

PAC MEETING SUMMARY

December 5, 2013

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Guests: Mr. Brian Ayers (Principal), Ms. Cynthia McBride, Ms. Paula Lee

PAC Board present: Jannet Borrmann (Secretary and Facebook Administrator) and Michelle Esper (Vice-President). Not present Jennifer Hammond (Treasurer) and Dawn Tarabochia (President).

Members Present: Laura Jones, Desiree Petrillo, Mandee Arnold, Mona Carroll, Mindy Harlin, Lydia Trom, Marcia Kaveny.

- Jannet Borrmann apologized on behalf of Dawn who couldn't be there and updated the PAC Members on several items: There will be a baked potato bar for the Teachers during Student Led Conferences on December 10th. Dawn is supplying the potatoes and help is needed for toppings. chili, cheese (nacho and grated), broccoli, chives, sour cream, bacon bits, salsa and butter, Green salad, salad dressings and desserts. Sign Up Genius is set up for people to sign up for what is needed! Volunteers are welcome too!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AFAF2BA5FD0-student>
- School Board Luncheon is on the 17th and CJMS PAC is to provide food for that and all the teachers that day. Plans are to cater it, if anyone has connections, please let us know. Mona Carroll came forward and will supply with info after the meeting. Food needed for app. 70 people, budget is \$10 p/p or under. Volunteers always welcome too.
- Updates were halted as Ms. McBride and Ms. Lee joined the meeting to update us on new initiatives that are being taken. These result from 3 years of training in Helena for staff members about Family Involvement in schools. They are working on group emails to parents, a website, electronic newsletters etc. An addendum is added to these Meeting Minutes. Love and Logic is coming up in January and the Oktoberfest was a huge success with 250 meals being served! Talked a little bit about ensuring that School Calendars are checked for these types of events (also coordinate with other schools) as there was a lot of activity that week and normally events don't get planned on Wednesday to be courteous to people's (religious) calendars. There next BIG event will be a Bingo Night, probably at the End of January / February. Help is needed to coordinate gifts. Looking for Family oriented things like games, gift cards, movie passes etc. Looking for 7 prizes per hour, maybe 7-14? Popcorn machine can be used. Mr. Ayers mentioned that the talent show will be on the 24th (which is a PIR day) as that was the only day the Willson was available.
- There was a little discussion about technology use district wide; electronic communication, staff and/or student restrictions on technology lifts. District data shows that 93% of students are not referred for disciplinary actions so largest part of student body is good disciplinary-wise. Some questions about communications when sports busses run late etc. ? Phone system use. Mr. Ayers explained that phone system really is intended for emergencies only.
- EPI update (prepackaged, prepurchased school supplies). Decided to try for another year and renew contract. Great news is that we won 60 t-shirts that we can design PLUS \$1,000 to use for future purchases etc. Maybe buy extra so people can buy at 'Pick up Schedule' day or have extra

to be able to donate to families who need it. Some discussion followed about buying from local businesses instead.

- Mr. Ayers was asking for feedback on Student – led conferences. Maybe there will be a survey asking for feedback on the process, is it useful etc.?
- Questions about whether a child can stay home if he/she does not go on a fieldtrip. Child is supposed to come to school where there will be academic activities.
- Marica Kaveny said she'd received some materials and info about the Brick Fundraiser and will have more after Christmas.
- Quick update from Square One Art was that just over \$6,200 was sold/bought of which the PAC should get app. 33% so well done to Andrea Rosenzweig! Orders should be in this week!
- Some discussion about PAC being stretched very thin with PAC members having been 'thrown together' somewhat at the end of the last schoolyear and unable to provide everything that's needed. Brought up specifically that help with upcoming Spirit Night in February was needed and that we were hoping someone could chair that. Mande Arnold, Mindy Harlin and Mona Carroll stepped up and agreed they would take it on with help/info from last year. Thanks Ladies!!! Also agreed was that everyone should try to 'bring a friend' to the next meeting to get more people involved in the PAC! Thank you to all who were present and Happy Holidays!

November events that we'll publish on Facebook as well.

- Dec 3, 10 Student Led Conferences
- Dec 12, Orchestra 'Informances'
- Dec 3-10, Used Book Fair Library
- Dec 23-Jan 5 WINTER BREAK

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