

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022

Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Bianca Duffy, Kate Walker, Tanji Zumpano, Steph, Kate Falconer, Claire Philipson, Cheryl Lowe, Cindy Johnson, Carly Schneider, Abbie, Kathy Weigeldt, Dana Pajerski,

Motions

- Minutes from the May meeting are approved.

Principal's report

- Enrollment & Staffing
 - South Nelson has lower enrollment numbers for next year, with significantly more Grade 5s leaving than Ks entering, which has put us in a teacher layoff position. With the current registration numbers, we will lose one class and one teacher and have eight classes. We will continue to accept new in-catchment registrations, which may have an impact on teacher staffing. Four part-time teachers received layoff notices, but two have been rescinded based on a retirement that was announced after the layoff letters were issued.
 - Teacher layoffs are based on teacher seniority and start at the bottom of the seniority list. For South Nelson, this means that we will need to look at alternate options for having a music specialist work with our students.
 - If the PAC is interested in financially supporting an "Artist in the Classroom"-style project that has worked well in other schools, Mr. Rude would put it out to the parent body to form a subcommittee to develop a contract. The concept is that an artist come into particular classes alongside the classroom teacher and deliver a music program that would lead to a performance at the end. This could be a contract that leads to a winter concert and another contract that leads to a spring contract. This would not take the place of a teacher's job as the artist would be working with each classroom teacher involved and the artist would not need to be a certified BC teacher.
- Nelson is going to be a pilot project school for getting paper recycling going again in district schools. Mr. Rude is working with Operations and Waste Management on this project and will involve Mrs. Lehnert and her Grade 1-2 class in an initial training this week to be sure we do not have any contaminants in our recycling and that the students and staff pack out what we bring in for items that cannot be recycled commercially.
- There is still the option to stay at South Nelson for Grade 6, but this has not been taken up by any families yet as we are so close to Trafalgar and students are excited about the transition and expansion of elective courses.
- The turf project is not going forward and we are looking at other options for the upper field.
- Next year, we should consider cutting the last two weeks of lunches as there are so many field trips at the end of the year.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$66,153.95
- Gaming account: \$14,652.82

Account	Balance	Owing	Incoming	Allocated
General	\$66,153.95			~\$20,000 (Pavilion)
				~\$500 (Grade 5 Grad)
				\$6,000 base amount for account
				\$200.00 (Picnic Tables Maintenance/Staining)
Gaming	\$14,652.82	\$,9000.00 cheque issued for Pavilion	\$0	\$14,661.82 (Pavilion)

Lunch report

- We will only be able to offer five days of hot lunches if we get volunteers to coordinate them. Someone will need to step up at the very beginning of the school year to get the program going.
- Next year, we should consider cutting off the last two weeks of lunch as there are so many field trips.

Potential turf project

- The turf project will not be moving forward. Other options are being explored for the top field.

Follow-up

- Kate will organize a poster and print it off. Georgia will put it up at school.
- Matt Walker will test the BBQ and make sure there is propane.
- Dan will talk to the teachers about what volunteers are needed for lunches next year.
- Dan will ask the teachers to send out a call for volunteers at Family Fun Night through Class Dojo.
- Dan/Megan will add a call for volunteers to the PAC update on Thursday.