

PAC Meeting
April 18, 2016
LME Library

In attendance: Debbie Winter, Andrea Bleasdale, Rebecca Legros, Paula Peterson, Janette Loosdercht, Richard Niezen, Gabe D'Archangelo, Kim Heemskerk, Brooke Janzen, Karyn McMahon

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

1. It was moved by Andrea Bleasdale and seconded by Debbie Winter to adopt the minutes from Feb 22, 2016 PAC meeting. Motion carried.
2. Afternoon Adventures” – presented by Janette Loosdercht & Richard Niezen
 - Afternoon program started at Bernard Elementary five years ago. One day a week from 2:20-4:30pm. Led by volunteers from City Life Church.
 - First Ave Church in Chilliwack will be running this club at LME, starting Sept 27th, 2016.
 - Program consists of table talk (children divided into small groups led by trained volunteers), healthy snacks (provided), crafts, outdoor activities and workshops (ie. cooking, woodworking, music, dance, art etc).
 - There is no charge to parents or the school for this club.
 - It will be offered to approximately 20-25 students grades 2-4.
 - This is not a religious program.
 - The goal of this program is for volunteers to be a positive influence in children’s lives.
3. Principal’s Report – Gabe D’Archangelo
 - There has been a significant turn-over in staff
 - Soccer academy will be ending soon
 - Permission forms for two-handed touch rugby (grades 4-6) will be going out this week
 - May 11th – Cross Country meet at Cultus
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters program for grade 6 girls will begin on May 4th. This is a 7 week program. Volunteers will connect with these girls, build friendship, help develop self-confidence etc.
 - Fraser Institute ranked LME as 7th out of all the schools in Chilliwack.
 - School calendar overview (check LME website). Important Dates to remember: April 22nd – Earth day (students are encouraged to walk to school), April 25th – Pro-D day, May 2nd – school wide hike, May 6th – Pro-D day, May 10th – school photos, May 18th – intermediate spring concert, May 23rd- holiday, June 13-17- Aboriginal awareness week, June 15/16 – sports day, June 22nd – Awards Day, June 23rd- all day at the waterslides.

- Currently working on staffing. District is projecting 330 students for the 2016-2017 school year. This number is down from 355 last year. This has significant impact on staffing.

4. Run for Water – presented by Rebecca Legros

- Last year partner schools raised over \$78,000 for this event. This amount was matched dollar for dollar by a local business. As a result, a school was built in Caro, Ethiopia.
- LME raised just over \$1455.
- This year, money is being raised to bring fresh water to Bobiya, Ethiopia.
- On April 22nd enrichment students will be selling their crafts/goods to students and staff at LME.
- April 28th LME will have a Run 4 water assembly.
- April 29th there will be an empathy walk.
- May 2-12th will be the main week for fundraising, including selling tickets for ‘Principal for the day’.
- May 13th – LME’s Run 4 Water. Volunteers are needed for this. Please contact Andrea Wirrell if you want to help with this event.
- May 19th PAC will be hosting a movie night. All proceeds raised will go to Run 4 Water.

5. Other PAC events/ideas - Rebecca Legros

- Book swap – this will happen in June. Date TBA.
- Spring Market Update – Lindsey Day has been working on this. It will be taking place Sunday, April 24th from 10-4pm. Please come out and support the event. A concession will be running that day (hot dogs will be sold).
- Elections will be held on May 18th. Please talk to Rebecca or any other PAC exec members if you are interested in running for a position.

6. DPAC – Debbie Winter

- Debbie recently learned that the sample constitution that she worked on in March was not the correct version of the constitution. She will submit it anyway in order to get money from DPAC. She plans to relook at the correct version of the constitution in May.
- On April 18th the PAC exec met to review the BCCPAC resolutions. These amendments will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting (April 30th-May 1st, 2016).

7. Treasurer’s Report

- \$719 was given to us by the province of BC.

A motion was made Andrea Bleadale and seconded by Debbie Winter that this money should go towards field trips. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andrea Bleasale and seconded by Debbie Winter to designate \$235 on an annual basis to pay for software for hot lunches. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andrea Bleasdale and seconded by Rebecca Legros to add an additional \$3000 to LME's Fine Arts budget for a total of \$7500. Motion carried.