

## PAC MEETING SUMMARY

October 3, 2013

8:30 – 9:40 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: Joan Knopfler, Robyn Forsythe, Mandee Arnold, Tootie Dunning, Mindy Harlin, Lucy Coley, Kathy Harkin, Tami Lachapelle, Marcia Kaveney, Desiree Petrillo and Laura Jones

- Dawn Tarabochia opened the Meeting and immediately handed over to Principal Ayers as he had a meeting to get to and was short on time. He told us about the upcoming Octoberfest which is a dinner invite for CJMS students and their families for Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> with soft pretzels and Frankfurters. There will be German music and face painting and chicken dancing. It is put on by Rosalie Lee and the Counselors office. If you'd like to help out please contact 522-6320 or email [Rosalie.lee@bsd7.org](mailto:Rosalie.lee@bsd7.org)
- Second on Mr. Ayers' list was A Resident Artist. Last year we had Spencer Bohren at CJMS for 1 week. He is a jazz musician and is a traveling artist with an educational program geared towards everything from elementary school kids through middle-, high school and university. His show last year was titled; "Down the dirt road" which is basically a history lesson in music which was put on during a General Assembly. He had a tremendous impact on the kids with his music education and they built these beautiful shadow boxes. The school would like to bring him back and maybe split his time with SMS and share the costs. Drew Seesel has been fundraising in the community and Mr. Ayers was requesting PAC to donate to this event. After the meeting he provided us with numbers and dates: Spencer Bohren, Artist in Residence, will be in Bozeman the week of November 4. Since Wednesday of that week is an early release, he will only work with the school for four days. Spencer charges \$1500 per day. If we split him with SMS, CJMS is looking at \$3000 for two days.
- Brian talked briefly about a 'Safe Routes to School' update. Traffic seems to have improved a lot since the beginning of the year. They're still working on things/action plans and more information will be in the next newsletter. National Walk and Bike to School Day is next week, Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> and information about this will go out on email and Facebook. Drop off place at Trakker building may have to change a little as it coincides with starting times of a new Montessori school at that location. Last evacuation drill CJMS did was at the same time too and it 'surprised' people at that school to have over 700 CJMS students and staff coming their way! Buss students will got dropped off there (they do not have to get off if they don't want) and tickets are awarded to walkers. Punch card system is in the works. Sarah Domin is working on this. It was discussed that kids with (heavy) instruments are 'penalized' and suggestions were made about maybe leaving the instruments on the bus but having staff or volunteers available to off load those at the school. Any ideas and feedback on how to make this fun for all kids to

participate in are very welcome so please email or call Mr. Ayers. In the future, our Walk and Bike to School days will be on the first Thursday of the month again to coincide with PAC Meeting day.

- Dawn introduced herself and Jannet Borrmann as resp. PAC President and Secretary/Facebook Admin. Dawn asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for co-President and she asked everyone for a quick introduction. She updated on gym-shirts, which totaled over 500 t-shirts this year, which Dawn and her husband did in their garage! Some delays through some logo issues with Universal and due to sheer volume. All Spirit wear is now complete but please call Dawn or email if something is missing. SMS is wanting more info and will maybe be doing their own shirts and Dawn is looking into online ordering up-front. Suggestions were made to maybe look into outsourcing (Laura Jones would request info) and/or getting students involved. PAC also provides the jazz t-shirts for Mrs. Nelson every year.
- Laura Jones was asking for feedback on the pre-ordered school supplies we did for the first time ever last year. She will send an email to parents who ordered last year. Feedback in the meeting was that it wasn't clear to people that PAC would benefit from it so market that more in the future. Overall it was thought to give it another try.
- Fun Night is coming up on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. PAC is in charge of drinks, snacks and pizza and chaperoning. Timing is 3:30ish -6:30 for helpers. Please contact Dawn at [dawn@tarabochia.net](mailto:dawn@tarabochia.net) or 581-6311 if you can help or donate.
- Dawn talked about the FUN RUN idea that was 'borrowed' from Elementary Schools last year. We had issues with regards to timings (Cancer fundraiser took place the previous week) and dates kept being shifted until the year was almost over. Tickers for drawings for iTunes cards and an iPad were handed out though and that was a hit. Ideas and feedback are needed about how to run it, when to run it etc. Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome!
- PAC CJMS runs in the \$5-8k range and money is raised for bleachers, chairs, special events like artist in-residence etc. Marcia Kaveney who needs to be put in touch with Debi Feigle who ran that program in the past will chair bricks fundraiser.
- Quick update on Square One Art was that all art has now been shipped off and order forms will be coming in October. Jannet Borrmann will try and get the school tiles mounted, grouted and displayed somewhere in the school.

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

- Oct 9, Early Release and Walk and Bike to School Day
- Oct 17-18, NO SCHOOL
- Oct 25, CJMS Fun Night 3:45-5:45
- Oct 29, Picture Retakes

**If anyone would like to VOLUNTEER or DONATE, please contact Dawn Tarabochia at 581-6311 - [dawn@tarabochia.net](mailto: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/cjmstpac> or type in Chief Joseph Middle School in your Facebook browser.**