

South Nelson February PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday February 4th 2025

South Nelson Library, 6:30pm -8pm

Attendees:

Cindy G, Carly H, Colleen T, Tyler, Sarah C, Shannon W, Renae H, Michelle M, Dawn S

Motions Approved:

- Minutes from January's meeting
- \$500 for K-Gr3 winter skating days
- \$2300 Shayna Jones Oral Storytelling Discovery Session June

Land Acknowledgement – Dawn

Welcome Cindy PAC Chair

- Minutes Approval Cindy, Shannon

Dawn Principal's Report

- Winter Sports Activities off to a successful start: ski days Feb 6-27 (89 kids); Gr 4/5 Volleyball Tournament was Jan 24th, Indoor Soccer sessions (free from the Soccer Association)
- About 10 preschoolers came for the first Play in the K of the year. Kindergarten orientation will be May 8th. Four more Play in the K sessions to follow this; the next one is February 21st
- Continuing to hand out GROWS gotchas – 297 this month! Ten students were drawn for a gift. This month the O was celebrated (Open Mind/ Open Heart) during the multiage activities on Jan 10/31.
- Middle Years Development Index (MDI) started for Gr 4s with personal / social questions. Example: How many hours playing outside or sleep do you get? Do you have people you relate to? Helps with planning for next year.
- Decodable Readers: Learning Plan Grant has been approved – teachers are still deciding which readers to purchase
- February is Black History month, ABED Family Feast Feb 7th, PINK shirt Day Feb 26th
- Shayna Jones update: As we didn't get the Art Starts Grant for the longer sessions, Shayna has offered an Oral Storytelling Discovery Session (shorter) before the end

of the year (June) for \$2300. This cost is the amount we had already approved to top up the Art Starts Grant for the longer sessions. Motion to approve using this money for the shorter session. Approved by Cindy, Tyler

- Skating K-Gr3 looking at 3-4 sessions for \$800. For the Whitewater ski days we approved \$2400 but we only spent \$ 2100. Motion to approve using the remaining \$300 from skiing to fund the skating days and top up another \$500. Motion approved (Colleen and Cindy)

Cindy Chair Update

- In January we hosted a Friday morning coffee with PAC social. The focus was on getting lunch volunteers. We showed parents around – most didn't know we had an elevator. Since then we've had more interest in lunch volunteers. We still need a couple more people to help out with pizza and hotdogs days. We probably won't host another one this year.
- Cindy to get more condiments for lunch program.
- Looking to get a 5th meal for spring semester. TBA
- Looking into a playground flyer to address grass/drainage issues as many parents are concerned with the state of the field.
- Movie night – thank you so much Tyler. A lot of compliments from families.
- Family Fun Night Thursday June 5th 2025. Steph L is organizing the food but it is her last year so we will need someone to take over. Shannon will head the committee. Poster to go out in April.
- Looking to get a DPAC rep as Lisa is stepping down. Colleen and Sarah would consider sharing the role. Cindy will email to see if we can have a shared position.

Tyler Financial Update:

- \$8800 for use after skating and Shayna funds
- We made \$885 from Art Cards
- Movie night brought in \$116 (it is more of a school community event than fundraiser)
- Purdy's brought in \$1061.81
- We don't have a square machine anymore – too much work to register for a government and business license. E-transfers work well, munchalunch payment takes a % but is very easy.
- This year we need to put a work order in for the district to stain the shelter for the picnic table. They will let us know if we need to buy the stain and how much that will cost

Fundraising

- Shannon has agreed to take over the role of Fundraising Coordinator Thank you Shannon!
- Upcoming fundraisers: Purdy's March (for Easter), Mables Labels (June), Georama hanging baskets
- Paint and Sip; Cindy is still considering venues. This could be a great Mother's day activity.
- Grocery Cards – should we use the fund raiser for Shayna Jones Oral Storytelling or playground upgrades. More parents concerned about the playground which might generate more money.
- A flyer for the Grocery Card fundraiser will be created highlighting the playground upgrade again. It should include “we've engaged with a designer for the log playground upgrades who will come back when the snow melts” so people know progress is being made.
- Sarah L is stepping into the grocery cards role from Steph. Thank you Sarah and Steph.

Michelle – Crisis Fund Policy

- Michelle put together a Family Crisis Fund Policy draft document. Thank you Michelle. The draft covers a lot of the conversations we have had regarding eligibility (loss of family member or life threatening injury/sickness). Focus on food either meal vouchers, gift cards or food packages or hot lunch
- Next meeting vote on the Family Crisis Fund Policy document for approval after everyone has had time to read it.
- Michelle to explore grants for this fund now that we have a policy.
- Michelle to ask grocery stores to donate to our food fund so we have money sitting there right away.

Actions

- Dawn to update PAC on what decodable readers the teachers select
- Cindy to get more condiments for lunch program
- Playground flyer to address grass/drainage issues
- Find someone to take over from Steph L for organizing Family Fun Night food
- Cindy to email DPAC to see if Colleen and Sarah could share the DPAC rep position
- Shannon to form a Family Fun Night committee
- Dawn to put in a work order with the district for staining the outdoor shelter

- Cindy to find a venue for the Paint and Sip night
- Carla S (or someone else) to make a poster for the Grocery Cards fundraiser
- PAC members to read the Family Crisis document to vote on next meeting
- Michelle to explore grants for the Family Crisis fund now that we have a policy.
- Michelle to ask grocery stores to donate to our food fund so we have money sitting there right away.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 4th 2025 (6:30pm South Nelson Library)

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