

## BHS PAC Meeting – September 12, 2013

Meeting brought to order by President Monica Shouse at 12:15  
Introductions of all members and guests

New principal Kevin Conwell introduced himself and then asked those staff members present to introduce themselves (Gary Corneer, Katie Laslovich, Carl Neely, Lynn Sellegren, Dianne Corneer, Cassidy Boldow, Anne Sullivan, Kristi Williams, Ken Gibson and Mike Ruell.

Kevin shared some of his background – this is his 29th year in education, 10 in Malta and Red Lodge, 18 in Hamilton. This has been a big step for him coming from smaller schools. He is very impressed with the school district and feels supported and welcomed.

Lauren Scull from Thrive spoke about the CAP (Child Advancement Program) program. It has been in the school district for 25 years and provides school-based mentoring (work on academics, enrichment activities, and/or social interactions). The program has been recognized nationally as a program with research evidence regarding its effectiveness as a way to help kids. They have a high need for community volunteers - they recruit 250 each fall. Visit <https://www.allthrive.org> to register as a mentor if you would like to help--the commitment is only an hour a week. Please share this with others.

Treasurer's report: Elizabeth Linsky – Not much activity occurs over the summer. We will vote on the budget at the next meeting. Figures were given for how much money is in the General fund, After Prom and Senior Sober accounts. Our biggest fundraiser is school pictures.

Monica provided an update on the Mandeville Creek project (the creek that runs in front of the high school on 11<sup>th</sup> street). It is a landscaping project being undertaken by some school staff and community members who are donating their time and expertise so the Mandeville Creek can function as an actual creek rather than appearing to be a drainage ditch. Ultimately it could be an outdoor eating area and interactive class room. Construction will take place the summer of 2014. PAC has allocated \$2500 to assist with this.

Volunteer opportunities were provided. Opportunities for the rest of 2013 are:

1. Picture Day--Sept 17th. Melea Mortenson is coordinating and has volunteers.
2. Staff Appreciation Coffee Cart set for Oct 16th. Monica Shouse is coordinating the effort and a sign up for breakfast food donation will be available in early October.
3. Homecoming dance on October 26<sup>th</sup> – we will need desserts and volunteers
4. Thanks4Giving clothing drive. We will need volunteers and donations.
5. Staff Appreciation Holiday Luncheon: Coordinated by Laura Kunz
6. Candy cane hand out the week before Christmas break

Most volunteer event sign-ups will be done through Google docs. If anyone does not feel comfortable using Google docs please let Lynne know.

We need coordinators for After Prom in April and Senior Sober. Last year there were no teen DUI's after prom or graduation. Co-chairing is a great way to make a big event easier to handle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm – minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Harmon

Next meeting: Thursday Oct 11th at 12:15 in the BHS library