

# South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2020

## Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Cheryl Lowe, Claire Philipson, Daphne Powell, Sarah Davison, Lindsay Clague, Sarah Canale, Anna Sangster, Monica Juhas, Dana Pajerski, Tobi Hauck (PAC Chair from Rosemont Elementary), Sheri Walsh (SD8 trustee)

## Motions

- Motions from the November meeting are approved.
- PAC will match the \$529.70 raised by student council for the SPCA and the KLH Foundation. Student council will send us a letter requesting the funds.

## Principal's report

- **Budget transparency report**  
The school is financially healthy. Our full budget for the year was ~\$78,000.00 and we have ~\$52,000 available (~\$20,000 of that is accounted for). We are in the position to purchase some items, what do we need? Soundfield systems? Wobbly stools? Chromebooks?
- **Staff meeting agenda report**  
Teachers are engaging in collaborative work and professional development. Examples are the First Peoples Principles of Learning and sharing South Nelson inclusion success stories.
- **Traffic safety update**  
Dan, Anna, and Daphne met with the city about transit safety. The feedback was to coordinate with the district and present all the concerns together. Dan met with Bruce McLean from SD8 and other Nelson principals and they prepared a document that has been sent to the city.
- **Notes**  
New cubbies have been budgeted for and will be installed in the near future.  
New books for racial justice and social emotional learning have been purchased. Teachers are reading them and figuring how to incorporate them in classes and with parents, etc.

## Treasurer's report

- General account: \$28,927.38; \$2,576.00 is coming from fundraising.
- Gaming account: \$10,613.62 (\$6,000 allocated to the pavilion).

- Recent fundraising totals (approximate): \$1,798 from Purdy's, \$418 from No. 6 coffee, \$560 from grocery cards, \$107.50 from wraps, ~\$700 from pizza, \$1,023.75 from sushi.

## Notes

- Anna Sangster is now the chair of the DPAC traffic safety committee.
- We can longer recycle paper through SD8; SD8 has been blacklisted for contamination.
- Can the City's green ambassador to come to the school and talk to the kids about recycling?
- Winter activities will be tricky, but planning is taking place. Whitewater will likely be for Grade 5s.
- We have 40% of our toques left. We broke even this round and we can sell again in February.
- There is interest at the DPAC about reinstating parent-advocacy program. They used to offer a course to train parent advocates to better understand the system and advocate for their child.
- There is a new after-school program being hosted at South Nelson. There are spaces available.
- Grant options for the pavilion are being explored. The school/PAC are collectively contributing \$11,000. The pavilion itself is \$35,000. If we get funding through the RDCK, we need to add recreational equipment to meet granting requirements, bringing it to \$50,000.

## Actions

- Dan will keep an eye on parking. If needed, we can ask Laura to send out a reminder to parents about where to park or ask bylaw officers/police to come and do a ticketing/education blitz.
- Lindsay will approach the district about reinstating recycling.
- Dan and Megan will work on a stop-gap recycling solution (asking parent volunteers to take weekly batches of paper to be recycled and encouraging parents to write letters to the district).
- Dan will talk to the teachers about supporting kids to take their garbage home and encouraging student council to host a competition promoting waste-free lunches. PAC will provide a prize.
- PAC will host a pizza party for each class in the new year.
- Cheryl will ask if we can move the \$6,000 of gaming money allocated for this year to 2021–2022.
- Megan will connect with Ms. Long and Mr. Marsh about drum-making (funds approved).
- Sarah Canale will approach the wrap supplier about adding an option.
- Dan will send out more information about the after-school program.

## Follow-up

- Winter activities update.
- South Nelson patches from Big Cranium.
- Feasibility of science week.
- DPAC parent advocacy coordinator position.