

PAC MEETING SUMMARY

January 9, 2014

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Guests: Mary Jo O'Donnell (Exec. Dir., Bozeman Schools Foundation), Mr. Brian Ayers (Principal), Officer Clint Anderson

PAC Board present: Jannet Borrmann (Secretary and Facebook Administrator) and Dawn Tarabochia (President).

Members Present: Laura Jones, Desiree Petrillo, Mandee Arnold, Mona Carroll, Mindy Harlin, Nancy Canning, Marcia Kaveny, Mary McMakin and Sue Deyo.

- Jannet Borrmann apologized on behalf of Dawn who would be joining the meeting at around 8:45 and introduced Mary Jo O'Donnell from the Bozeman Schools Foundation and requested Mr. Ayers to go next with his update.
- Mary Jo (who also has an 8th grader at CJMS, a High Schools student and one child in college) updated us On The Bozeman Schools Foundation and its activities. The Foundation raises money for Spark Grants (CJMS's Mrs. McBride had been the recipient of a large grant for iPads just a few months ago), for Scholarships (Worthy Student program for deserving kids that sometimes don't get recognized enough), scholarships by application and literacy programs. One of the ways these programs get funded is by the upcoming Spelling Bee and CJMS was asked to submit a team as each year almost all schools have a team to represent them at this fun event. It's at the Emerson on Feb 7th from 6.30-10 with food and no-host bar and many awards, prizes and fun entertainment! She also talked about the Willson renovation campaign. This renovation has grown from a 2.5M project to app. \$3.8M of which \$2.2 has been raised. Help from the Bozeman Community to reach it's goal is needed and one of the ways to do is to 'take a seat', i.e sponsor a seat and receive an inscription plaque on the back. Seat sponsor levels are \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 depending on the location of the seat in the auditorium. Renovation priorities are 1) The Auditorium (acoustics, HVAC etc.), 2) Stairs / Elevator & bathrooms, 3) Lobby and 4) Library room upstairs. It was also suggested that the PAC could maybe sponsor a seat to represent the school.
- Mr. Ayers took over with some updates. 4 Aces will be discontinued at the end of this school year and replaced by an honor roll system that's more like the High School. Too many kids/issues based on attendance over the years and the school recognizes that family vacations and sports events etc. are unavoidable and important. Next two trimesters the 4Aces will still be in place, and attendance will be less strictly monitored, except for tardies between classes, they still count!
- Next Mr. Ayers talked about CJMS getting control of it's own school website. Eric Matthews, the Principal and Vice Principal and the school secretary will all have access and maybe the PAC can have a person with access too. They're working on it and have training on Wednesday next week. Any questions/feedback pertaining to this, please to be given before that training. There will be transition links on the page for 5/6-grade transition and 8/9 grade too. Mr. Ayers had a list of calendar reminders which will be at the end of these Minutes.

- He then introduced the school's new Resource Officer Clint Anderson. Officer Anderson has been with the Bozeman Police Department for 6 years, on patrol. He felt he was always coming in after bad decisions were already made and wanted an opportunity to be able to step into a more preventative role and he feels Middle School is the perfect time. Mistakes will be made of course but he hopes to make a difference with real life examples of consequences of bad decisions. For instance when you provide alcohol at your house to minors, you will be treated under MT law as if you're running a bar. His primary goal is of course safety and he wants to build rapport so kids feel comfortable with police. Suggestions were made to create a mailbox for him in the councilors office and to maybe do a 'Question of the month/week for Officer Anderson' segment (Mr. Matthews). Officer Anderson's phone number is 406-582-2955. He is an athlete and plays guitar so can hopefully approach the kids on many levels. Ms. Albers had already invited him into her class and he was able to answer kids' questions in a very honest way with real life examples. He says it's a bit different from the DARE program as he's been on the streets and knows real consequences and will not lie to the kids, nor 'cushion' it too much, especially with 8th graders who are about to join High School. A discussion about drugs, the dogs coming to school, drugs in High School etc. ensued. Teachers can invite Officer Anderson to classes but he will also mingle and just step in at times and will of course be open to parents. He's also in charge of 4 elementary schools but is based at CJMS and spends a lot of his time here. His office is accessible off the main hallway and off the back hallway.
- Dawn took over and apologized for having been unable to commit herself as much as would like due to work and other volunteering commitments. The whole board, except for the Treasurer will step down at the end of the year due to kids leaving the school and other commitments so we are in need of a President/Vice President (roles can be shared!!), and a Secretary. Someone already committed to taking over Facebook from Jannet Borrmann so hopefully that will be covered. If you were to express an interest now, a proper transition could hopefully be put into place as the current Board was not put together in the most orderly fashion.
- Spirit Night organizing committee will meet on January 14th at 8.30 in the Teacher's Lounge. Everyone is welcome!
- Laura Jones would like to get together for a decision on what to do with the \$1,000 from EPI for supplies.

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

- Geography Bee on the 16th
- Early Release on the 23rd
- PIR Day on the 24th, Talent Show at the Willson too
- 7th Grade Ski day on the 27th
- Band on the 28th for 7th and 8th with SMS and BHS at the Willson
- Ski day 6E on the 31st
- 8W Ski Day on the 7th
- Feb 11th, 6th Grade Registration, 5.30-7
- Jazz Band with SMS and BHS at the Willson on the 13th
- Feb 21st PAC Spirit Night

If anyone would like to VOLUNTEER or DONATE, please contact Dawn Tarabochia at 581-6311 - dawn@tarabochia.net and we will get you set up! Thank you for supporting CJMS and please like our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/cjmpace> or type in Chief Joseph Middle School in your Facebook browser.

NEEDED:

NEW PAC PRESIDENT

NEW PAC VICE PRESIDENT

NEW SECRETARY

Please help your kids by stepping into one of these roles. Thank You!