

PAC MEETING SUMMARY

November 7, 2013

8:30 – 9:30 AM

Guests: Mr. Brian Ayers (Principal)

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

Members Present: List not available. Apologies!

- Dawn Tarabochia opened the Meeting and talked a bit about Fun Night and upcoming events. Fun Night was a success although more food is needed next time! Around the first week of December, CJMS will host the School Board Luncheon. CJ also provides food for all teachers/staff on that day. Mrs. Gnauck's class sets up and serves etc. Plus we'll have to provide some food for the upcoming Student Led conferences at the end of November/December. Using Sign Up Genius was a big success for the Fun Night so we'll use it again for food sign ups. Last year we had a food truck, which was very popular. We're thinking that might be a good idea again. PAC Members will also approach Bob and La Tinga for food donations. There needs to be enough to feed app. 70 people. Dates need to be confirmed. First Friday treats is tomorrow so if you'd like to bring anything in, please drop it at school at 8AM. EVERY first Friday of the month. Day AFTER PAC Meeting.
- Jannet Borrmann introduced herself as a new employee at the Bozeman Schools Foundation and explained a little about Spark Grants (which would be handed out that day and Mrs. McBride was one of the winners). Spark Grants are partially funded by proceeds from a Spelling Bee. This year's Spelling Bee will be on February 7th 2014 and PAC usually provides a team. Volunteers are needed and very welcome! Please contact Jannet Borrmann or Dawn Tarabochia.
- Laura Asbell introduced herself as the new Liaison for the Thanks4Giving clothes drive which will take place again at the Willson. CJMS has collection boxes throughout the school. It was discussed whether it should be a competition per grade. TBD. Posters will be hung in school and advertised on Facebook. PLEASE separate your donations into gender and size to help the sorting process. Volunteers are needed at the Willson too. If you donate 2 hours or more, you get to 'pick' clothing up to 1 bag full. Hangers etc. are always welcome too! Willson November 18-22 from 9AM – 8PM (Monday 18th after 5:30PM). Kids can volunteer too, PAC provides \$70 for rental/insurance fees.
- Mr. Ayers took over and came from the General Assembly for artist in residence: Spencer Bohren. He will be there Thursday and Friday as he's shared with SMS this week and will teach art classes these 2 days at CJMS.
- A new Resource Officer has been offered a position to an officer who's been in the Bzn police force since 3 years. His office will be behind the Counselors offices and he will be shared with Meadowlark, Emily Dickenson and Hyalite but he's based at CJMS. His role will be safety first and there'll be a teaching and counseling component too.
- Walk and Bike to school day was today and was a huge success with kids dressed up in costumes and singing. There was a request for the crossing guard to be stationed at the intersection a little

before 8 AM. She's currently on duty in the building from 7:30-8 and then goes outside to help kids cross.

- School Board presentation is coming up (Mr Ayers thought it was the 10th but will check date). He'd like to do a 'dry run' before the PAC. Presentation is limited to 30-45 minutes. MT has adopted the Common Core standards and although we're currently still taking CRT's, these don't assess the Common Core standards. MT got a waiver for the CRT and will move to Smarter Balance, which does test the Common Core. This year is still a test phase due to infrastructure problems (Smarter Balance is all online). Things like devices, bandwidth etc. all still need to be figured out. Common Core are standards that allow us to compare apples to apples with other states who have adopted them. Right now, test results really aren't normed. STAR assessments that are currently being done are aligned with Smarter Balance. We're getting feedback from High School teachers that kids are coming in better prepared and 'matched'. Lot of expectations from kids and the teachers but overall feedback has been positive. More rigorous and hard work seems to be paying off and kids get into High School better prepared.
- Quick update on Square One Art was that all orderforms need to be back in on November 8th and online ordering closes on the 11th of November.

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

- Nov 11th, CJMS Orchestra in Gym at 7:30
- Nov 14th, CJMS Choir in Gym at 7:30
- Nov 25th, Fieldtrip MOR 6W
- Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving Break. Happy Thanksgiving from PAC!

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/cjmspac> or type in Chief Joseph Middle School in your Facebook browser.