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# PAC Meeting 2022/2023

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:30PM

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## Attendees

Joanne Barr (Chair), Jodi Schneider (Vice), Valerie Gregor (Sec), Cassandra Tomilson (Tres), Jen Story (DPAC), Kelly Hemingway (Fundraising Co), Kendall Packam, Jackie Gibbons, Nicole Spooner, Lauren Mcclung, Jodie Schneider, Chris Schneider, Candice Pauloski, Kate D Cotiis, Sarah O'Malley

## Welcome

What is PAC, round table introductions (who, #/Gr of child, why) , None recorded.

## Agenda

### Approval June Minutes

Kelly motions to approve Jodi seconds

### Approval Agenda

Additions/Omissions - none

Jodie motions to approved Kelly seconded

## Principal Report 6:45 to 7

Insert Zale Report

- Mr Zale says thank you to all the parents for volunteering to the pac it is valuable to running a school
  - September 30th 1701 Funding was submitted. School number 259.00.. Down 5 to 7 kids from projected. 7 home school kids connected to the school. 3 students have left since september 30th and 1 that has come.
  - September Cancer awareness tour de rock and terry fox. \$1000 to tour de rock. Funds will also go to Terry fox. Mrs Caton's class won a pizza party. Miracle Beach was featured on CTV news for tour de rock, check the link on the website.
  - Truth and Reconciliation week, each class worked towards 1 act of reconciliation. Lena (ISW) will be collating for more information.
  - Reconciliation Walk, A sit spot getting in touch with the space and land they are in. Students enjoyed the smoked salmon after the walk.
  - Two assemblies to start the year. Yay to Covid being behind us and allowing assemblies.
  - Health and Safety, 2 fire drills, the results have been outstanding, Go miracle beach students and staff!
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- October 20th is Shake out BC. The fire department will be joining the school in that drill. At some point the fire department will be coming to pull the alarm to have an unplanned drill.
- A lock down drill will be happening soon with an RCMP presence.
- Cross Country running has started Volleyball is starting.
- Pancake Breakfast was a success.
- School Supplies; Heather will be generating a list to see who has not paid school supplies and reaching out.
- BC fruit order is a go milk and fruit.
- September 22nd Class Profiling, Teacher and support worker went through each class list for a day. Tonya is the new LST for the day. IEP meetings will be coming up in the SBT's. At this point we are targeting intervention.
- 4 clubs running already, 7 generation club, tone chimes, choir.
- Today was the first day of Vanier Volunteers, on all accounts it was a huge success. It will continue to happen on flex days for Vanier.
- Leadership will be taking care of compost and recycling
- Finished Photo day retakes October 24th, 2022, they have already gone home to parents it has been a success. Class photos will be happening in the spring.
- Criminal Record Checks are moving forward. Kendall if you do your criminal record check online it does go faster. Once a CRC is done it is good for 3 years, the drivers abstract has to be done every year.
- Newsletter, Zale will continue on Fridays to send out the newsletter. I am tracking readership to see if they are valuable.
- Volunteer Driver Forms, try to do them now if you get a chance so you are prepared when you want to drive. Abstract is only good for a year.
- Water bottles, we are trying really hard to get water bottles for all of our students. We are looking for business to sponsor. Main Road Contracting would sponsor a small portion. Brazen MBC bottles will cost about 2200.00. The water bottles will work with the fill stations and environmental sustainability goals. Sarah O'Malley; will the fountains be turned back on, water bottles do get lost. Zale district is leaning away from fountains so we are ordering bottles.
- Grade 7's are building tables as a project.
- Try a Trade for Grade 7's on October 6th.
- Students in Grade 4 and 7 FSA's
- 3 Student teachers starting oct 11th, nelson, caddon and stride.
- Pro D October 21st.
- School Budget, see handout. Supplies money looks like it has gone down but what we have done is break up art and athletics.
- School Learning Plan, District Strategic Plan, The staff at MBE has been working hard on the goals. It is still in the draft stage. Improved literacy has been on the learning plan for a long time. Joanne wonders why they are neglecting spelling. They are planning to move away from benchmarking and move into more elements of literacy. Kista is the CST curriculum support teacher who will be working on literacy support beyond just reading comprehension. We have also submitted a learning proposal grant to the district to support her. The benchmarking has shown that reading has been improving in the school overall. Joanne; Pac has been asking staff to focus one pro-d day a year on mental health. We do not see this on the strategic plan yet. Joanne would like to see that under an actionable plan. Zale: we are going to address this in the upcoming staff meetings we are now doing twice a month. We will be addressing this soon.
- Please share any feedback about the school learning plan with Zale.
- Jackier, school learning plan, I am curious about why this school doesn't have a garden. I see that it is on the plan and I would be interested in volunteering.
- Forests are proposing a hazard through wasps and danger trees so we will be extending a fence. Zale is working with maintenance in relation to it.

## Chair Report 7 to 7:15

Old Business - Review the direction of PAC - Committee focus, how and when

Future - Goals for 2022/2023, requests from ISW, request from Zale, cell phone policy, bussing, Mental health focus, Gender Neutral Bathroom, Elections, Thank you to Volunteers so far this year. BCCPAC education

- Back in May and June the executive started talking about the new direction of pac, moving away from just fundraising. Miracle Beach is finally a member of BCCPac, Joanne is excited about all the free PAC training it offers. It also gives us a broader support system and voting rights at AGMS.
- Painting the Elder doors is a huge goal for us. Mrs Murdock our ISW found an artist and she is looking for support from PAC the total cost is 2700.00 the artist name Agnes Wizden. We will add it to the budget to gaming because it is beautifying the school.
- Outdoor play is a big focus for the pac, more accessible outdoor activities like the music area. Improving our sandbox.
- Having some play logs, for natural play structure, the area in front of the portable, logs and rounds. Interactive play.
- Support accessibility of outdoor classrooms and playgrounds.
- Support for mental health which we have as a budget item line.
- Student Family Affordability Fund, Joanne was lucky enough to be chosen by dpac to attend the district meetings. There was excellent representation of the needs of the school district and district staff. As a district they will be getting close to one million dollars but there are stipulations. The big question was looking at how families in need can be reached. Zale had received the email to the admin and he had filled it out, returned it. The email asked what the school has for equipment and what kind of programs are in place. MBE would need a commercial dishwasher and kitchen inventory. Maybe more space. Staffing is another issue that is being addressed in relation to this money. Joanne would like to have parents contact her with ideas to bring back to the meeting.
- Cell Phone Policy for Miracle Beach; MBE might need a cell phone policy. There is not a district wide policy for elementary schools. Zale, the unofficial policy, the present policy is permitted to digital learning, at recess or lunch. Joanne Zale you need to remind the schools that on the bus those are still school hours. How would a Cell Phone policy be enforced on the bus? Cell phone policy and use would have to be education, states Sarah. Jackie maybe needs more time to go into education to parents about safe use. Chris, an example of the problem is pornography being viewed on the bus by grade 7 boys. Chris wishes there was a firm policy that would help parents with the mobile phone use issue. Jen you have to teach the skill to kids on how to handle cell phones, phone use, online safety and social media. Digital literacy and digital citizenship skills matter. Joanne we do have whitehatter events flagged as a pac cost for parents.
- The Digital Device policy and mobile phone use in the school will be looked at in future pac meetings.
- Joanne Gender Neutral Washrooms, staff washrooms are used with single stalls.
- Regional district and Trustee voting will be here at Miracle Beach Elementary, voting will be October 15th, 8am to 8pm. For school trustees please check out the DPAC information page. Miracle Beach is Part of Area C.
- Bussing will be tabled at the next PAC meeting.

## Committee Reports 720 to 730 (Vice)

Committees formed so far this year are Fundraising, District Involvement, Fun Fair, Hot Lunch, Mental Health, we will add committees as the need arises throughout the year.

Fundraising - Kelly Report (review plans for this year's fundraisers)- First fundraiser the swag bag. Zip up hoodies, Nice Kelly! In November we will be doing cookie dough. February March we will be doing a paint night. April and May we will use growing smiles for mothers day hanging baskets. Jen Spooner Movie nights for families, concession for profit. Joanne thinks maybe we need an events committee.

District Involvement - Jen and Joanne (Covered in DPAC report)

Fun Fair - Jodi Report - Fun Fair Committee. We have not done a fun fair in two years and it is missed by the kids. It is still in the early stages. We are looking for Volunteers. Nicole and Lauren are on board.

Hot Lunch - Wendy and Joanne Report - 197 orders for the first round. The next round will be in November.

Mental Health - TBD

## Treasurer Report 7:30 to 7:45

Budget Presentation, September report.

- Doors for 2700 were added.
- See Budget insert
- We need to pass the budget. Prior to passing the budget Zale is looking at leadership t-shirts. As an executive we lean towards no at the cost but we have questions. Are they t-shirts that are used every year? Zale, are a reward for leadership costs and a way to recognize the students. CHris what is the cost per student on a shirt, 18 dollars a student. We are leaving the leadership t-shirts to be reviewed at the next pac meeting.
- Valerie Motions to approve the budget, jodi seconds the budget.
- Budget as it stands including the 2700.00 for the elder doors.
- Cassandra, the income statement is in a holding pattern until money starts coming in.

## DPAC Report 7:45 to 8

Insert Jen's Report

- District budget is a present discussion for DPAC.
- DPAC meetings are held on the first monday of every month, the meetings are a space for parent input into the district plans, Committees exist - Standing and as needed an example is budget committee where we provide input.
- Sexual health committee
- Speaker Series
- Trustees and Senior leadership attend the meeting so it is a great time for the PAC voice to be heard.
- Thank you Jen for making time to attend DPAC

## Open Discussion -

- On Halloween, we used to do a Halloween parade. Joanne asks if that will be happening next year? Will it be open to parents? Zale has met with the leadership kids and he will get back to us soon.
- Assemblies, can parents be informed of them if they are allowed to attend.

## Next Meeting 8 to 8:15

November 2nd, 2022

## Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting Kelly, Jen Seconded.