

## **South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes**

October 12, 2021

### **Attendees**

Dan Rude, Sheri Walsh (SD 8 trustee), Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Sarah Canale, Claire Philipson, Melanie Ward, Cynthia Johnston, Sarah Davison, Keiko Lee-Ham, Sarah Kozlowski

### **Motions**

- Minutes from the September meeting are approved.

### **Principal's report**

- The school-based budget is quite tight this year. There is a possibility we'll see challenges financing bussing and PE equipment. We might come to the PAC for some support.
- The school will be supplying each teacher with \$500 for classroom-based supplies.
- We should look at the structure of how we're currently structuring lunch subsidies. Can we be more efficient?
- Planning is underway for winter activities. Whitewater will likely be for grades 4-5. Other grades will have other options, such as cross-country skiing, skating, etc.
- The school is discussing options for a winter concert. An outside concert, perhaps for primary kids, will likely be the easiest to plan and carry out within shifting regulations.
- Cell phones have not been major issue, but we should not be seeing kids using them at school. If this does occur, contact Dan and he will support them to stop using phones at school.
- Grade 4 FSAs are starting soon. This year it will be a four-part assessment. The schedule went out to Grade 4 parents today. They start next week and there will be one/week for four weeks.

### **Treasurer's report**

- General account: \$30,455.36 (one lunch vendor still needs to be paid; \$10,000 allocated to the pavilion)
- Gaming account: \$10,568.82 (plus another \$4,000 from this year's grant). This is all allocated to the pavilion.

### **Lunch report**

- Our new lunch item, hot dogs, are very popular. We might need to adjust the pricing.
- Teachers can request leftovers for hungry kids in their class. It is our policy to give any leftovers to hungry kids.
- There are some issues with the Donate a Lunch button. Maybe we can shift this option to the SD8 website, as there are also issues with having multiple fundraisers open at once.

### **Fundraising report**

- Many fundraisers will open this fall: No. 6 coffee, grocery card, hoodies and toques, art cards.

- We will aim to have our soft goods order in by Nov. 15 to get the items in mid-December.
- Megan and Keiko and Cynthia will talk about taking on the Poinsettias order.
- Can we create a Shop Local outdoor event?

#### **Pavilion report**

- Our application for the Canada Healthy Communities grant was not successful.
- Cheryl sent a letter requesting support to the RDCK community works funding.
- Construction is currently planned for summer.

#### **DPAC report**

- We need a new rep. Cynthia and Sarah K. are interested.
- DPAC is a great opportunity to connect with the superintendent and find out what's happening and working well for other schools. Last month the DPAC presentation was on restorative justice.

#### **Notes**

- Dan will send out the PAC agenda the Monday before the meeting.
- Next meeting will be November 2, 2021.

#### **Follow-up**

- Should PAC top up the \$500-per class budget?
- Dan to provide some costs for winter activities so we can discuss supporting with some funds.
- Dan will look into an outdoor winter concert (numbers, etc.).
- Cheryl and Megan will report exact costs for the Pavilion and how much we need to raise if we don't get any grants.
- Dan will remind staff they can ask lunch volunteers for leftovers.
- Sarah K. to email Sarah C. about some bugs with the Munchalunch Donate button.
- Melanie and Megan to connect over fundraising (e.g., Oso coffee, Kootenay Crate Co., Nelson Olive Oil, honey candles, soap, Whitewater Cooks, etc.).
- Dan, Megan, and Melanie to connect about a fundraising winter fair. People can order local items and pick them up at a festival-type event, perhaps with sledding, hot chocolate, music, etc.
- Megan will connect with Cynthia and Sarah K. about the details of being a DPAC representative.