

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

Attendees

Dan Rude, Megan Moscatelli, Kate Walker, Claire Philipson, Tanji Zumpano, Sarah Canale, Sarah Murray, Cheryl Hodges, Courtney Collins, & Sheri Walsh

Motions

- A motion passes to approve the minutes from the May meeting.
- A motion passes to book Andrew McBurney to build the Pavilion next spring.

Principal's report

- The school planning day took place recently. The staff took part in a knowledge-building circle. The focus was on outdoor learning and the associated benefits and challenges. We also did some training on trauma-informed schools, which was supported by Javier Gonzalez (mental health coordinator for SD8).
- Next year, we will be developing a project around the book *Let's Talk About Race*. Artist Shayna Jones will come to the school in late February/early March to lead storytelling and writing about themes from the book with the Grade 4/5 classes. Hopefully, there will be a community performance aspect. **The cost will be about \$4,000. Can the PAC contribute?**
- Two of our teachers are leaving, Mrs. Ferguson and Ms. Currie, we will discuss send-off celebrations at the next staff meeting.
- Many projects have been completed this year: heating, installation of the Buddy Bench, reconfiguration of the basement to accommodate a sensory space, new phone system. Shade sails will be installed soon.
- **Subsidizing student meals cost \$1,000 this year; can the PAC contribute \$500?** (PAC has a standing motion to contribute half of the school's lunch costs).
- As of now, there will be nine classes next year (down from 10 this year): 1 x kindergarten, 1 x k-1, 2 x 1-2, 1 x 2-3, 1 x 3-4, 3 x 4-5.
- The new superintendent for SD8 will be starting on August 1.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$26,739.46
- Gaming account: \$10,598.32
- Reporting will change next year. Allocated amounts will be included.

Notes

Food

- We will add a “Donate” or “Buy a Lunch” button through Munch-a-Lunch so people can donate easily.
- Teachers are submitting receipts for ice cream.
- A survey will go out early next year asking parents for feedback on the lunch program.

Turf

- 45x75 feet will be too small for turf, and anything larger would be very expensive and take up a significant portion of the top field.
- Can we make sod work?

School

- PAC executive members are all staying in their positions for next year.
- Our vision for next year includes:
 - *Pizza/movie nights*
 - *Family fun night with an ice cream social and cake walk*
 - *Family jam night*
 - *CBC music class challenge*
 - *Talent show*
 - *Welcome night*
 - *Santa’s workshop*
 - *Parent lunch volunteers*

Actions

- Dan will let us know in mid-August if we can plan a welcome event for the first day of school with muffins and juice boxes.
- Kate will talk to Chris at Operations about grass options for the top field (e.g., adding irrigation)
- Anna will ask the DPAC about any available support with streamlining our books.
- Kate will ask her bookkeeper for a quote for streamlining our books.
- Cheryl will look into the Community Works Grant through the RDCK for the Pavilion.
- Dan will send out a note to the parent body that we need help sanding and staining the picnic tables.