

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Pre-meeting Q&A with SD8 senior leadership

Christine Perkins, Chandra Singh, Deanna Holitzki, Bill Maschlenko, Lenora Tranamen, Sheri Walsh, & Naomi Ross

- Schools are planning for next year, hopefully they will open at Stage 1 with some COVID protocols.
- This year, EA staffing will happen over the summer.
- The district is working with CUPE on the collective agreement.
- The school board is going through a learning process regarding anti-racism. Actions include (but are not limited to):
 - Hosting a working session to build the foundation for reviewing policies, etc.
 - Taking the Different Together pledge.
 - Co-hosting an anti-racism professional development day with Selkirk College.
 - Developing an anti-racism framework and launching anti-racism website with resources.
 - Celebrating Black History Month.
 - Discussing an anti-discrimination policy at the next board meeting (Dan to send out details).
- The pro-d day on April 19 is about Indigenizing the curriculum (Dan to send out details).
- Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation hosted a workshop about anti-racism. There will be another workshop in April.
- The district is working to connect with Backpack Buddies, which partners with local businesses to fund food for vulnerable students.
- The district is also discussing bringing spin bikes into the schools for children who need to move.
- There's an option through MunchaLunch for parents to request lunch support confidentially.

PAC meeting

Attendees

Dan Rude, Bill Maschlenko, Sheri Walsh, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Claire Philipson, Courtney Collins, Daphne Powell, Cheryl Hodges, Sarah Davison, Sarah Kozlowski, Sarah Murray, Stephanie Lagace, Bianca Duffy, & Sarah Canale

Motions

- A motion passes to approve the minutes from the February meeting.
- A motion passes to commit the \$10,607.32 from the gaming account to the Pavilion and to hold \$5,000.00 from the general account for the Pavilion if necessary (pending grants).

Principal's report

- Senior leadership came to discuss the collective agreement and staffing (particularly EAs), the district's approach to anti-racism policy and practice, and opportunities for programs to increase food security.
- Last month, Mr. Rude gave a presentation about South Nelson as part of the school district learning tour.

Topics covered included:

- Strategic planning
- Staff collaboration (First Peoples Principles of Learning)
- Staff professional learning
- PAC collaboration
- Data sets (EDI, MDI, academic, FSAs, student learning surveys,
- The teachers took a survey on what to focus on beyond COVID.
- Grade 4s are currently writing the FSAs. They are doing the Middle Years Development Index, an anonymous survey through UBC that explores how they are experiencing different aspects of life.
- The kindergarteners are doing the Early Years Development Index. It is by kindergarten teachers.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$30,213.15
 - \$1,800.00 + \$311.81 allocated to the school for snowshoes and traffic cones.
 - **Actual: \$28,101.00.**
- Gaming account: \$10,607.32

Notes

Lunch

- Profits from the last term (Jan.–Mar.): \$4,131.78 (\$0.60/sandwich, \$0.50/wrap, \$0.75/sushi roll, pizza is unclear because we're buying extra due to COVID protocols).
- We are going to reduce sushi profit to \$0.25/roll for the upcoming term.
- Rotary has expressed an interest in supporting food security at South Nelson. One idea is hosting "breakfast bins" outside classrooms with granola bars, fruit, etc. or a free lunch day.

Safety/parking/transportation

- The new traffic signs are out and working well so far.
- There has not been a lot of development regarding the Safe Route to Schools program.
- The traffic safety meeting will have a meeting before the next PAC meeting.
- Should parents/PACs write letters supporting lowering the speed limit?

School

- Dan, Megan, and Kate met to develop a survey. It will go out at the end of the year and focus on next year.
- Recycling of mixed paper products is currently running smoothly at our school. For other recyclables, students and staff should pack out what they bring in. There is a discussion about the recycling protocols at the Nelson depot. See Appendix for follow-up from the RDCK.
- Sarah Murray and Sarah Davison will post updates on the PAC Facebook page.

Pavilion

- We will find out about the City of Nelson grant in May.
- We have a contractor who is able to build in July, if we can secure the funding in time to book him.
- Three permissions are needed. The first has passed. The second, neighbourhood consultation regarding the variance process, is coming up.

Fundraising

- In February, we raised \$725 raised from grocery cards and \$264 from coffee
- Purdy's profit is \$1,215.38.
- Georama fundraiser is coming up.
- Coffee and grocery cards will happen once more this year.

Actions

- We will start our meetings with the First Nations acknowledgement.
- Dan will add a note to his weekly update with a link to info about our fundraiser at Nelson Leafs Bottle Depot. People can donate their refunds to South Nelson.

Follow-up

- South Nelson will follow up with City Manager Kevin Cormack and/or Operations Manager Brian Jones re. the Safe Route to Schools program. We have a letter on file that we can resend.
- Bianca will look into a social media silent auction in support of the Pavilion.
- We will have a dedicated lunch meeting to craft a policy for next year.
- Claire to write a letter of support for the Pavilion from the PAC to accompany the city grant application.

Appendix (from the RDCK in an email)

Here is a brief summary of the process that all of the recycling collected at our depot goes through after it is picked up by our hauler, GFL:

- Transported to facility in Trail
- All roll off bins and Super Sacks (the big white square bags) are weighed and scanned
- Recycling from roll off bins is compacted before shipment, Super Sacks are consolidated on large trailers for transport to lower mainland
- Recycling is sorted into categories and baled at RecycleBC's MRFs (Material Recovery Facility) in Richmond and New Westminster
- Super Sacks are scanned again to record that they have arrived at the MRF
- Plastics are recycled at Merlin Plastics in Delta <https://merlinplastics.com/>
- Paper and cardboard are sent to mills in BC and elsewhere for recycling
- Metals sent to recyclers in North America
- Glass is used in BC (I think crushed for road fill)
- Plastic Bags and Overwrap are recycled by Merlin
- Other Flexible Plastic Packaging – some is handled by Merlin to research improved recycling methods, some is used to create refused derived fuel (RFD)
- RFD is burned in waste to energy facilities and used to offset fuel consumption in cement kilns and paper mills

This is why the plastic bags category is so particular and requires more sorting. We can only accept certain types of plastic (#2 and #4 codes) since mixing in other types will make the recycling process impossible. The other flexible plastics category accepts more kinds of plastic packaging (zipper lock bags, mixed foil and plastic packaging, stand up pouches, etc) because a portion of them are being used to research methods of separating the different plastic types used in those packages for recycling and to generate RFD. There are obviously a lot of different kinds of plastic packaging in the stores and that is why our recycling program to accept them can be so complicated. Ultimately the goal of the program is to pressure producers to make simpler kinds of packaging that are reusable or more easily recycled.

RecycleBC also has some good information about the whole process on their website as well as some more details about the flexible plastic packaging category.

<https://recyclebc.ca/what-happens-to-my-recycling/>

<https://recyclebc.ca/flexiblepackaging/>

Both the RDCK's depots and the City of Nelson's curbside collection are run through the RBC program so the materials collected by each follow the same path above.