

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

Attendees

Dan Rude, Bill Maschlenko (SD8 trustee), Sheri Walsh (SD8 trustee), Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Cheryl Lowe, Shauna, Lu Ann Dietrich, Sarah Canale, Megan Lowe, Courtney Collins, Tara Stark, Jessica, Kamille Capistrano, Anna Sangster, Melanie Comazetto, Liz Evans, Carly Schneider, Claire Philipson

Motions

- Minutes from the June meeting are approved.

Principal's report

- The new superintendent, Trish Smillie, is visiting South Nelson on Sept. 23 from 9:30-12:30 and would like to meet the PAC. Dan will arrange a time and send out information for those interested.
- Enrollment went very smoothly this year. We have nine classes, and they are all full.
- There were quite a few staffing changes this year. We have a great group of teachers.
- Kindergarteners start full days on Monday. We have lots of siblings joining the school this year.
- COVID-19 protocols: There are no learning groups this year. Masks are mandatory for grades 4 and up and all adults in the building. The Latimer Street door is unlocked this year, but people should be making appointments to come into the school. Notification of any COVID-19 cases will be directed by Interior Health.
- Events coming up: Terry Fox run on Sept. 28 (can PAC provide some snacks?), Halloween, Christmas, possibly outdoor Friday music sessions.
- Dan will give a budget accountability framework at the October meeting. Budgets will be tighter this year.
- Dan will continue to send out Saturday updates to parents via email. Feedback and replies are welcome!

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$24,289.73 (\$10,000 allocated to the pavilion)
- Gaming account: \$10,573.32 (plus another \$4,000 from this year's grant). This is all allocated to the pavilion.
- The PAC has a standing motion to split the cost of subsidizing lunches with the school. Last year, the PAC cost came to \$500, it will likely be the same this year.
- We approved some money for Let's Talk About Race in the early Feb/March.

Lunch report

- We're currently running a 5-week session. The new hot dog option is very popular. All lunch ordering is through Munchalunch, which makes it possible to customize dates.
- Research shows that schools with lunch programs have higher attendance.

- We need a few more volunteers for sushi day. We are allowed to have parents in the school. Anyone interested in volunteering, email Sarah Canale at Sarah.popoff@gmail.com.
- Do the grade 4/5 teachers want to take over the pizza serving (like Arnie's class used to)? Dan advises keeping it simple for now, but maybe we can reach out to student helpers in future.

Fundraising report

- Last year we paid for winter activities, field trips, treats, library books, snowshoes, tech tools, and more. Our goal is to enhance the educational experience and ease the financial burden for parents. New ideas are welcome!
- This year, we will do: Mabel's Labels, grocery cards, art cards, No. 6 coffee, Purdy's Chocolates, hoodies (?), etc.

Safety committee report

- Thank you to Sheri Walsh for contacting the police department. There has been a police presence at the school.
- Full update to come in October.

Pavilion report

- The total cost will be ~\$34,835.
- Two grant applications are pending. The RDCK community grant is an option. Interested in helping? Get in touch!
- Full update to come in October.

DPAC report

- Anna will stay involved with the DPAC (the district-level PAC). Due to her work schedule, she likely won't be able to make all the meetings. Is anyone interested in being the South Nelson DPAC rep?

Notes

- Let's all reach out and welcome new parents!
- Anyone can contact the PAC through the school website, southnelsonpac@gmail.com, or through Dan.
- Streamlining of our bookkeeping is ongoing.
- We like to work in sub-committees. Anyone interested in helping out, please get involved! Send us an email!
- PAC meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month. If anyone wants to switch, please email the PAC.

Actions

- Anna Sangster and Melanie Comazetto will take on the Art Cards fundraiser.
- Courtney will send Dan a PAC library booklist. To borrow a book, contact courtney.lc.collins@gmail.com.
- Dan will share the PAC contact through the school website.

Follow-up

- Christmas concert will be discussed at October staff meeting and Dan will keep us in the loop.
- Dan will look into which programs will be happening this year (swimming, Whitecaps, winter activities, etc.).