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The meeting was held in the MPR and called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Kody VanDyke.

**Attendance:**

Kody VanDyke, Amber Sartain, Melinda Yager, Kirsten Smith, Lisa Russell, Sheila Kellogg, Codie Severson, Molly Stenberg, Melissa Visser, Tammy Sybesma, Nancy Bates, Keeley Blanchard

**Guests:**

Scott McDowell, Principal

**Treasurer Report:**

Former Treasurer, Tammy Sybesma, provided the report through a summary and wrap up of 2010-2011 Checking Account: \$891.10; Money Market Account: \$21,367.46; Teacher's Fund \$2,573.81 - Total Balance as of 6-30-11 = \$19,684.75.

*Discussion that the income over the last 3 years has increased (\$18k in 2008-2009; \$26k in 2009-2010; \$31k in 2010-2011) however so has the student size and therefore the expenses coincide i.e. 2011-2012 150 students.*

**Secretary Report:**

*The New Business minutes from the May 31st meeting were read and approved. Kirsten will send minutes to Sue K to post on the website as well as send out to the parents listed on our PAC email lists. Kirsten will also add names to the minutes for the "teacher treats" as a reminder for the upcoming month.*

**Old Business:**

- 2011-2012 meetings were discussed. Last year there was talk of changing to another evening. Discussion took place and Sheila made a motion to move the meeting to Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.; Kirsten seconded it. The motion carried 11 For 1 Opposed.
- Ice Cream Social - 4 new families at school; this was combined with the new equipment set up night. Overall it went well however next year thoughts were to separate this event from others. Yes continue.
- Kindergarten Welcome and PAC introduction. Amber led this and said it was very emotional. Next year only "welcome the parents" and provide brief overview if asked. No PAC packets were needed, save them for the School Open House. More discussion on this in May.
- Playground Equipment - Amber followed up that the School Board called with extra money to spend and she chose 4 pieces of equipment from previous research to purchase at no cost to PAC. Thank you cards were passed around for members to sign and several specific thank you will go out to the contributing businesses: Western Pines and Bozeman Brick.
- Greenhouse was purchased and is nearing completion. Molly put out a plea for volunteers (4 Men needed) to help with the final touches - plastic, ends framed, door, insulation this Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m.
  - Cody and Molly to make a list of needs for the Greenhouse and give to Mr. McDowell. He will discuss with the teachers if they want to help through their current Teacher's Fund money available (see above for \$).
- Harvest Montana Fundraiser - Molly gave details for 2011-2012 year - nice selection of products and several items under \$10, see insert pages. She will be meeting this Thursday with Cody and Aubrey Durfree regarding Amsterdam specifics:
  - September 29 - Order forms out to families
  - October 19 - Forms to be returned to school
  - November 15-16 - pick up food - Suburbans needed - if you can help, call Molly Stenberg
  - November 17-18 - Families / Students pick up food and deliver to customers

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- In addition: October is National Farm to School Month - if the teachers would like to bring in a chef, farmer, etc. please contact Codie.
- Other fundraisers:
  - Trunk or Treat - Amber will head up - to be discussed next Month however date tentative for Saturday, October 29th
  - Butterbraids - possible sale of these again at the Christmas Program - specifics to be discussed at our December meeting
  - Fall Fun Run - Melinda mentioned that there wasn't enough time to organize this but it still is an option and she and Amber are exploring further details and costs - they will bring to PAC at a later date.
  - MCT - Keda was not available for further details but what we know:
    - January 23 - 27, 2012 - confirmed and on the MCT schedule
    - "King Arthur's Quest"
    - \$500 was paid to MCT in May, 2012
- Open House - Tuesday, September 13th from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
  - PAC will be in the MPR
  - Individual booths set up i.e.: Harvest Montana(Molly/Codie), Spring Fling(Shiela), MCT(Kody or Keda), Movie night (Amber)
  - If you have fresh garden veggies please bring for the Harvest MT display
  - Please take turns manning stations and especially the Harvest Montana booth

**New Business:**

- Welcoming of a new PAC member, Melissa Visser - son, Cullen in 3rd Grade
- Volunteer spots for 2011-2012 year:
  - Teacher Treats - sign up was passed
  - Newsletter - to be eliminated this year until a special event i.e.: Spring fling - Mr. McDowell offered to create a PAC Corner on his weekly newsletter and Kody will get him a weekly blurb if applicable. Members get info to Kody if needed.
  - Box Tops - Nancy Bates
  - Soup Labels - Janette Jensen
  - PAC email - all officers are responsible however the President has authority to add/delete and manage the overall account
- PAC activities and budget needs were discussed for many programs. This year the budget is going to be tight with at least 20+ more students at Amsterdam. Some programs may get cut and further discussion on all programs will be needed at the next meetings. Discussion took place regarding:
  - Skiing / Swimming / Gymnastics or Ice Skating - Large portion of our budget - 2012 brings limitations at Bohart and possibly Bridger. Swimming possibly partnering up like Belgrade schools do with MSU. Kody and Mr. McDowell to research options and bring findings to the October meeting.
  - Moss / Artsplot (this is a large number \$5,000 +...discussion to cut out Moss or change the look of Moss by eliminating Artsplot or reduce the number of days Moss is in the school. Further discussion regarding possibly hiring Moss to come in and "train" teachers for future years and increasing the use of the greenhouse within their curriculum. Codie to call a Moss rep and ask them to come to our next meeting, Mr. McDowell will ask if a teacher rep would also like to attend the meeting.
  - Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) see "old business"
  - Spring Fling
  - Teacher Treats
  - Movie Nights
  - P.T.C. dinners for teachers/staff from PAC - yes: scheduled for November 8 and 10

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- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Santa's Workshop - Laura Melling volunteered for this year
- Christmas program treats/social - change "treats"...further discussion needed
- Teacher Treats sign up and Reminder for September:
  - Sept. 12 - 16: Sheila Kellogg
  - Sept. 26 - 30: Tammy Sybesma
  
- Board Meeting Rep.: Kody VanDyke (September 8, 2011)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the school MPR.

Signed, Kirsten Smith, Secretary