BHE October Meeting Minutes

October 17 2023

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6pm by Mikaela Dunn
- 2) Attendees: Mikaela Dunn, Anita Kohut, Alaina Penner, Allison Stapleton, Danielle Feguson, Monica Farrar-Germaine, Peter Gallo (Principal), Jill Voros (Vice-Principal)
- 3) Agenda approved by all attendees
- 4) Principal & Vice Principal's report
 - a) Bankhead Elementary School Learning Priorities:
 - All students and staff are developing literacy skills and knowledge to support cross curricular learning
 - ii) All students and staff are developing social emotional awareness, fostered by relationships and connections within the community
 - b) Implementation day was October 6
 - i) Participated in "The Blanket Exercise" led by Elder Mo Ziprick intended to build understanding about shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada
 - ii) Participated in a tour of local vegetation at the Eco-Centre
 - c) Pro-D Day was October 20
 - d) Grade 6 volleyball is underway, basketball will begin after holidays
 - e) Intermediates are hosting the Halloween Fair, canned donations are being asked from students
 - f) Noon hour supervisors still needed
 - g) BHE now has 85 English Language Learners, ELL support has been increased
 - h) Potential increase to teaching support
 - i) Meetings are happening regarding IEP
 - j) Grade 4 students are beginning FSAs (Foundational Skills Assessment)
 - k) Remembrance day assembly November 10
 - I) Grade 6 immunizations upcoming
 - m) Harmony day no longer in February, will be celebrated November 17
 - n) First cultural assembly coming at the end of November, guest will be a juggler/illusionist
 - o) Kiss and drop
 - i) Proposal will be given to community
 - ii) Plan to slowly phase in
 - iii) Parent and Student volunteers needed
 - iv) Potential for video to be made to help with visual
- 5) Treasurer's report
 - a) General Account \$20,928.67
 - b) Gaming Account \$14,544.25
 - i) \$7420 gaming grant received (\$20 per student as of student enrollment from previous year)
 - c) Movie Night Numbers
 - i) \$933.90 received

- ii) \$795.42 cost
- iii) \$198.41 Profit
- d) Freezie Friday / Fun Friday have been a success with an average of \$180/week
- e) New Fun Friday treat TBD (suggestions: hot chocolate, baked goods, chips)
- 6) Hot Lunch Report
 - a) 120 Students Registered
 - b) Almost at \$7000 sales (this number is subject to change as some parents purchase hot lunches in advance and some parents purchase weekly)
 - c) Munchalunch does send reminder emails to parents but some of these have been ending up in junk inbox

7) COPAC Report

- a) COPAC does not have access to parent email lists to send out information
- b) Report from the Welcome Centre
 - i) 473 New Students registered with Welcome Centre
 - ii) 199 in Central Kelowna
 - iii) Highlighted importance of welcoming newcomers
- c) District board meetings are open attendance, parents encouraged to attend
 - i) AGM is November 8
 - ii) New initiative called "Inside 23"
- d) Football Fridays happening at Apple Bowl, good way to connect to wider community
- e) District Student Council looking to increase presence in district, ready and willing to provide support to PACs
- f) Reiteration of challenges surrounding implementation of new playgrounds (see last month's meeting minutes)
- g) District schools at 107% capacity as of September
- h) Upcoming advocacy meeting in Victoria with MLA to discuss capital buildings/deferred maintenance (playground issues not a priority for this discussion)
- i) Action needed regarding changes to Policy 703, COPAC requesting PAC Input
- j) Conversation around change to policy 390 regarding conflict of interest of parents employed by school belonging to PAC Executive Committee (applies to parents who work 10hr or more per week)
- k) External Committees:
 - PIE (Partners for Inclusive Education) have monthly meetings, next meeting November 14 at 6pm, topics include: IEP, transition to adulthood, Family connections
- I) COPAC requesting website suggestions emailed to copac.atlarge2@sd23.bc.ca
- m) One Voice concept presented
 - Option for PACs to give proxy to COPAC representatives to represent their interests at provincial meeting - tabled and will be reviewed at future meetings in November or December
- 8) Current Business

- a) While movie night was a success, suggestion to do back to school welcome picnic next year
- b) School clothing still available but in limited sizes
- c) Halloween Dance
 - i) 5-7pm on October 26 in school gym
 - ii) DJ Decarus will be DJing at a cost of \$300 (approved by all)
 - iii) Knox Leadership students to help with dance
 - iv) \$5/family admission to dance
 - v) Concession items: Pizza (arrives at 4:45), Pop, Candy
 - vi) Costume contest to be held with halloween themed prizes
 - vii) Halloween decor needed
 - viii) Volunteers needed for concession and tear down\
- d) By-Laws
 - i) PAC intends to create and outline BHE PACs by-laws
 - ii) Collaborative effort by PAC Executive Committee and PAC members-atlarge
 - iii) Suggestions include voting for spending above certain dollar amount, voting for teachers requests
- 9) New Business
 - a) Follow up to teacher's requests at next meeting
 - b) Bike Safety Programme to be researched
 - c) Connect with Points West regarding lights/projectors
 - d) Purchase of Beverage Container for amount of \$189.99 voted and approved by all
 - e) Grade 6 Hoodies to be discussed at next meeting
 - f) Danielle to put together fundraising schedule
 - g) Proposed PAC Newsletter
 - h) Pyjama day will be December 19
 - i) Pancake day to be held same day Kelowna fire department along with parent volunteers come to cook up and serve all students pancakes in the gym
- 10) Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm
- 11) Next Meeting November 21 at 6pm, executive committee to meet at 5:30pm

Minutes taken by Monica Farrar-Germaine Approved by: Mikaela Dunn