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Silver Ranch March PAC Meeting

Our purpose is to provide support for students' educational and recreational needs and increase cooperation between parents, guardians, Silver Ranch Elementary staff, and the Bismarck Public School District

I. Call to order

- a) Purpose & direction of Silver Ranch PAC
- b) Introductions

II. Secretary's Report

- a) [February Meeting Minutes](#) - mentimeter voting
 - i) Minutes were reviewed - Kristen motioned, Jen seconded, all voted yes




III. Treasurer's Report

- a) [March Treasurer's Report](#) - mentimeter voting
 - i) Report was reviewed - Kristen motioned, Jen seconded, all voted yes

IV. Staff Report

- a) Celebrated 99% of families attended conferences!
 - i) Students love the parent notes left during conferences
- b) Starting to think about next year
 - i) March newsletter - special and unique circumstances for classroom placements will open
 - (1) Teacher requests are typically not accommodated aside from the special and unique circumstances - open for parents to share anything they would like the school to know when placing their student for next year
 - ii) March is reading month with the theme of Olympics
 - (1) Families are invited in to the school to come and read to their students
 - iii) Kindergarten registration is open - currently have 32 enrolled



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- (1) Last year we had 29 at this time
- (2) Please share/spread the word to get registrations in asap!
- iv) Camp Adventure registration is open and has a hard deadline of March 31st
 - (1) Camp Ed will take place June 1-26
- v) Long range facility plan for BPS was shared at the most recent school board meeting.
 - (1) No changes at Silver Ranch but there are changes within our feeder
 - (2) Dr. Fastnacht will be attending our May 4th meeting to share a 20 min presentation on the long range facility plan

V. Old Business

a) Family Movie Night Update

- i) Attendance approx 200 people - successful event, gym was full, some on the bleachers, and still some in the cafeteria for games
 - 1) Parents loved the coloring/games along with the movie so students had options
 - 2) Families enjoyed event and asked about it happening again next year
 - 3) Partnering with the student council was wonderful so the student council could focus solely on concessions while others were taking care of the movie.
- ii) Notes for next year
 - 1) Consider name tags or tshirts so families know who the PAC members are that may be organizing or enforcing rules (no running).
 - 2) Consider doing an "intermission" to get more concessions part way through the movie
 - 3) Could post movie options on facebook and do a poll to pick the movie.
 - 4) A BPS computer is needed to hook up to Lu Projector
 - 5) Provide additional games/coloring as not many families brought their own but appreciated having the games/coloring options
 - 6) Noting times of when doors open and then when movie will start.



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b) Dine to Donate

- i) Blaze Pizza - \$202.08
- ii) March 20th - Panda Express
 - 1) Kristin will prep a flyer
 - 2) Jen will email flyer to Tracy
- iii) April - Kristin is working on Culvers and will get info out to Mrs. Jordan asap to get staff sign up

c) Snack Cart

- i) February went well, items are starting to get close to expiration date, low on items
 - 1) Need to ask for more items or PAC purchase additional items
- ii) March Date - working on setting a date

d) Bingo for Books - March 26 6:00-7:30

- i) Approved to go over the \$950 approved by PAC board by \$0.18
- ii) Need to post a sign up genius for volunteers
- iii) Ordered 75 pizzas last year which was too much, Jenna ordered paper supplies

e) Band Night Parade [Survey](#)

- i) Complete by March 15th - survey being sent out in March newsletter. Due date set so we can determine if it is worth signing up once the parade sign up is open

VI. New Business




a) Elections Section 5 - Create Nominating Committee - mentimeter voting

- i) [Silver Ranch Elementary PAC Bylaws \(updated 7/14/25\)](#)
 - (1) No attendees at the meeting outside of Silver Ranch staff and the PAC board members; therefore the PAC board will look for interested future members to nominate at the April meeting

b) Budget Requests




- i) Mrs. Olson - Library request - mentimeter voting
 - (1) Blinds or sun screens for windows in the library



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- (2) Cost - unsure
 - (3) Rationale/Educational Impact: Sunlight often makes the whiteboard difficult or impossible to use for instruction or read-aloud projections. The timing of the glare shifts throughout the year, so the issue appears at different points in the day depending on the season.
 - (a) Thoughts on tinting versus blinds but then windows will always be tinted and no natural light will be gone
 - (b) Is this a PAC responsibility or does this need to be a building responsibility
 - (c) Do we need all windows or only certain ones?
 - (d) Would need to look are electric system
 - (e) Ashley will reach out to Mrs. Jordan to get her thoughts before responding to the proposal
- ii) Mrs. Sheldon - K-5 Grade Levels - mentimeter voting
- (1) I am writing to respectfully request that the School PAC consider allocating annual funds to each grade level to support the cost of one grade-level learning trip per school year as you begin planning for the 2026–27 budget.
 - (2) Cost \$500 per grade level per school year = \$3,000
 - (3) Rationale/Educational Impact: Grade-level learning trips provide meaningful, hands-on experiences that extend classroom instruction and deepen student understanding of academic standards. These opportunities support engagement, real-world connections, and shared experiences that strengthen our school community.
- We are requesting that the PAC provide a designated annual allocation of \$500 to each grade level to help offset the cost of transportation and entry/admission fees.
- Providing consistent yearly funding would allow grade-level teams to plan proactively, ensuring all students have access to enriching experiences.
- Any funds not used for a learning trip by the end of the school year would be returned to the PAC.



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I deeply appreciate the PAC's continued partnership in supporting our students and school community. Thank you for considering this request.

- Jen emailed with Mrs. Sheldon to let her know these funds have already been approved in the original PAC budget for the 25-26 school year.
- Options for accessing these funds were discussed:
 - Teachers give request to Mrs. Jordan who then reaches out to PAC for funds and then PAC would pay directly or reimburse BPS OR
 - PAC could give the budget of \$3,000 to Silver Ranch and request Accounting to set up separate tracking codes for field trips and at the end of the school year, any funds not used for field trips would be returned to PAC
 - Mrs. Fischer shared that any time we can streamline the work it's much more appealing to access and use
 - Group agreed on the second option of giving funds to Silver Ranch and tracking the spending of the funds.
- Jen will communicate with Jenna and Mrs. Jordan the next steps to move \$3,000 to BPS for field trips to activity fund to use \$500 per grade level, any not spent will be returned to PAC

Drawing for gift card to Panda Express - winner was Brittany K.

VII. Adjournment