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| **ATTENDANCE** |
| **PAC Members** | **Guests** |
| Randi McMyn – Chair | Cristina Bottiglieri-Hot Lunch |  |
| Tammy Cikor – Co-Chair | Bruce Cunnings - Principal |  |
| Christine Taylor – Treasurer  |  |  |
| Jody Jones – Secretary  |  |  |
| Justine Brittiney – Communication |  |  |
| Amber Gabriele - Communication |  |  |



### EME PAC MEETING

### Date: November 21st, 2016

### 6:00-7:00pm

**I. PAC Meeting called to Order at 6:05pm**

Motion to accept October 2016 meeting minutes.

 1st: Tammy Cikor

 2nd:Justine Brittiney

**II. Treasurer’s Report**

General Acct Balance: $26, 368.89

 Gaming Acct Balance: $372.20

III. **Principal’s Report presented by Mr. Cunnings**

**Parent Portal & Website:**

These will continue to be are main source of communication. Please ensure you are on the Parent Portal.

Please complete the policies and walking field trip forms.

**School Assemblies**

At Edith McDermott, we have planned monthly school-wide assemblies. We welcome ALL of our families to share with us in celebration. Please note the dates on your calendars. We’ll hope that you’ll be able to join us.

December 7 @ 9:00am

January 4 @ 9:00am

February 1 @ 9:00am

**2016 – 2017 Reporting Dates**

 Our first reporting conferences will take place on **Thursday December 1 and Friday December 2**. Students will be dismissed at 12:00noon on Thursday December 1, 2016. Students will only attend on Friday if they have a conference.

Our second reporting conferences will take place on **Thursday March 9 and Friday March 10.** Students will be dismissed at 12:00noon on Thursday March 9, 2016

As you are probably aware, BC has a new curriculum this year with a focus on three important core competencies – Communication, Thinking and Personal/Social. We want students to leave school with; the ability to communicate clearly, to think critically and creatively and to be both personally and socially responsible. It is through the curricular activities that these core competencies are nurtured and developed.

In an effort to reflect the new curriculum, our report cards are now called “Communicating Student Learning” documents and will look a little different this year. The Kindergarten and Primary documents have the most significant change in terms of look – but the spirit of the process is the same as last year. By the end of the year, each child in K-7 will give examples of their learning in each of the three core competencies. This could be shared in a variety of ways depending on the student’s age and development e.g. a photograph, a drawing, a written reflection, a reference to a portfolio and so forth.

Terms one and two reporting continues to be conference-based and your child’s teacher will facilitate a conversation (conference) between you, your child and themselves. Each of you plays an important role in the conversation. Just like a three-legged stool doesn’t work without one of the legs, the student inclusive conferences need you, your child and the teacher(s) to each participate in the conversation in order to be successful. The goal of the conference is to discuss and review the child’s progress and to set learning goals for the future.

In term three, there will be no conference. The report will be sent home on the last day of school. I would like to encourage parents to visit the reporting site to view the new templates.

Remembrance Day assembly went really well. The staff was proud of the students for their excellent behaviour at the assembly.

**Nikki Nevison – The Family Education & Support Centre**

Nikki has started her classroom presentations on optimism for our students.

Family Ed Parent Evenings – Next workshop is Wednesday January 18th 6-8pm here at EME

**Cup Stacking**

All of the student participated in our cup stacking event on Thursday November 17. The students enjoyed participating in their school teams!

Grade 6/7 classes are working on a school garden project.

Students are currently designing different layouts for the garden. They have built an indoor micro greens nursery. They have had the worm lady in and will be having a horticulturalist in to present to the students. This is part of the Applied Design, skills and technologies curriculum.

Students are also learning to sew as part of their Fine Arts Fridays.

**Jersey Day** is this Friday. All proceeds go to KidSport.

Staff vs. Student basketball game this Thursday at Lunch.

**Christmas Time at EME**

The giving tree will be set up for December 1. We encourage people to take a tag from the tree and return the item to the office.

Christmas concerts will be on Wednesday December 13 and Thursday December 14. Both concerts will start at 1pm. Doors will open at 12:40pm for parents.

**Weather Conditions**

 Living in a rain forest presents a great variety of weather conditions, indeed. At EME we believe that it is most important that we all have opportunity to be outside getting fresh air and exercise throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for rainy days having a hooded coat or umbrella and waterproof footwear. Unless we are experiencing an especially torrential downpour or excessively cold temperatures, we will all be enjoying the outdoors at recess and lunchtime breaks. The fresh air and exercise is beneficial for everyone!!!

**Athletics and Intramurals:**

Basketball is winding up. Our boys are now in playoffs and are currently in second place with only one loss.

**Clubs:**

Chess Group has started, ran by our counsellor Val Clark.

Display crew is planning their first event.

Global Citizens

**IV. New Business**

**Fundraiser for Grade 7’s – there will be opportunities for the grade 7’s to sell candy bags at the conferences, Christmas concerts and hotdog day in January.**

**V. Open Discussion**

 **Nothing discussed.**

**VI. Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm**

Upcoming Meetings: December 12th @ 9am

 January 23rd @ 6pm