

## **PAC Meeting Minutes** **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

### **In Attendance**

Robin Arnold, Joshua Mynatt, Whitney Todd, Mollie Pugh, Johnna Hall, Julianne Williams, Ashley Bickerstaff, Rachel Thesing, Nicole Steinmetz, Laura Merante, Kelly Darnell, Colleen O'Quinn, Janet Yeomans, Mandie Leipheimer, Melissa Moran, Liza Brumbach, Kalina Vanderhoff, Sara Schwerin, Barbie Huber, Kama Werner, Mary Jo O'Donnill, Kirsten Blunck

### **Team Leader Report**

Music Teacher – Mr. Mynatt

The goal is to teach music by doing music. 80% of classroom time is actually spent making music. They start class by singing hello end class by singing goodbye. There is embedded curriculum in every activity that is done so that there is a purpose. The growth in the students has been astronomical.

### **Holiday Program – Kirsten Blunck**

A budget is needed for the entire holiday program.

The program is divided into 3 sections. There is the Friday program, a luncheon for teachers and staff on Friday and then apps/snacks for teacher and staff who are setting up on Thursday.

Kim Dickerson and Nicole Steinmetz will co-chair with Kirsten Blunck.

They will need approximately 10 volunteers and will send out a sign up genius.

The theme this year is Happy Holidays from the Red White & Blue with a Norman Rockwell vintage feel.

The event will be a little less than an hour long with 18 songs. There will be all live music with no recorded music.

We will once again offer remote parking with busing to and from the event.

Saving seats in the gym for the performance ahead of time will not be permitted

There was discussion around the possibility of an evening performance.

In order for this to happen there would need to be sufficient push from the parents.

### **Fun Run Update – Kama Werner**

Coach Fish was there from MSU along with some of the MSU basketball players along with Champ and some cheerleaders.

It is ideal to tap into the university when possible.

We also had firefighters here for the entire event.

3 key track managers is ideal and a shortened track was more manageable for kids

Ideally we do not need committees but instead just 2-3 key people to run the event.

The Fun Run has grossed \$54k raised to date.

### **Box Top Update – Kalina Vanderhoff**

MSU students have reached out and would like to do our boxtops for us as they are in a competition with University of Missoula.

Winning class gets to spend an hour with the bobcat athletes

Looking to get an athlete in to make an announcement and kick off the event.

**Toy/Warm Clothing/Food Drive – Robin Arnold**

We will be launching the food drive this week with a walk/wheel to school day. The date is Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> with the exact time TBD based on the Christmas stroll. We need to be 1-2 key parent volunteer to help coordinate/design flier/etc. Student leaders will do much of the legwork. The set up will take place Friday evening.

This is an exchange and no money will change hands.

Whatever is not taken will be donated to Love Inc.

Ideally the event next year will be earlier as parents assess what they need for winter and prior to the ski swap.

**Santa Run For Education – Melissa Moran**

The event will be December 5<sup>th</sup> and based out of the Wilson Gym. This is also the morning of the Christmas stroll.

There will be fun activities provided by the event sponsors and Starkey's will be providing food.

Top winners will get to ride with Santa on his sleigh.

**Treasurer's Report- Capital Campaign Update – Janet Yeomans**

Currently our revenue from Fun Run is approximately \$54,000. We have a balance in checking of \$79,083, \$30,371 in savings along with the \$3,000+ in a CD set aside for track maintenance only. We have paid out approximately \$10,000 in operating expenses to date, which leaves us with about \$30,000 left to spend in operating expenses. It was agreed that we would set aside \$42,000 for next years operating expenses. With the purchase of the proposed capital expenditures we would be left with an approximate surplus of \$22,000.

There have been no major changes to the preliminary budget that was voted on in the spring.

There are currently 2 capital campaign initiatives.

First is \$2500 for the Bill Harley concert, which will have student workshops, free concerts and books. A huge thank you our families

Moved – Colleen O'Quinn

Second – Laura Merante

Passed unanimously – no one opposed

Second is \$12,500 for cross country skis, boots and poles for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders (50 pairs)

Cross-country skiing is part of the health enhancement curriculum.

We have had it in the school for 20 years and the equipment is 18 years old so students have been learning on outdated equipment.

Teaching on consistent gear is really helpful for students learning the sport.

They are used each class 1-2x a week and will be operational this season.

Storage of the equipment needs a plan, as what we have right now is not ideal.

Moved – Gerri Lewis

Second – Mandie Leipheimer

Passed unanimously – no one opposed

Email Janet Yeomans if you would like to put forth a capital initiative.

There is no deadline.

### **World Language Explorers – Mollie Pugh**

Week 3 of the program with 80 seats full with 63 seats being the break-even mark.

The program has been well received.

We will include the teachers in the staff appreciation week in the spring

Currently registering for spring.

### **Communications – Gerri Lewis**

25-35% open rate on PAC newsletters.

The click throughs are minimal and are all mostly for sign up genius.

A new mailing list is needed from the front office so that the list is more accurate and complete.

### **Principals Report**

In August staff went through the Run Lock Fight Training. This is not required but about 90% of our staff participated.

The 8 hours of training counts as professional development.

Provided by district and at no cost to staff and they were paid for their time.

Parent involvement in classes 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up slows as students engage in more independent learning.

Parents are welcome in the classroom just please give the teachers notice.

The small enrichments groups for this age need volunteers.

Staff is currently working on developing a Morningstar homework continuum.

This will explain homework expectation and explanations for each grade level.

50 people helped out with our STEM days the last week of October.

The feedback was positive and we have been able to create a new partnership with MSU. Teachers used the fieldtrip time to plan and strategize and collaborate.

CRAZY8 and DIY clubs are already full. We need additional volunteers to expand the program and open up another section.

### **New Business**

No new business