

PAC Meeting Minutes
February 2nd, 2016

Announcements

Polar Plunge – February 15th.

The cost is \$500 for 5 people with all funds raised benefitting the Special Olympics.

3rd Grade Team Leaders

There is a collaborative approach with all teachers working together as a team. Each teacher focuses on a specific area to include Language Arts, Math and Science/Social Studies. Portions of every curriculum area still taught in each classroom. The teachers move classrooms instead of the students.

Treasurer report

Janet Yeomens

Choir has made a request for t-shirts for performances and will be submitting a proposal to PAC. The shirts will be the property of Morningstar and can be reused.

Communications Report

Gerri Lewis

The December holiday shuttle newsletter had the most openings of any other newsletter. Late feb/early march a reminder will be sent to get your yearbook orders in. The newsletter will also include details regarding the cultural celebration.

Cultural Celebration & World Language Update

Mollie Pugh

A new bulletin board is up in the school. The world language program will start February 22nd and end April 25th. The same classes will be offered. There is a new Russian teacher and two new Spanish teachers. There are 64 students signed up which is the break even number. Last semester there were 80 students. The afternoon time for classes is changing to begin at 4:00 pm and end at 4:45pm. The Cultural Celebration will be held on Friday April 8th from 10:30-1:30.

Principal Report

Robin Arnold

The STEM expo was a big success with 65 projects half of which were partner projects. There was a committed group of people organizing event as well as incredible presenting scientists. There were 40 visiting scientists that judged in pairs. Every project had atleast two visits.

February 15th – no school

February 22nd and 23rd – STEM days

There will be four stations in every grade level and it will be one grade level at a time.

Mrs. Arnold and Bill Starkey have engaged a group of volunteers from Bozeman Toastmasters to mentor the 4th and 5th graders from the Student Leadership Team. They will do a 4-5 minute speech regarding something unique about themselves or their family.

The Student Leadership team is also working on putting forth a capital proposal to buy some new skates for the lower grades.

They have also taken over the drink pack recycling and are working on creating a new drink pouch collection bin.

Ice rink is up and doing well. Working on developing more permanent signage with regards to rules and notifications.

A conversation has begun regarding the topic of grading periods.

Parent/Teacher conferences are in October and April.

There is a potential change with the possible elimination of the fall report card.

Instead there would be report cards mid January and at the end of the year.