

PAC Meeting

Moberly Elementary

2016 Jan 19 @ 7pm adjourned at 8:30pm

Attendance: Anh Tuyen, Eva Agustin, Sharon Bagri, Alisa Levenstein, Ianne Cabatuando, Evelyn Preza, Paul Thandi (Chair), Diane Blue (Treasurer)

Patti Plottel, Principal and Karl Graham, Vice Principal

1. Welcome

Patti welcomes all parents and reviews Moberly website navigation. Patti will check website calendar to make sure PAC meetings are displayed on landing page.

2. PAC Chair

Paul Thandi has no updates for this meeting (see new business).

3. T-Report

Diane Blue reviews the monthly treasurer's report.

4. Old Business

- a. Parent Class Reps – In progress. Action item: Diane Blue to email Alicia the “job description” working document before emailing to Patti for distribution to classroom teachers. Parent PAC reps are intended to help their child's classroom teacher with various activities; hoping to increase parent participation/engagement with school.
- b. Gift Cards (Diane) – The Christmas gift card fundraiser raised \$133.90. Parents would like to try another gift card fundraiser for sometime in March. Proposed the order form to be available from March 11th and returned back March 29 (before/after spring break) time frame. This will allow longer notice for parents to respond. Feedback from Dec's fundraiser was the parents didn't get order form until too late. Parents will be coming for parent-teacher conference to make orders at parent teacher conferences. Another proposal is to also collect orders during the conferences (last day before spring break) with gift cards being ready for pick up week after spring break. Other fundraising Ideas - world finest chocolates vs. Purdy's. Another annual direct drive, Carnival Day (would need many committed parents' participation); movie night & popcorn.
- c. Pizza Hot Lunch has been proposed for March 11th (see student council initiative)

5. New Business

a. Teacher Wish List

PAC considered many of the teachers wishes. At the top of the list was the need to replace many old computers that have become obsolete and incompatible with the VSB computer maintenance policy. The school would like to replace computers in order to build a better computer lab. Many computers have already been replaced but the

school still needs 14 more desktop PC to complete a new class-set of computers. The hope is that PAC can support the purchase so the school can have 2 sets of 30 computers which will allow more students to access technology more frequently. The school board does not cover these additional purchases as the VSB no longer has a separate technology fund (as they once had) and the VSB will not support/maintain our old donated computers (that are being replaced). Computer purchases must go through the VSB centralized purchasing system.

Paul Thandi: Motion to fund use \$10,000 of gaming grant funds to purchase 14 student dedicated desktop personal computers.

Second: Alisa Levenstein

Motion carried/Passed Unanimously

- b. Patti would like to bring back artist, Maggie, to run art project programs with students (“artists in resident”). Diane Blue will check if Gaming Grant can support such student activities.
6. Principal/VP Report (Patti Plottel & Karl Graham)
- a. Food Bank – There was a good response from students but only half the amount was collected compared to last year. As with previous years, there was a pizza party prize to primary and intermediate grade for the class that brought the most collections for the food bank.
 - b. Student Council Projects this year
 - i. Food Bank
 - ii. Hot chocolate donut hole sale for student council
 - iii. Pajama Day last Friday of January. February’s theme will be Gratitude (similar to the Kindness Tree from last year). March will be Movie & Pizza lunch.
 - iv. Movie & Pizza: Patti would like PAC support with the pizzas while Karl & Patti and staff will handle student supervision. The plan: first half of movie will be played followed by lunch break where pizzas will be served or students may go home for lunch as usual. The second half of movie will be played after lunch. It was discussed that Pizza Hut lunch would be best if there is not enough parent support to process the pizza order, pick up and set up at old gym to pick up pizza. The date was set for March 11th. The reason for the movie during school time is because it is a Student Council event and it should be run during school time.
 - v. Crazy Hair day is scheduled for April and then there will be a Freezie-Freebie Fun day planned as well.

More Discussions:

1. Possible dinner fundraiser ideas: rent Fraserview Hall for dinner event and charge \$75 per ticket; another suggestion was a “pub night” with \$20 ticket that covers burger & a drink (we can also offer 50/50 draw or silent auction/raffle).
2. Discussions about restructuring the “Meet the Teacher Night” for September 2016. Grade 7 students will give parent tours. Bringing food tends to draw crowds (eg hotdogs or corn roast at meet the teachers, or maybe samosas, ice cream night bring your own bowl, etc)

3. For more discussion at next PAC: gift card fundraiser, updates on chocolate fundraiser