

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Claire Philipson, Daphne Powell, Lindsay Clague, Bill Maslechko, Courtney Collins, Tanji Zumpano, Anna Collins, Sheri Walsh, Sarah Davison, Sarah Canale

Motions

- Minutes from the January meeting are approved.
- A motion is approved to put \$1,800 from the gaming account toward snowshoes.
- A motion is approved to put \$400 toward traffic signs.

Principal's report

- A digital survey was sent to grade 5 families about interest in grade 6 at SN next year. So far, all responses have indicated moving to Trafalgar. Laura L. is calling all families who have not yet responded. Any 6s who do stay will be in combined grade classes.
- Trafalgar Principal indicated to Dan that he doesn't expect a waiting list for French Immersion for next year, but it is important to get application in by the due date.
- Kindergarten registration for next year is open. Please share this with any K families you know, as it is best to know our numbers as accurately as possible for staffing processes. The numbers of Ks projected to enter is significantly lower than the number of 5s projected to leave for at least the next couple years.
- Each principal has a yearly "Alignment Meeting" with the senior leadership team to go through a series of questions about the school. Dan will be in this meeting for South Nelson on Thursday, Feb. 11.
- The Student Learning Survey will be sent to parents by Laura L. soon. Grade 4, 7, 10, and 12 students also participate in these, so SN's grade 4s will do this in school after spring break.
- Dan will meet with PAC executive this spring to create a survey for families about what could/should be focal points for SN beyond COVID-19 and to set priorities for PAC's contributions to the school.
- Grade 4s will be writing FSAs in literacy and numeracy between mid-February and mid-March. A schedule will be sent to families. SN grade 4s have also been selected to write the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) assessment and this will take place on April 20, 21, and 22.
- Each SD8 principal is presenting their school in Zoom "Learning Tours." SN's is Thursday, February 11 between 12:30 and 1:00. Zoom link to come. Please let Dan know anything you would like included in presenting learning at SN. This day will also include a recognition of years of service pins to employees.

- Staff are working on an outdoor learning project across all classes to run through April (or May) and may ask PAC for support in funding hiring an outdoor educator TTOC for one day/week through the month.
- GoByBike Day is February 12. More info to come.
- Clarification with PAC about financial support of projects:
 - PAC paying for 4/5 WH20 days
 - SN paying for x-country ski days
 - PAC paying \$1,800 toward 30 sets of snowshoes & SN is paying the balance of \$1,200
 - PAC will pay 50% of traffic signs, SD8 Operations will pay the other 50%

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$34,308.75
- Gaming account: \$10,607.32

Notes

Lunch

- Do we want to continue the lunch program as a fundraiser? Are the profit margins working?
- Extra pizza slices are being frozen so they can be handed out if kids are hungry.
- We are exploring two new lunch options: burritos and sandwiches.

Safety/parking/transportation

- Parents who see illegal parking, unsafe drop-offs, etc. should contact the police.
- A pilot bus pass project is being rolled out (kids swipe in and out, so we know where they got on/off).

School

- The school was able to purchase \$13,000 of wish-list items for teachers.
- Student Council is focused on the stuffy Olympics, so a fundraiser for Cottonwood likely won't happen.
- District-led sexual health will not take place until later. Teachers will teach what's in the curriculum.
- Information will be coming soon about how parents can sign books out from the school library.
- South Nelson Kidz Klub will be providing childcare over spring break. An email will come out via Dan.

Pavilion

- Cheryl and Daphne are working on grants for the gazebo. The city will consider all the necessary approvals on Feb. 9. We need these approvals before we can go forward.

DPAC

- DPAC is going forward with parent advocacy training (dates TBA). There will be two levels of training: a two-hour option and a full day; a full day is required to become a parent advocate.
- Anna will work at the DPAC level to amalgamate traffic safety concerns from all the schools and bring them forward to SD8 with the goals of initiating some real change.

Actions

- PAC will fund Valentine's cupcakes for all the students.
- Grocery card fundraiser is coming up.
- No. 6 fundraiser will follow that. (The blend is good for espresso and drip coffee makers.)
- Purdy Easter fundraiser is coming up.
- Georama spring fundraiser is coming up.

Follow-up

- We're waiting to hear if our recycling service has been fully reinstated. If not, we have a letter on file to send to the district.
- Anna will follow-up on the recycling issue with the DPAC and report back.
- Dan and Megan will gather the profits from the lunch program for the last two years so we can discuss profit margins and how to operate the program.
- Daphne, Dan, and Anna will figure out the best traffic signs to purchase.