

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2022

Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Claire Philipson, Anna Collin, Cheryl Lowe, Carly Schneider, Sheri Walsh (SD8), Kathi Knapik (Homestay program)

Motions

- Minutes from the March meeting are approved.
- A motion is approved to sponsor a year-end BBQ.

Presentation

- Kathi Knapik gives a presentation on becoming a homestay host family for an international student through the West Kootenay International Program (see PDF at the end of the minutes).

Principal's report

- Check out the South Nelson website, there are lots of updates, school-specific content, and SD8 content.
- Lates or absences can be reported through the website.
- The student learning survey is now open, please fill it out here:
<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>
- Kindergarten registration is open, please spread the word. Numbers are currently low, and next year's staffing will be based on enrollment.
- The swimming program is starting soon. This year, it will be for the Grade 1 and 2 classes. It will cost \$5.25 per child, per lesson.
- The new Soundfield System is up and running and much appreciated!
- The picnic tables need to be sanded and stained.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$60,207.21
- Gaming account: \$14,661.82

Account	Balance	Owing	Incoming	Allocated
General	\$60,207.21	\$2,407 bottle-fill station (Cheque issued)	\$612.94 Purdy's Easter order	~\$20,000 (Pavilion)
		\$104.25 parent lunch refund		~\$500 (Grade 5 graduation)

		(Cheque issued)		
				\$6,000 (base amount for account)
				\$200 (picnic table maintenance)
				\$2,003 (Soundfield System)
Gaming	\$14,661.82	—	\$14,661.82	\$14,661.82 (Pavilion)

Lunch report

- Profits for the year: ~\$14,773

Potential turf project

- We need a turf committee. Dan to send out email.

Notes

- Talent show: Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 pm. It will hopefully be outside.
- Year-end Family Jam Night & BBQ: Tuesday, June 14

Follow-up

- Dan to send out an email about the new turf committee.
- Dan to measure the area for turf so that we can get a price estimate.
- Meg to attend staff meeting and talk to teachers about parents who might be interested in PAC.
- Meg, Cheryl, and Sarah to write up description for lunch co-ordinator.
- Cheryl to find out gaming grant deadline.
- Create a PAC flyer for upcoming events.
- Meg and Fabio to look at picnic tables.
- Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, May 3

West Kootenay International Program British Columbia, Canada



International Education + Global Learning = Student Success for All

“Education gives us the chance to understand that we are all tied together as citizens of the global community, and that our challenges are interconnected.”



—Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General

International Program Introductions



Jann Schmidt
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Kathi Knapik
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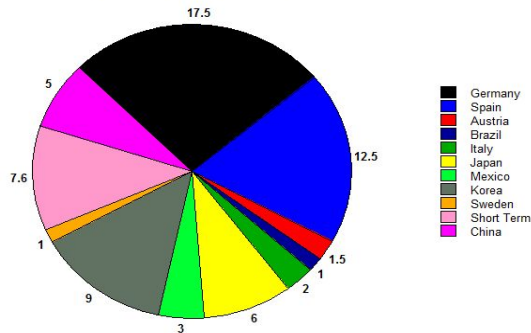
Website
<https://international.sd8.bc.ca>

History of International Education in SD8

- Almost 23 years
- Welcome students from 16 different nations
- Mostly from the European countries
- Long term students
- +12 years old
- Kootenays Market Position = Truly Canadian



International Program 2019/20



Benefits of International Students

- ***Local Students*** - Importance of intercultural knowledge
- ***Local Families*** and Students - authentic Global Friendships
- Courses and Collaboration opportunities
- Exchange school opportunities
- Financial contribution into the community

Please note: all photos were taken pre-COVID



Homestays Needed



- Welcoming an International family member
- \$900/month (tax-free)
- Staff support
- Required - care, bedroom, meals and snacks



Questions?



Bringing the World to the Kootenays,
and the Kootenays to the World.

