

B.E.S.T. PAC meeting

September 20, 2023

Call to Order: 6:01pm

Introductions: Kim Edstrom gave an overview of how PAC works, how meetings usually run, and that elections will be held at the next meeting in October.

Curtis Weibe – New Vice-Principal

Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves. Lots of new faces!!

This year we will be posting the agendas and minutes on the B.E.S.T. website.

Kim T introduced herself and explained what PAC is about (see item II on the agenda). More information is available on the BCCPAC website, as well as what roles/duties are involved with Executive positions.

Ideas were shared about chat options other than Facebook chat (we will start a new group chat this year).

WhatsApp was one idea, as well as Teamsnap.

Principal's report – Kim Edstrom:

Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm

Next meeting will be election (if necessary) for executive roles

President/Chair

Vice President/Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

DPAC rep

Members at Large

Good startup at school. 12 classes, 246 students

As a School of Choice, B.E.S.T. knows what students are enrolled prior to September, so class compositions are known in advance and there is a more streamlined start to the school year.

New staff: Mr Wiebe – Vice Principal

Ms Lovell – replaced Mrs. Villeneuve

Ms Martin – Education Assistant – covering for Ms Bartel

Ms Storvall – helps out on Thursdays but is also the Aboriginal lead

School Learning Plan – 2 goals – Primary classes goal is literacy

Intermediate classes goal is writing/expression

Whole school goal is a sense of pride and belonging

Dates to note: Sept 19/23 was the first Arts Starts performance

Sept 21/23 Meet and Greet – visit your child’s class and meet the teachers

Sept 28/23 Annual Rivers day – all students go down to the riverbank and there are activity stations, students will visit 4 stations during the day.

Sept 29/23 Orange Shirt Day

Oct 12/23 Photo day

Oct 26/23 Retakes and class photos

Oct 26/23 Come Read with me – Grade 1 classes – 8:45am

Cross Country team has started up with coaches Mr. Hummel and Mrs. Unsworth. This is for students in grades 3-7.

Fundraising Recap

- Coupon Books
- Pizza Day
- Craft Fair
- Cookie Dough/Cheesecakes
- Christmas Concert
- Car Show
- Purdy’s
- Concession Stand at Sports Day

2022-2023 PAC Fundraiser Funds Allocation

- Each teacher received \$100 for school supplies or classroom needs
- Larvae for primary classes (ladybugs, praying mantis and caterpillars)
- Library books (Social and Emotional learning books)
- Loose parts kits
- Repaired the gym scoreboard
- Trophies and awards for graduating Grade 6 students
- Grade 6 graduation bags
- Mystery science App
- Staff appreciation luncheon
- Principal and secretary thank you gifts

Fundraising Ideas for this year

- Coupon books
- Yearbook
- B.E.S.T. PAC Hot lunch days (once a month) – we are trying a variety this year rather than pizza every time. Each month will rotate between Pizza, Senor Froggys, Chopped Leaf, Sweet Home Café (Asian meal) and a hot dog day in June.
- Purdys chocolates (Easter time?)

- B.E.S.T. Swag (hoodies, sweatpants, touques)
- Christmas Concert and bake sale and basket raffle
- 50/50 draws
- Craft Fair
- Track and Field day concession stand
- Halloween Costume parade?
- Candy Halloween grams?
- Cookie Valentine grams?
- Game night?
- Spring carnival?
- Primary/Intermediate Gym night?
- Munchalunch online payment system for PAC hot lunch
- Privato Pumpkin Patch
- Oliver's Labels
- OPEN TO ANY OTHER IDEAS!

DPAC Report

DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) is hosting a parent education night on Oct 5/23 for parents navigating the IEP process. The evening will include a presentation from BC ED Access. It should be available by zoom and in person. Venue to be determined. Keep an eye on the SD73 DPAC facebook page and the school newsletter for more information to come.

Please note – As a parent/guardian with a child at Bert Edwards, you are part of the PAC – we want you to have a say. If you can't make the meetings, please email any questions or concerns you may have to bestpac2023@gmail.com or speak to Mrs. Edstrom. We will announce our new executives next meeting and you can also reach out to any of them also.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday October 4/23 at 6pm in the school library.