

## **PAC Meeting Minutes** **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

**In Attendance** – Robin Arnold, Ashley Bickerstaff, Rachel Thesing, Kelly Darnell, Colleen O'Quinn, Anne Meree Craig, Mollie Pugh, Emily Mason, Jennifer Paulak, Janet Yeomans, Gerri Lewis, Sara Schwerin, Melissa Moran, Wendy Tage, Rob Watson, Steve Johnson, Anne Gibson, Wendy Welsh, Shelley Shupp, Kama Werner

**Guest Speaker** – Morningstar Elementary Librarian – Nancy DeWolf

Last year check out 44,000 books

Highest circulation in all of Bozeman

Working on integrating the iPads again this year

Have created a green screen space for making movies

Working on beefing up our e book section this year

Creation of some maker boxes and kits that children and teachers can check out

Using sign up genius for volunteering in the library – needs help with the book fair

\$3000 made at each book fair. Nancy spends a Little on the library and uses the rest on the teachers to increase their classroom libraries

Databases – pebble go – good for beginning research

Have any questions or concerns about the library contact Nancy

**School Bond Update** – Rob Watson – Superintendent

There is a proposed expansion at Sacajawea Middle School that will be a ballot measure on November 3rd.

To learn more attend the public forum at Sacajawea Middle School on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Sacajawea has 705 kids

Bozeman is at the functional capacity of its middle schools.

The plan is to expand SMS and update, as SMS is 21 years old with a projected cost of 16 million.

They will be expanding the gym, adding 5 classrooms next to gym, expanding music area, expanding 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade areas, expanding common areas, addressing building security by making the office the first things you walk into for safety. They will also be adding internal hallways so it is easier to move about the building.

The time frame is spring of 2016 to break ground with the internal construction slated to begin summer of 2017. Exterior construction can occur while school is in session.

**Fun Run Update** – Kama Werner

Colleen O'Quinn will be the DJ.

The event will take place on the track again this year, and the Bozeman Running Co. will again provide their arch.

Firefighters, champ and cheerleaders will be there for first graders with MSU athletes coming at various times.

We are encouraging K-2 to come out at the end of the day and cheer on the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. October 3-12 collection of pledges. All money collected on the 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> winners will be announced.

Will use School messenger Thursday afternoon to send out a last blast about volunteers

Book Bonanza as opposed to a pizza party for winning classrooms

The fun run uses over 100 volunteers.

### **Classroom Enrichment Report – Ashley Bickerstaff**

The majority of money raised by PAC is spent on classroom enrichment.

Requests are done by grade level with one teacher representing the grade.

Robin approves requests prior to their presentation to PAC

Requests include but are not limited to: MOSS, Materials for classrooms, ArtSpot, Field Trips, Bohart Ski Trip, Spire, Symphony, Opera, Farm to School farm days, Bridger Ski trip, Theater coaching, Shakespeare in the Park, Health Enhancement, Fit Kids.

Total Enrichment Requests \$21,900

### **Language Enrichment Report – Mollie Pugh**

World language – first week of classes October 19<sup>th</sup>

Spanish, German, Russian, Arabic, Mandarin and French are offered.

Registration ends October 5<sup>th</sup> for fall/winter.

9 class offering – 45-minute classes

63 students are currently enrolled.

This year they are hoping to enroll kids from the KINDSLINK program since they are already at school.

60% of classes are after school

Contact Mollie Pugh for class schedule, enrollment and availability

### **Treasurer Report – Janet Yeomans**

FAC – Financial Advisory Committee filled

Preliminary Budget has not changed since May.

For a copy of the budget email Janet Yeomans at: [janetlyeomans@gmail.com](mailto:janetlyeomans@gmail.com)>

### **Spirit Wear Update – Janet Yeomans**

Deliver day estimated October 9th

### **Volunteer Coordinator Report – Anne Meree Craig**

Have parents email list – volunteers are going really well

Sending invites directly to parents

Active Sign ups for: Traffic assistants, Fun Run, yearbook assistants and photographers, walk and bike to school,

Upcoming sing ups for: STEM, fall book fair, holiday program

## **Principal's Report – Robin Arnold**

Amy Strom and Robin Arnold are heading up – STEM

This requires a large number of volunteers and they would like more ideas and participants.

There will be a committee meeting Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>

The following are the slated Dates and Topics:

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> – STEM field trips

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>– Water – labs and activities

March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – Waste – recycling reduce reuse

Morningstar signed up last year for the Green Schools Initiative. The idea is the merge sustainability with STEM

Bill Harley – Singer Songwriter and storyteller is coming to Morningstar.

There will be a free family concert Morningstar gym on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:45. There will an opportunity to buy books and cds for advanced purchase with 15 % of all purchases going to our school.

The school is spending the \$20k that they would be spending on Enrichment on Technology I thanks to PAC.

The school has purchased 4 more sets of chrome book carts totaling \$15k and two more sets of ipad minis (10 in each set) \$4500.

Box Tops – Kyla Gunderson was the winner last year and she will get to be principal for a day in October. This year we are participating in the Bobcat Boxtops Drive. The winner will spend an hour with Bobcat athletes.

Lucky Stars continues to work on creative ways to engage kids.

They have designed their own website with student writing pieces, activities and a variety of other information.

Every school received an allocation from the district for Informational Text for our classrooms in the amount of \$4500. These are nonfiction books housed in hallways and in classrooms not in library.

**Background checks -**

Certain field trips require a \$35 background check. This is for fieldtrips when parents are unsupervised with children and out of eyeshot or earshot of school district staff. Specifically Bohart and Bridger Bowl field trips.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for such field trips the cost of the background check becomes the volunteers responsibility.

This fee will be added to the permission slip. The school will not pay for it.

Outdoor play scape is complete and came in \$3,500 under budget (includes 1800 for the 8 additional trees)

This allowed us to purchase the optional part of the plan that was 8 additional trees. These trees were planted on Friday.

We still are under-budget

### **New Business**

October is farm to school month with October 26<sup>th</sup> being “crunch time”.

Apples will be delivered to each classroom with a story of Johnny Appleseed

Staff can sign up if they would like their class to participate.

Kidslink after school program has signed up for harvest of the month with Farm to School.

Capital expenditure proposals are now being accepted.