs happening at our school right now. Harmony Day will be happening next Wednesday so wear some orange to support Harmony Day! Pink Shirt Day will be happening at the end of February to support anti-bullying. Our school does not tolerate bullying at all. Term 2 report cards will be coming out right before spring break. Class photos will be happening in April. New this year, there will be a high school jazz band concert happening at our school in April, coming all the way from Edmonton. There will also be a kindergarten orientation happening at the end of May. Janet is looking for a couple of parents to attend the orientation to talk a little bit about the PAC. The redesign curriculum will be kicking off in September; teachers have now started their training and will be having more pro-d days coming up soon to further their training. We currently have 57 new kindergarten students registered for September. Janet predicts that the numbers will change a bit before September. Janet is hoping for 66 kids so that we can have 3 full kindergarten classes.
5. Old Business:
 - a) Hoe-Down Dance – It was a big success! We will definitely be making this an annual event.
6. New Business:
 - a) PAC Conference in April – Is anyone interested in attending? It is a 3 day event happening in Kelowna so if any parents are interested in going please let us know as soon as possible. We would like to register soon so that we can get the early bird rate. It will be a big commitment of your time but there will be lots of great information.
7. Discussion and Items for Future Consideration:
 - a) Parking Lot and Drop off Zone: Parents are still parking in the drop off zone and then exiting their vehicles and walking over to the school to pick up their kids. More signage may help with this problem. We will talk to Janet again and possibly getting some more signs made and installed. Parents need to remember to tell grandparents the rules of the parking lot when grandparents are picking up and dropping off. Bonnie-Lee will talk to Janet about these concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm

Minutes prepared by Janelle Schultz