

December 6, 2011

The meeting was held in the MPR and called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice President Amber Sartain.

Attendance:

Amber Sartain, Melinda Yager, Kirsten Smith, Stephanie Veltkamp, Sheila Kellogg, Nancy Bates, Merry Halverson, Laura Melling, Keda Miller, Lindsey Seydel and Tammy Sybesma.

Guests:

Principal, Scott McDowell

Treasurer Report:

Melinda Yager passed out a summary report showing these balances:

Checking Account: \$5,127.85; Cash on Hand \$50.00; Money Market Account: \$21,376.57; Total Balance as of 12-6-11 = \$26,554.42. Teacher's Fund Balance \$2,573.81 and Greenhouse Fund \$130.00.

Secretary Report:

Kirsten Smith - All items approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- Moss follow up - Mr. McDowell
 - Mr. McDowell received notice that MOSS did receive their funding and are generously providing their program to Amsterdam at a reduced cost, actually \$50 less than last year (\$4,202). This will bring 8 weeks of lessons to the school this spring! Mr. McDowell hasn't heard from the Wells Fargo grant that was written earlier in the year but if received could bring between \$500 - \$4,000 to support this program. A motion was made (Amber) and seconded (Sheila) with full PAC approval to pay for MOSS in 2012.
- Follow up on PTC Meals, Movie Night, Thanksgiving Dinner:
 - PTC Meals went well. A nice thank you was received from the teachers. Discussion about next year maybe provide less salad due to time constraints?
 - Movie Night went super. Huge thank you to Jason Yager for solving our "sound" issues. The dinner portion didn't go as well as we wanted. It was decided not to provide dinner at the next night. Taking a 10 minute intermission was good and should be done at future movies.
 - Thanksgiving Dinner was wonderful. Again, a huge thank you to Sheila Kellogg for organizing and presentation for a great feast (You're signed up for next year)
- Skiing/Swimming/Spire - Mr. McDowell
 - After some serious connection issues, Mr. McDowell finally connected with the gal from MSU regarding swimming for the 1st graders. Even though it is not 100% confirmed we are moving forward with plans for this outing. Cost between \$3-5/student (TBC) Time: 10-11:00 a.m. which will coincide with the Spire outing therefore eliminating the extra "afternoon" bus as previously discussed. Mr. McDowell to follow up with the MSU contact after January 1.
Recap:
 - 1st grade = Swimming (MSU)
 - 2nd grade = Spire Climbing Center
 - 3rd-6th grades = Downhill Skiing (Bridger Bowl)(No alternate activity to skiing - those opting out will sit in the Lodge with a supervisor)

New Business:

- **New Tree and Dedication** - Amber Sartain
 - The board previously approved and completed the removal of a diseased tree from in front of the school near the flag pole. Amber proposed to PAC that we purchase a new tree (possibly a fruit tree or Canadian red) along with either a plaque or bench and dedicate it to Amy Kamerman. Amber will look into further details and report back to PAC this spring.

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- Dedication would be done at Spring Fling. A motion was made (Melinda) and seconded (Sheila) with full PAC approval for this purchase and dedication.
- **Santa's Workshop December 14-15** - Laura Melling / Nancy Bates
 - Donation collection box is out and DONATIONS ARE NEEDED. We are very low and anything would be appreciated. Another note to go home with student's this week.
 - Approved to give \$50 to Nancy for her niece to shop in Billings at the Dollar Store this weekend.
 - A sign up to work with set up or the workshop will also be going home with the students.
 - Time for the workshop will be from 9:30 - 3:30 both days. Set-up on 13th from 6:30 - 8:30.
 - Donations with tissue paper/gift bags/wrapping paper are still needed.
 - **Christmas Program - Tuesday December 20th at Manhattan Christian School**
 - Santa has been confirmed with Mr. TeSlaa - Amber will deliver the suit.
 - Candy canes (fruit flavored) will be given to students and siblings after the program by Santa (Kirsten to purchase +/- 200 canes plus a \$50 gift certificate to The Oasis for Santa)
 - Joanne Fowler looking into Butterbraids (call into Doris) for sale at the program - no update from Joanne
 - Discussion was held regarding PAC providing coffee, drinks and treats after the program. All of the members present felt that this typically fell on a limited few volunteers to provide, set-up and clean-up and in years past very messy and time consuming therefore a motion was made (Tammy) and seconded (Kirsten) with full PAC approval to only provide candy canes this year at the event.
 - **Missoula Children's Theatre - January 23 - 28** - Keda Miller
 - King Arthur's Quest has been confirmed for January 23 - 28th!
 - Location - TBD (Keda looking into Living Waters and Manhattan Bible Church with Melinda; Lindsey suggested the Amsterdam Store and will check into this and get back to Keda).
 - Amber volunteered to provide housing for the two ladies from MCT.
 - Volunteer needed for video production. (Keda to ask Tanya again?).
 - **Spring Fling**
 - Dates were discussed in May for the event. Everyone to check event calendars and report back to the January meeting to decided upon a date. Tentative date: May 19, 2012.
 - Discussion regarding the carnival again to be held in the classrooms. This was wonderful.
 - Event time - starting at 11:00 vs. 10:00 (10 seemed a little early)
 - Further discussion regarding holding the live auction during the carnival this year in the MPR i.e.: carnival at 10 - 12 or 1 and auction for 11 - 12 ish. More discussion needed in January.
 - **Anything Else?**
 - Amber is going to organize a Welcome dinner (not necessarily from PAC) for Mr. McDowell's family upon their arrival to Bozeman (Valley Grove) on New Year's Day! Please call Amber to discuss and sign up, we are very excited to have them here.
 - **Teacher Treats** sign up and Reminder for December (Keeley Blanchard) - please check the Cougar Report.
 - **Board Meeting Representative:** Nancy Bates (December 8, 2011).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the school MPR.

Signed, Kirsten Smith, Secretary