

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024

Marzano Restaurant, 6:30 pm

Attendees

Dawn S, Cindy P, Carly H, Colleen O, Renae H, Sarah C, Stephanie L

Motions

- MSC minutes from the November meeting
- MSC Colleen T as PAC Secretary
- MSC Carly H as PAC Vice Chair

Principal's Report

- Land Acknowledgement
- See Principal Report and December blogs
- Decodable readers - Dawn researching best option for readers as shipping costs are prohibitive from the US company; also applied for a \$1000 grant for readers as part of a literacy project. Cindy P noted an option to use her US mailbox for shipping
- Sent in grant application for Shayna Jones. Would need support from PAC for $\frac{1}{3}$ of cost = \$2362. Includes 4 weeks of workshops for grades 4/5/6 classes and a final performance
- Successful holiday concert thanks to Mrs Bacchus, TOC covering music teacher's leave from end of November, and all the teachers and staff taking part in many aspects of the production. Parent feedback has been positive
- Non-profit status - SD8 has non-profit status for business or individuals to receive donation receipts. Donations must be made through the board office, noting that they are to be used for South Nelson Elementary School.
- In process of hiring for p/t music teacher position and p/t position for grade $\frac{1}{2}$ to share with Mrs. Crosland's class. Mrs Bury is leaving the position. Hoping to have these filled by Jan
- Have been working on filling an additional EA position and hoping this will be filled by January
- PAC supporting 105 students for downhill ski lessons with \$2400 approved last meeting. Cost is \$2100. May use remaining funds for activity for classes that are not part of the downhill programming. Update in Jan

Lunch Update

- Incredibly grateful for the amazing group of new and returning lunch volunteers. Hot lunch could run without them. Thank you!
- Discussions around better scheduling, access and orientation for lunch volunteers. Renae H, Carly H and Cindy P to form small group to work on improved system for registering for lunch volunteer schedule (google doc?) and instructions/contact for each lunch volunteer job so that new volunteers can have access to orientation and easily sign up for dates
- Volunteer coordinator needed ASAP.

Fundraising Report

- A huge Thank You to Shannon W for a very successful **Santa's Workshop for Kids** today! Seemed to run very smoothly and everyone enjoyed the day. Worked well to have money collected by teachers/class and kids entering workshop with a pre-written list of 5 people they would be buying for. Items and flow seemed very well organized

- Shannon W expressed interest in becoming the PAC **fundraising coordinator**. She could not attend meeting today but attendees noted agreement (and gratitude) to have her in this position
- Successful holiday fundraisers! Will review Online Holiday Market and Purdys fundraisers in January meeting
- Almost broken even on Toque sales. To discuss with Tyler idea of selling the rest by e-transfer rather than on Munchalunch. Can send out info flyer about Toque sales in email with munchalunch Lunch sign up in January. Carly H can be toque sale contact.
- Stephanie Legace has found her Grocery Card fundraiser successor (and possibly Family Fun Night food coordinator), Sarah Ley. Thank you Steph for all the years and work you've put into coordinating this fundraiser! And, thank you to Sarah Ley for volunteering to take it forward!
- Paint and Sip - amazing and talented artist, Jennifer Hagel, and SNES mom, has volunteered to lead. Cindy P exploring ideas for venues. To discuss in Jan
- West Coast Seeds - Shannon W to coordinate in Jan

Treasurer's Report

- Will review in January as Tyler was unable to attend the meeting
- See December PAC financial report

Playground Updates

- Cindy P gave update on exploratory and very informative meeting with builder, Eric Menard, Sarah C, Dawn S, and 3 district maintenance staff on November 15. Discovered new regulations for playground permits that will need to be considered in the design.
- Sarah C connected with Francois from FP Design and Construction from Rossland, the other contractor who had done metal stability work on the upper field playground (phone number listed on playground plaque), and discovered his expertise with ropes work (kootenay zip line), natural and "adventure" playgrounds, and City of Nelson regulations. Sarah sent him photos of ideas for playground enhancements and he intends to send an initial design in the new year and plan a site visit with PAC reps.
- Eric Menard provided rough estimate for the log work for the enhancements but understands if it works better to go with local company and those with rope expertise. He noted importance of letting him know sooner than later if we do want to move forward as it takes time to secure the type of yellow cedar logs that are more durable and sustainable

DPAC Updates

- DPAC may have funds available for use this year and could be beneficial to write a letter requesting funds for decodable readers if needed

Actions

- Dawn will continue to investigate prices and options for decodable readers
- To explore with Tyler the use of PAC email to use e-transfers for fundraisers with fundraiser leads managing the e-transfers/ spreadsheets
- Carly H, Renae H, and Cindy P to form small group to develop a better lunch volunteer format for easier access and scheduling
- Michelle will draft Family Crisis Fund policy and present to PAC

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 7, 2025

Next meetings: Feb 4, Mar 4, April 1, May 6, June (TBD)