## **Bastion PAC New**

## **Hello Bastion Bobcats!**

We hope you've had a restful summer and an excellent start to the new school year. Bastion PAC is excited for the 2025/2026 school year and for the opportunity to continue to support our kids, their teachers and classrooms and our fantastic school community! If you are interested in the PAC's work and would like to help coordinate or volunteer for our events and fundraisers, you can join us at one of our monthly meetings or email us to learn more about PAC bastionpacSD83@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook:www.facebook.com/bastionschoolPAC

## What is PAC?

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by: providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school; involving parents in volunteer activities; and openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

## Your Support Matters

The easiest way to support our school, have a say or "be in the know" is to attend PAC meetings.

We generally hold our meetings in the school music room (or occasionally online via Microsoft Teams) on the 1st Monday of the month. Meetings start at 6:30 pm and usually only last an hour to an hour and a half. BUT September's meeting will be on Thursday September 11th at 6:30 pm. FREE CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE.

At these meetings, we hear from Principal Heather Gobbett, Vice Principal Rita Tedesco and occasionally our School Board Trustee, Marianne VanBuskirk. They will give us updates on what is happening around our school and our school district. After that, we discuss what monies we have spent, funds to distribute, what upcoming fundraisers we have, Fun Food day update, school initiatives etc.; there is an opportunity for a parents to discuss, give feedback and ask questions.

I cannot stress how informal these meetings are. Everyone has an opportunity to speak as much or as little as they like and have a say in what matters to them. Each parent and guardian at our school is automatically a PAC member, and your thoughts and opinions matter to your children and us.

If you're pressed for time but have any ideas on potential fundraising idea, want to find out how to volunteer for PAC events, or want to share thoughts on supports and items we can fund please email us at bastionpacSD83@gmail.com.