

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Claire Philipson, Courtney Collins, Anna Collin, Samantha Zaystoff, Cheryl Lowe

Motions

- Minutes from the February meeting are approved.
- A motion is approved to buy a new Soundfield System for \$2,003.

Principal's report

- The film *Reflecting on Anti-Bias Education in Action: The Early Years* would be very valuable to share with the community. If COVID-19 protocols allow, perhaps we can host a screening in the spring. One of the filmmakers wrote a book, *You Can't Celebrate That*, which could be a good companion book club discussion.
- Scott Rothermel, safe school coordinator for SD8, offers four presentations on digital safety. He will hold one in April. Dan will keep parents in the loop about the timing.
- The School Board has distributed information about available grants, if anyone is interested.
- The teachers have a request for PAC to sponsor a new Soundfield System for \$2,003.
- Students are asking for a Talent Show. It could be possible to hold an outdoor show for parents and children.
- The school has received a lot of funding support from SD8 for food, so PAC likely won't need to help with subsidies.
- Bus drivers are frustrated with people parking in bus lanes. Avoid parking in no-parking spots and spread the word.
- There is a possibility that swimming lessons might happen in the spring.
- Shayna Jones is rescheduling for September.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$43,288.44
- Gaming account: \$14,675.32

Account	Balance	Owing	Incoming	Allocated
General	\$43,288.44	\$2,407 bottle-fill station	~\$990 (Purdy's)	~\$20,000 (Pavilion)
		\$486.73 to AM Radio Cafe		~\$500 (Student council fundraiser)
				\$6,000 base amount for account
				Lunch subsidies for the school (~\$500)?
				\$2,003 (Soundfield

				System)
Gaming	\$14,666.32	—	\$14,666.32	\$14,666.32 (Pavilion)

Lunch report

- Ordering is open for the spring session.
- There are two new options for the wraps, which will hopefully increase the interest.

Fundraising report

- Purdy's is active right now.
- There will be a Georama Plant Sale in April.
- A coffee fundraiser is coming up.

Potential turf project

- The school survey regarding interest in installing turf on the top field came back 76% in favour. SD8, including Director of Operations Chris Kerr, is enthusiastic about the idea. Several options, including sod and grass seed, have been attempted unsuccessfully.
- The staff think that something must be done on the top field.
- These results signal that we should form a committee. An invitation will be sent out to the parent community, and it would be great to have people who are hesitant about the project and have thoughtful questions, etc.
- The project is not a go yet. The first steps will be to figure out square footage, get quotes, funding, etc. SD8 has access to playground grants, which could be an option.
- RockForm has confirmed that we could make concrete work with the sledding hill.

Notes

- April will hopefully be an in-person meeting.
- The May meeting could be a meet and greet. We can distribute a flyer about the PAC and the PAC roles (and send home with kids for all parents).
- Change the wording of "Buy a Lunch for a Kid" to "Support a Child" in Munchalunch.
- More assemblies will be coming in the fall.
- For this year, outdoor events will be best: outdoor dance party and cake walk, outdoor film screening, etc.

Follow-up

- Meg, Kate, Cheryl, and Claire to draft a letter about the importance of PAC to recruit for next year.
- Dan to follow up on the cost of the bottle-filling station.
- Dan to follow up on potential parents for the PAC. He will ask teachers if they can think of any parents who might be interested.
- Samantha to get the name of her contact whose son goes to a school that has turf.