

PAC MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 1, 2014

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Guests: Mr. VanDyk (Vice-Principal), Detective Dana McNeil (Taskforce Internet crimes against children 406-582-2000), Detective Mark VanSlyke (BHS Resource Officer), Detective Scott McCormick (Schools Resource Officer), Lori Van Vleet (Parent Liaison CJMS), Coreene Masse (Drama Teacher).

PAC Board present: Jannet Borrmann, Michelle Esper and Dawn Tarabochia.

Members Present: Laura Jones, Desiree Petrillo, Tootie Dunning, Marilee Brown and new PAC Board: Mandee Arnold, Mona Carroll and Heather Frisk .

- Dawn Tarabochia opened the meeting with several announcements. Due to scheduling confusion, Dr. Watson will not be coming to the meeting and Brian Ayers has meetings too, represented by Mr VanDyk. Dawn kicked off by saying it's her final meeting and talked about Teacher Appreciation Day / week coming up and wanting to raffle off baskets. Michelle Esper will take the lead on that and will be requesting donations via email and Facebook (Jannet will help with all requests). So far, Spa basket and Wine Basket. Michelle is also in control of Fun Night, cashbox is arranged and pizzas are ordered. Dawn is organizing not a Teacher's luncheon but Breakfast for Friday the 9th. Burrito's are donated by Dawn, fresh fruit etc. needed. *th Grade Dance will be led by Mandee Arnold; requests and more info will be coming out.
- Focus then shifted to the 3 Detectives who had arrived for a char about Cybersafety . They will attempt to boil a two hour presentation down to 20 minutes to introduce news about trends / cases and things to look out for. Things seen are: sexting (huge), cyberbullying and online predators. The latter is mainly down to ease of access; people with sexual interest in children have easier access through electronics. The biggest problem in this area is the production of child pornography. Trend is that they are usually not lying and are upfront about their age etc. when they contact children, sometimes this contact lasts a few seconds, sometimes weeks or months. They work on getting kids to produce the pornography for them. They groom by giving gifts, phone, iPods etc. (HUGE RED FLAG: if your kid all of a sudden has a new piece of electronics). They make kids feel like they owe them something like a topless picture for instance. This then gets used as blackmail after that to produce more, otherwise they'll inform friends, parents, grandparents etc. Stats show that 75% of the victims are girls, 25% boys. Another trend is getting married online. Rule is to make sure you're their friend on all social networks or other rules at home. Lots of kids still create accounts though or have fake Facebook accounts. Talk to your kids about this all the time and try to stay informed. Snapchat is causing problems too, kids think it disappears but there are lots of apps that download Snapchat pictures and save them. A question about consequences of sexting was asked and the Detectives stressed that they are not interested in prosecuting cases of kids to kids but that they want to ensure that kids trust them to come forward. Illustration was a HS boy who had dozens of pictures of girls on his laptop by somewhat intimidating them into it: 'come on, don't be a prude' etc. but he had not distributed any of the pictures. Able to stop it in time because someone came forward. Sexting doesn't seem

to be taken seriously by the kids themselves, for them it's just the new way of flirting etc. It's how you impress someone. The issue is Permanence and they don't get that yet. It's there forever. Detective McNeil gave an example of a kid who had made a racist joke on Facebook years ago and lost his full scholarship to an East coast college when college application reviewers delved into his profile. Next they talked about bullying and the perception that kids have that since it's online, it's not real...they use an acronym, IRL (in real life) which illustrates they think that online is not real. They can be really cruel online as they think it's anonymous. Sometimes it leads to suicide. Please be good citizens online, do not take part, report it! Bullying tends to not rise to a level where law enforcement can intervene. If it happens, save texts etc. don't delete anything and don't intervene yourself. Go to a counselor, teacher, friend of a friend etc. Some questions were asked also about drugs and parent was advised to contact the appropriate dept. for more info. Health teachers are also discussing this in class. More programs are also in place with regards to Suicide prevention. Laura St. John, Student Assistance Coordinator for the District can be asked more about that.

- Ann Gregoire then talked about Destination Imagination which is a program that challenges kids in a team to build things, first small things but then larger challenge takes place in the Fall. Teaches collaboration, to think critically. Teams are formed by age/grade and she'd like to get a Middle School Team going. Is looking to get the word out. Talked about being at the Activity Table at schedule pick up, plus a brochure is attached to the minutes. Best teams are eclectic teams, creative kids, drama kids, brainy kids etc. Team between 2-7, ideally 5 kids. Ann's phone number is 548-1117 if someone is interested or email ann.gregoire@gmail.com.
- Two more Summer Camp ideas were handed out, Cooking classes by Ms Gnauck and a horse camp. Brochures are attached to minutes.
- Randy had the following updates:
- Safe Routes to School, Sarah Domin/Leo Club will hold bike rodeo on the 15th from 3.30-5. Volunteers needed in the back parking lot for 10 different stations. Drawings and prizes, there will be bikes that can be borrowed.
- Eleanor Barker from Children's Museum of Bozeman who had visited a while back is working in putting a survey together.
- The Signs of Suicide presentation was pretty powerful and some kids already came forward and identified some kids to keep an eye on and work with
- Smarter Balance testing almost completed. Went very well, kids were not stressed about it but maybe that's also because MT doesn't tie it to teacher evaluations. Most kids really liked the computer aspect.
- Scheduling next year, so far 250 6th graders which is 10 above capacity. 5th /6th grade teachers and other grades too working on correct math placements.
- PACE decisions for next year not made yet, maybe 5 day advisory in 6th grade, maybe each grade will look a little different.
- Dawn then talked a bit about Spencer Bohren (artist) to come back in collaboration with SMS. Drew Seesel is working on a grant for this, will need PAC's help as a non-profit.

- Coreene Masse then asked if PAC could support an Shakespeare performance as the fee's too much for the department. Student Council and Drama Club sponsors some of it. Total Fee is \$800, covers a performance in Dec. and 4 workshops for 40 students.
- Laura gave a quick update on EPI school supplies, not many ordered yet. Lynn and Jannet will continue to send out reminders plus maybe a flyer can be stapled to report cards (midterm). That was it for today, June PAC Meeting will be run by new Board ☺

There are MANY activities coming up at the end of the school year, please watch for reminders from schools, your child's teacher and PAC announcements. Thanks!

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