

PAC NEWSLETTER

A special meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 7PM in the Bothwell library. We are hoping all parents can attend.

At the PAC AGM, which took place on Tuesday, May 16, elections were held to elect a new executive for the 2017/2018 school year. Unfortunately, no parents stepped up to sit on the executive.

Without a PAC Executive, Bothwell Elementary will lose all of the gaming funds to which it is entitled. These funds are free to all public schools as long as the school has a PAC Executive.

Why is this important?

Gaming funds help to subsidize extracurricular costs for the school including, but not limited to, buses for field trips, entrance fees to establishments, special performances, and much more.

Not having a PAC Executive will result in more than a \$4000 loss for the school. Moreover, any funds that are currently sitting in the PAC accounts will have to be disbursed to another PAC.

What does this mean to you?

The \$4000 will now have to come out of our pockets. In other words, fees may be added to field trips to cover the costs that would have been covered by gaming funds. Either that or the activities simply won't happen. Either way, our children miss out.

What can you do to help?

Step up! Help save our gaming funds! Participate in your child's school! They need you! We need you! Come to the special meeting on Monday, June 12th to show your support to our school.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Monday, June 5. We have posted sign up sheets for parents on the inside of each of the classroom doors, as well as, the PAC board across from the office. Anyone who wishes to donate food items or cash for this luncheon may do so by signing their names on the sign-up sheets.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Stefanie Rainaldi at 778-861-7270.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOTHWELL PAC CONSTITUTION:

At the meeting scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7 PM in the school library, we will need to make some changes to our Bothwell Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Constitution and Bylaws. The changes that we make will need to reflect the changes to the former BC Gaming Commission which is now known as the Community Gaming Grant. These changes will also reflect the low population of our school.

According to the Community Gaming Grant, we are only required to have a minimum of two executive positions filled for any PAC Executive. These two positions must be the President and Treasurer. That being said, any PAC Executive can have up to four positions including a Secretary and Vice President. Executive officers can now fill more than one role. For example, the President may also hold the position of Secretary. Moreover, Executive positions can be shared. In other words, if a person is uncomfortable being the sole individual responsible for the duties of a certain position, two people can fill that role thereby sharing responsibilities. The outgoing president will not hold a position on the PAC Executive, but may act as a mentor and advisor for the new Executive officers when needed.

Once we make the necessary changes to our constitution to reflect the new standards set by the Community Gaming Grant, we will also need to adjust the required number of parents to reach quorum at any PAC meeting. If there are only two executive positions filled, quorum would need to be adjusted to five. If there are three executive positions filled, quorum would need to be adjusted to seven. If there are four executive positions filled, quorum would need to be adjusted to nine. In other words, if voting is to take place and decisions are to be made, there would have to be the same number of other parents compared to the executive plus one.

We are asking that parents attend this important meeting as we need to reach our current quorum in order to vote on these important changes.

Sincerely, your 2016-17 PAC Executive