

Bench Elementary School PAC Meeting
January, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Boudreau, Taryn Johnson, Pamela Kendall, Kristy MArtin Hale, Heidi Hunton

Meeting called to order @ 6:38pm

Welcome- Not enough attendance for a quorum/voting (min. 6). Need to promote more attendance for next meeting. White board, bulletin board, school email, facebook, personal invites :)

Motion to adopt agenda: Pam Kendall- seconded by Heidi Hunton

Motion to adopt the minutes: Pam Kendall- seconded by Heidi Hunton

Principles Report:

- Student Learning Fund, \$16,000 staff & students reps met. Areas of focus: Arts Ed/ Athletics/STEM/Library
- March 7th ArtStarts. we have allocated \$3000, do we need to reallocate it? Gaming funds must be spent this year.
- Library funds - Mr. Boudreau to follow up with Laurie on the little readers \$2500
- Discussion about aging projectors. Will not be replaced, schools moving towards Apple TV/Screens/AirDrop. Computer Labs being phased out as well. "Micospace" at Khowhemun School is a great example. Kristy follow up on checking it out.
- Jan 10th Earthquake prep simulation, very powerful experience. Further assessment of our plan & supplies taking place.
- PAC can attend a PLC if we would like.
- Rogers HomeTown Hockey, Bench won the Cup, well done!
- 2 new staff members, Behaviour Support M/W afternoons with gr. 5 & 7. Can PAC support the continuation of this position? Possible letters at year end.
- Literacy Day Feb 14th, will look different this year.
- How do we spend any "roll over money"? Field Trip Bus Receipts
- Christmas Hampers- Fantastic donations, No Bench families came forward so the food was gifted to the Warmland House, very grateful!

Treasures Report:

- Funds in since last meeting: \$1168 Emporium profit
- See attached Balance Sheet & Profit/Loss

Old Business:

- Emporium- Went awesome! Need a few more volunteers next year. All classes visited :)
- Communication: email list of events and needed volunteer numbers - Mr. Boudreau to follow up.

- Activate a BenchPAC@sd.79 email-Mr. Boudreau to follow up & include this on the above blurb to parents

New Business:

- Allocation for funds to replace the popcorn machine. (no quorum) discussion about machine, replace or move away from popcorn day? approx. \$2100 to replace = 1 yr profits.
- Garden Committee- Heidi has made contact with different schools in the district that have successfully created garden spaces. She will be creating a Garden Project Committee.
- PAC Morning Meet & Greet - Kristy & Heidi to follow up

Fundraising & Events:

- Fun Fair- Mr. Mikes is not confirmed yet. Possible other vendor options?
- Pub Night- Taryn- Cow Bay Pub is the preference. Maybe Cow Cafe new venue an option?
- Movie Night- Renee- date for March or May

DPAC:

- Heidi attended- meeting was good, lots of great info. PAC 101 session coming up.
- Discussion about reviewing the Bursary Guidelines.
- Bench not a member of BCPAC, action: register in Sept next year.
- Leader of Tomorrow Awards- Mr. Boudreau is aware.
- EdInform App & Reporting confusion. "Communication Student Learning" document to go up on bulletin board.
- Sponsoring 1 parent to attend VI Parent Conference. Kristy & Heidi will attend, PAC will cover 1 registration fee.
- Survey on the SD79 website, check it out!
- Keri Isham presentation coming up at Drinkwater. DPAC has funds for hosting Parent Education Nights. Keri is booked for Bench 2018/19
- Approved booking the White Hatter for next year, parent & student sessions. Mr. Boudreau to follow up.

***Next PAC Meeting set for Tuesday February 20th, 6:00pm.**

****Amended to Feb. 27th at later date**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Pam Kendall, seconded Kristy Martin Hale