

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2020

Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Cheryl Lowe, Claire Philipson, Sarah Kozlowski, Courtney Collins, Fabiana Chagas, Daphne Powell, Anna Collins, Nadine Benrabha, Monica Juhas, Prophecy Sun, & Sheri Walsh (SD8 trustee)

Motions

- Minutes from the October meeting are approved.

Principal's report

- Hiring is now complete. The hiring process has been a challenging start to this year. If anybody has any questions, please feel free to reach out.
- Chandra Singh, director of human resources for SD8, has offered to come and talk to us about the hiring process at some point.
- Safety drills happen throughout the year. The earthquake drill is done. Lockdown and hold-and-secure drills are coming up.
- Our heating project is nearing completion.
- There will be a Zoom Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday.
- It's not yet clear what winter celebrations (concerts, etc.) will look like this year.
- Communicating student learning will start next week with teacher-parent communications.
- Planning for winter activities is underway. We have limited options at Whitewater this year; the older students will have priority.
- Scott Rothermel, safe schools coordinator, is looking at options for doing an in-person presentation that adheres to protocols.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$25,784.05. Considering outstanding cheques, the total will be: \$23,923.05.
- Gaming account: \$10,625.32. We have to use ~\$1,800 by the end of this fiscal year (June).
- Possible grants: Government of BC cultural grant, Vancouver Foundation grants.
- How can we efficiently provide funds for teachers? Perhaps a process where they submit applications for approval?

Notes

- Sheri Walsh, an SD8 trustee, attended the meeting. She encourages parent involvement at the district level: DPAC. She will bring our traffic/safety issues to her next board meeting.
- Grocery cards raised \$750, which paid for all four picnic tables. Coffee earned about \$400, which covers the new trees and a watering system. We have a lot of fundraisers coming up: toques, Purdys Chocolates, art cards, coffee order, grocery cards.
- Amy Stewart and Courtney Collins have put together an anti-racism book list with 42 titles. Bianca Duffy created a list of books around gender and sexuality, as well as anxiety.
- We have six new young trees planted at the school (two were donated by Mountain Edge Nurseries and two were half price). Monica Juhas and Daphne Powell planted them with the Grade 5s. We are purchasing some watering bags for them.
- There's a new SD8 app and you can sign up for notifications from your school.

Motions

- A motion is approved to spend \$800 on our inclusion library (the school will pay the other half). This includes anti-racism books and books geared toward gender inclusion and anxiety.
- A motion is approved to commit \$6,000 from our gaming account to the shade structure/new recreation equipment.

Actions

- Sarah Kozlowski is starting a support group for parents of students with exceptionalities. If you are interested, please email her at: sarkozlowski@gmail.com.
- Lunch sandwich options: Claire to call Kootenay Bakery and Anna to call Lakeside Takeaway.

Follow-up

- Big Cranium is looking into options for making South Nelson patches for us.
- Teachers like the idea of PAC-hosted pizza parties for each class.
- The lunch committee will have a meeting next week to talk about options going forward.
- There is a traffic-safety meeting with the city coming up. Topics will include snow clearing, sidewalk clearing, parking compliance, speeding, pedestrian and bike safety, etc.