

**MES/GES PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2022 @ 5:30PM GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY  
VIA ZOOM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Amy Hay (President)  
Angela Bragg (Principal)  
Emily Kapusky (Vice President)  
Tia Nordtrom  
Danielle Andersen (Secretary)  
Sarah Valin

**ABSENT**

Melisa Pelkey (Treasurer)  
Raylene Everitt  
Candace Harcus  
Melissa Ping (Fundraising)  
Chloe Drummond  
Stephanie Neufeld

**CALL TO ORDER @ 5:35PM**

Presiding Amy Hay

**PRESIDENT REPORT (1 Min)**

**Amy Hay -**

Didn't get a chance to send out agenda prior to meeting, busy with beef this week. Apologies

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11TH 2022 MEETING**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Update on MES school closure + board meeting  
Valentine's candy grams  
Set dates for next three meetings (April to June)  
Old business  
New business

## **SECRETARY REPORT (2 min)**

### **Danielle Andersen-**

Melissa Ping sent an email to the PAC account regarding the constitution to be discussed at the next meeting, and while reading it I realized the secretary is responsible for issuing and receiving correspondence for council. Apologies, I was unaware of that as this is a new role but I am able to going forward create the agenda and have that sent out the week prior and contact Donna to let families know of scheduled PAC meetings. As long as everyone is okay with issues being sent ahead of time, and the agenda being sent the week before the meeting, I can manage to fulfil the role.

**Emily-** Anyone who has concerns or issues etc, can email the PAC email between meetings and the agenda can be added to during meeting if needed. Old business that needs to be carried over can help create the agenda, a template will be sent for guidance.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (2 Min)**

### **Emily Kapusky in place of Melisa Pelkey-**

\$9,375.30 in the general account, \$520.38 in the gaming account. We now have access to the banking so going forward should be easier and more transparent.

We need to consider a vote to find a new treasurer. Unconfirmed and unofficial - Melisa Pekley may have stepped down but Melissa Ping has been carrying the reports and since she is a school district member she should not be filling this role. \*To be carried forward to next meeting.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (5 Min)**

### **Angela Bragg-**

- Popcorn is back!
- Activity Signal letter sent out last week regarding low attendance possibly due to Covid resulting in staffing issue at Midway and very low numbers in each class
- Strong Start is still cancelled for now
- Basketball for grades 5-7 still running, no tournaments and parents still not allowed at games unfortunately
- Ski days going well, 3 more days booked. This Thursday at Baldy for Greenwood, March 10th Midway ski day to Pheonix, parents to volunteer?
- Children + development, how to support families
- Story workshop- Kindergarten using manipulatives to tell stories, doing great
- Al la cart breakfast program at Greenwood, two carts delivered to classrooms instead of all in one room. Kids take what they need, hard to track but kids are eating.
- Hot lunch to be more streamlined at both schools - to include a pocket that's easier to manage for payments/forms
- Next board meeting on February 24th at 6pm in Midway for school closure, hopefully in person. Let board know PAC's points of concern. March 3rd at 6pm in Greenwood, any parents with children in both schools can attend. Decision will be made March 15th, 2022.

**Tia-** Willing to do popcorn at Midway, brought forward a snack shack idea that works well at other child's school. Rewards system (snack dollars) limited to \$2 per kid per week maybe.  
\*Carry forward to next meeting to make this a plan and get parent volunteers. Email ideas to PAC email.

### **OLD BUSINESS (1 Min)**

Carried over from January 11 2022

- Carnival planning to be started in March and discussed at next meeting

### **NEW BUSINESS (64 Min)**

**Emily Kapusky-** Melissa Ping to sell candy grams at Midway on February 7. Greenwood to do bucket system again this year as it worked well last year. To be put in bulletin for end of week. Halloween candy leftover could be used if we wish.

**MOTION** by Emily: To purchase candy supplies

Second: Tia

### **Set meetings -**

For April, May, June. As per correspondence via Katie- if we want her or Mark to attend we need to change from Tuesdays to another day, possibly Wednesdays. As well as adding her to the agenda.

- March meeting **changed** from Tuesday March 1 to **Wednesday March 2, 2022**
- MONDAY APRIL 4, 2022
- WEDNESDAY MAY 4, 2022
- WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2022

### **Breakfast Program -**

**Angela** - President's Choice Grant to help with funding. As per Katie Jepsen, school board can help where needed to continue Breakfast Program success.

**Amy** - 150lbs of sausage still wondering if Midway + Greenwood would like it? Tabled to next meeting?

**Tia-** Deadwood willing to supply day old food to schools, someone on staff able to deliver as well or Tanya can reach out to do pick ups.

### **Hot Lunch -**

Concerned we are ordering too much- once Angela streamlines ordering process, we will know for sure. Food is still being utilized for children who forget lunches, stored in freezers. Hot dogs still need to be paid for at McMynn's \$360 that dates from last year still outstanding. Tia to send PAC a itemized printout for cheque to be made.

### **Fundraising** -

Purdy's pamphlets for Easter to be sent out next week via Melissa Ping. Post spring break plant sale successful in the past. Confirmed to do again this year.

**MOTION** by Danielle: Add Mable's Labels to June fundraiser plan as it is a super easy back to school tangible fundraiser for parents, our old school was very successful, parents and teachers love the labels. No risk, more reward (20% but will confirm in next meeting)

Second: Emily

Spirit Ware for grad class, could we do spirit ware for all grades? Donna to send out form

### **PAC Facebook Page** -

**Tia** - password and new page for PAC to keep families informed. Add more than 1 or 2 admin so when parents move on the page is still running. Info to be kept in office at Greenwood for future parents to take over.

### **School Closure** -

**Tia** - Spoke with Rose the trustee of Beaverdell - If we want the school to stay open, we must send submissions to the board before they've made their decision. 600 signatures on petition between Midway + Greenwood. Reached out to Darryl Turner, he sees no difference in education between schools, Has concerns that children may move to West Boundary from Midway which will result in lower numbers in GES, therefore that school may be next to close. In order to keep the school open, we need to let the board know why our kids benefit from each school. Access to many things are at our fingertips. Not having a crossing guard at Greenwood is alarming and potentially fatal.

**Emily** - Board is not thinking long term as people are moving from the Okanogan to smaller towns. Representation for Midway staff didn't sound favourable at the meeting.

**Tia** - A meeting in Midway at the community centre is being held February 3rd at 7pm, can join via zoom as well. More things should be done before deciding to close like having extra support staff etc. As per Mr. Turner, it seems like the decision has already been made but parents need to sway the board now. PAC can bring their concerns as a whole if everyone is on the same page.

**Amy** - let's bring forth another meeting before the 24th to discuss this more. Labelled PAC MES School Closure Meeting.

**Emily** - Email PAC account to decide on date within the next two weeks.

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 2, 2022 @ 5:30PM MIDWAY VIA ZOOM**

**ADJOURNMENT at 6:50PM by Amy (1 Hr 15 Min Total)**