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



### EME PAC MEETING

### Date: December 12th, 2016

### 9:00 – 10:00am

**I. PAC Meeting called to Order at 9:05am**

Motion to accept November 2016 meeting minutes.

 1st: Justine Brittiney

 2nd:Christine Taylor

**II. Treasurer’s Report**

General Acct Balance: $22,900.72

 Gaming Acct Balance: $372.20

* $700 profit from December’s Christmas PJ party

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.

January 11 @ 9:00am

February 1 @ 9:00am

March 1 @ 9:00am

April 5 @9:00am

**2016 – 2017 Reporting Dates**

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 continue 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.

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

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

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

Staff vs. Student basketball game was fun lunch event for both staff and students. Global Citizens raised money at this event.

MDI for grade 4 and 7.

EDI for KG students. The teachers fill this out for the students.

**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 14 and Thursday December 15. 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 done for the season. Our boys finished second place with only two losses all season.

Volleyball will start up in the new year.

**Clubs:**

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

Display crew has created a fantastic Christmas display for us to enjoy.

Global Citizens – Are selling candy grams.

**IV. New Business**

January 18th 2017 @ 6-8pm – EME Library - **Parent Workshop #2 – Proactive Parenting**

* Child minding available

**V. Open Discussion**

Profit from bookfair was **$1800.00**

**VI. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00am**

Upcoming Meetings: January 23rd @ 6pm

February 20th @ 9am