

## **South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes**

May 23, 2023

### **Attendees**

Jann Schmidt, Cindy Pfitzenmaier, Tyler Coen, Carly Schneider, Dana Pajerski, Stephanie Lagace, Bianca Duffy, Kate Walker

### **Motions**

- Minutes from the April 18, 2023, meeting are approved.
- Motion is approved to spend up to \$100 on Freezees for Trafalgar Fun Day.
- Motion is approved to cover \$2,375 for lunch assistance fund.

### **Principal's Report**

- One of the logs in playground has started to rot. One end already removed. Likely will be taken away this summer. Nothing more is known, but Jann will follow up with next steps for replacement. Daphne Powell may know about how it was originally installed (if she was part of original planning).
- Welcome to Kindergarten is tomorrow. Carly will present about PAC, what it does.
  - Idea to have an Open House for PAC parents next year? Hasn't been one for a few years.
- School Learning Tour Tuesday, June 6, in afternoon at Trafalgar. Some students will be going, presenting to trustees and senior leaders. Any PAC want to go? What are we proud about, community building in school, etc.
- Flexible seating – pause has been placed on seating. Pricing collected. About \$70 per wobble chair.
- Jann met with Dreambox reps, they will do seminar with staff in June to ensure teachers will be able to take full advantage of the system. It is an online Math skills supplemental program. Can challenge advanced kids and also help those that are struggling.
- First Nations knowledge keeper coming June 19.
- Track and Field meet this Friday at Lions Park with Rosemont.
- May 31 is talent show: 1:15 to 2:30pm, parents invited.
- June 26, School Fun day is last week of school, Grade 8s are coming. PAC could come to do popsicle station, watermelon, or similar. Have we in the past? No one here knows. Tanji might know.
  - Are we going to seek volunteers for this? Can talk about this next PAC meeting.
- June 2 is Jump Rope for Heart.
- New principal is Dawn Snell. Currently at Salmo. Previous vice-principal at Trafalgar.

### **Treasurer's Report (See Attached)**

- There is approximately \$9,000 unallocated remaining funds. However, there are a few large potential expenses next year such as Musician in Residence and Storyteller. It may be prudent to reserve funds for these unless we are confident in next year's fundraising to generate the funds in time. There was approximately \$20,000 unallocated

carried across from last year to this year. Both of these numbers do not include the \$6,000 reserve. So roughly this year expenses have been \$11,000 more than fundraising.

- In the meeting discussion there was strong support for Storytelling with Shayna Jones for next year. About \$5,500 last year (needs confirmation PAC paid full cost).
- By mid-June will know who prep teacher is for next year. This will determine need for musician in residence.
- Decision to fund alternate seating was not unanimous. Not approved for now. Tabled for later.

### **Fundraising Report**

- Georama profit about \$560.
  - Last minute notice was important in increasing participation.
- Grocery cards are starting week of May 30. Distributed week of Family Fun Night.
  - Recommendation to skip February Grocery Cards next week as it is a competitive fundraising time and participation was low this year.

### **Lunch Report**

- Hot dogs moving to Thursday next year.
- Smashburger is not an option.
- Options:
  - Railtown for sandwiches.
  - Subway
    - Jann talked to Rosemont and they are happy with Subway.
  - A&W kids packs.
  - Jann thought Rosemont had another interesting option.
  - Samosas
  - Tamil's Kitchen butter chicken
  - Or no Friday lunch.
- A&W had the most support at meeting. Butter chicken and Subway also seemed like popular choices.

### **Family Fun Night**

- The band is in.
  - Sounds person is TBD. Christy is unavailable that day. She had an alternate, but this person would need to be paid. Dan would like to have a sound person. Jann will get quote from Christy's suggestion.
  - Dan may know how much additional equipment is needed.
  - Brian (Carly's husband) could be backup for sound if another sound person cannot be found.
  - Also, unknown if a drummer has been found. Stephanie's brother-in-law and Mr. Marsh can drum.
  - Jann will ask the band first if they can find a drummer.
  - Carly will be band contact.
  - Regarding DJ

- Neil is happy to play outdoors for start of event.
- Jan (cook last year) says setup should start 4:30 for food.
- Tents
  - Dana has one.
  - Neil the DJ has one.
  - Dave Ellis has one.
- Grill downstairs needs propane tank.
  - Cindy will bring propane tank.
  - Kate to confirm 1 is enough. Confirmed.
- Tyler to connect with Dave on games. Preference is to keep it simple, flexible, and limited to a few games on top field.
- Will plan to do 3 golden tickets, for past, present and future principals. Kate's kids to make them.
- A few volunteer positions to fill in cleanup and possibly games. Maybe Claire has email list so we can ask wider PAC group.

#### **Follow-Up**

- Should there be a PAC open house early in the next school year? Idea was floated, but no details discussed.
- About mid-June Jann should know who prep teacher will be for next year. Will impact need for musician in residence. Discuss next meeting.
- Determine location for next PAC meeting.
- Determine if PAC paid full cost of Shayna Jones (PAC paid \$5,500) and April Lavine (PAC paid \$10,000) so that we can estimate for next year.
- Does any PAC member want to attend the School Learning Tour on afternoon of June 6 at Trafalgar?

**The next meeting will be June 20. Likely to be a social event at a patio restaurant. Location TBD?**

**Claire will email request for RSVP to the larger PAC group.**