

PAC MEETING SUMMARY

March 6, 2014

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Guests: Mr. Brian Ayers (Principal), Mr Randy Van Dyk (Vice Principal), Eleanor Barker (Children's Museum of Bozeman Director).

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

Members Present: Desiree Petrillo, Mandee Arnold, Mona Carroll, Marilee Brown and Heather Frisk.

- Ms Eleanor Barker started the meeting as she's trying to enlist support on some levels to design meaningful programs at the Children's Museum for older kids. Traditionally they've offered programs until app. 8 yrs. old but they've received funding for app. 5 years for kids aged 8-14. They're trying to create a movement for 21st century 'tinkering' i.e. 3D printers etc. They want to be a site to work on those kind of skills, to engage students of ALL levels and skills and to bootstrap the museum into a more vibrant future servicing k-12 and not just k-3. Examples are programming skills for mine-craft, electronics, robotics etc. Target audience late elementary/middle schools, mentor-led programs: 2-hr type programs, after school programs and summer programs. They'd like advice/feedback on where to focus programs and how much people would be willing/able to pay? Maybe develop a survey to be sent out at CJMS? Small focus groups maybe with CJMS students? Marilee asked about programs for girls and this would certainly be accessible for girls. Ideas were for instance to create charm beads on 3-d printers. Dawn suggested partnering with MSU's Mechanical Engineering dept. senior project students could be involved. Steering committee already has people from MSU. Maybe 2 programs for this summer? Brian mentioned MSU also offers a math camp for girls in the summer and that MSU/BSD has a potential coding grant (summer?).
- Randy Van Dyk talked next about 6th grade football, which he called a violent sport. It has currently been taken away amongst problems with 1st down, boundaries of the field, admitting you're down and overall competitiveness and aggressiveness of some players. They're brainstorming ideas on how to improve, i.e. maybe a referee (6th grade lunch during 8th grade elective, 8th grade peer mediation opportunity?). Looking at flags and cones, 36 flags \$60 and \$35 for 36 cones. 8th Grade peer mediators are involved and are talking in all through and are trying to come up with ideas. Banning is an issue, would rather solve the problem. Maybe two teams? One more competitive and one for kids who just want to play? Other discussions were about maybe creating a sand-volleyball court, maybe with some support from the neighborhood? Leo Club might create the obstacle course fundraiser again with the help of a mom from Emily Dickenson (April?).
- Brian thanked the PAC for a very busy month with lots of activities and help, from CRT testing to Spirit Night to Dr. Seuss breakfast etc. De Seuss breakfast was a huge success with MSU President Waded Cruzado, MSU football players, firefighters, police-officers etc. reading to the kids. Brian mentioned it was funny to see those large, tough MSU football players being terrified

of reading to the kids but they did it! And did it well ☺ although Randy went a little wild on the green food coloring! Thanked PAC for everything else they did this month!

- Upcoming ideas for help are foods/snacks during smarter balance testing, a 12 week testing window, 6th 24 March, week off then 7th grade, week off then 8th grade. Since this is 120 kids p/d 5 days for 3 weeks probably more of a snack station the ind. bagged snacks, too labor intensive! Schools also provide hard candy. In 2014/2015 we'll have Shakespeare in the Schools again after a year hiatus and bringing artist in residence back in conjunction with SMS but hopefully for a bit longer with a concert at the end. Are hoping to get grants for that.
- Spirit Night was a HUGE success. Mona Carroll and Mandee Arnold reported. They did a lot of work reaching out to incoming schools/students. Spirit Night grossed \$3,600 and expenses were \$842, some money is still coming in too. This excluded a donated iPad too! Photo Booth raised the most and we're very grateful to Orthodontist Sayre who sponsored that! 6th Grade Student Council lollipops brought in \$385! They have lots of ideas for next year and the discussion moved to PAC Officers for next year. Mandee Arnold expressed interest to maybe co-chair and Heather Frisk as a potential Vice President. They'd like to invite incoming PAC parents of incoming schools to the April and May meetings. April Meeting will have Dr. Watson speak and a safety chat was scheduled for the May meeting but that can be postponed OR have a separate meeting for that purpose, maybe April 10th? Brian will check conflicts on the schedule and ability to do this.

Upcoming events will be published on Facebook.

Spring Break! March 10-17. Have a great time!

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NEEDED:

NEW PAC PRESIDENT

NEW PAC VICE PRESIDENT

NEW SECRETARY

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