

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

Attendees

Dan Rude, Sheri Walsh (SD8 trustee), Megan Moscatelli, Cheryl Lowe, Sarah Canale, Claire Philipson, Megan Lowe, Bianca Duffy, Janeen Sturgeon, Helen Marshall, Dave Ellis, Cindy Pfitzenmaier, Angela Aviles, Cathy Weigeldt, Dana Pajerski, Carly Hughes, Stephanie Connors, Brittany Mace, Sarah Kozlowski, Devon Caron, Michelle St. Denis

Motions

- Minutes from the June meeting are approved.

Principal's report

- It's great to have the pavilion completed and it's already seeing lots of use. The teachers are booking it for outdoor classroom time.
- Musician in Residence program starts October 6. Musician April Lavine will spend 45 minutes with each class in K–3/4 on Thursdays. The grade 4/5s will be participating in a storytelling project with artist Shayna Jones.
- We currently have 189 students enrolled. The classes are jam packed, and we might have a new class. We are still waiting on confirmation. If we are allocated a new class, it will take a couple of weeks to hire a new teacher and shuffle the students. UPDATE: We have been given the go ahead for a new class, and the process is underway.
- There are cross-classroom activities (e.g., reading groups) so that kids in the same cohort can work and play together.

Treasurer's report

- General account: \$21,659.43 (\$4,000 allocated to Shayna Jones and \$5,000 allocated to April Levine).
- Our year-end will never go below a base amount of \$6,000.
- We will receive a gaming grant this year: \$4,464.

Account	Balance	Owing	Incoming	Allocated
General	\$25,382.79			
				\$4,000 (Shayna Jones)
				\$5,000 (Artist in Residence)
				\$6,000 base amount for account
Gaming	\$5,638.82		\$4,464.00	

Lunch report

- Last year, we ran our lunch program five days a week. We were the busiest lunch program in SD8.
- We do three sessions throughout the year: fall, winter and spring.
- We are in a lunch crisis this year. We need a volunteer coordinator to keep track of the volunteers. Brittany and Cindy will help with the lunch coordinating.
- The teachers prefer to have the food dropped off to each class.
- The hot lunch program might be delayed, pending the class lists changing.

Pavilion report

- There were two bills for phase 1 of the pavilions (~\$21,000). We received an invoice for phase 2 (~\$9,000).
- The contractor for the pavilion mentioned that the outdoor playground has started to deteriorate. The twisty log needs to be removed and treated.

Fundraising report

- We hold a number of fundraising events throughout the year: grocery cards, custom coffee, plants, art cards, hoodies and toques, Purdy's Chocolate, movie nights, and a shop-local Christmas fundraiser.
- We are always open to new fundraising ideas.
- We can focus more on fundraising ideas next month.

Actions

- Cheryl to call Daphne and inquire about any warranties for the natural playground.
- Cindy will take on the lunch coordinator position.
- Cindy to connect with Megan, Stephanie, and Carly about lunch pick-ups.
- Megan to make a fundraising event calendar and sign-up sheet for next meeting.
- Dan to ask Amy Stewart about her interest in the book fair.

Notes

- There will be activities on September 29 in honour of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Follow-up

- Dan to think about the best framework for parents to suggest/run clubs.
- Dan to follow up about the possibility of having hybrid PAC meetings so that parents who can't make it in person have the option of attending.
- Sheri recommends that we connect with the new school trustees after the election and invite them to a meeting.
- **The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11.**