

South Nelson March PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday March 4th 2025

South Nelson Library, 6:30pm -8pm

Attendees:

Cindy G, Carly H, Colleen T, Tyler, Sarah C, Shannon W, Renae H, Steph L, Dawn S, Steph C

Motions Approved:

- Minutes from February's meeting
- Family Crisis Fund Policy Draft

Land Acknowledgement – Dawn

Welcome Cindy PAC Chair

- Minutes Approval (Carly, Tyler)

Dawn Principal's Report

- **February Activities:** Stuffy Olympics were held on a snowy and sunny day, ABED feast, Whitewater ski days wrapped up, second Play in the K, GROWS gotchas 220, Pink shirt day assembly (a kindness survey was drawn up for the whole school and the student leaders presented to the school the results which averaged around 4 out of 5 – what stands out to kids is that teachers are kind, younger kids noticed kindness happening more in their classrooms than older grades)
- **Looking forward to:** Term 2 Learning Updates March 14th, Play in the K March 7th and April 4th, Student Learning Survey in relation to satisfaction at school for Gr 4 students after spring break, early dismissal days April 15th /16th, Scholastic book fair April 16th
- No update on **decodable readers** – committee still reviewing options
- **Skating** which we had approved funding for Gr 1's and 2's isn't going forward – no dates worked unfortunately
- **Scholastic Book Fair** Tuesday April 16th – We are looking for volunteers. Cindy to make a sign up sheet
- **Spring Swimming:** We are hoping to use the funds from the cancelled skating session to cover more lessons (last year cost \$1100 but students only went 2 times). We are aiming for 4 lessons this year. Dawn to get costs and times from NDCC

- Shayna Jones is confirmed for 2 sessions for the intermediate floor story telling workshops (2 workshops per class)

Cindy Chair Update

- **Lunch Program:** We are still looking for more Wednesday volunteers. Tuesday all the volunteers were sick and the teachers had to hand out sushi. Cindy to follow up with Robyn to see if we can add a fifth day (maybe smash burgers or subway). We need to update the Google Form sign up – Colleen to ask Sam.
- Cindy to call wholesale club to find out when soy sauce goes on sale to buy in bulk to save money
- **DPAC:** Cindy reached out to DPAC and we can have 2 DPAC representatives. Colleen and Sarah to attend for South Nelson (Colleen to find out when the next meeting is).
- **Playground upgrades** Carly, Cindy and Sarah meeting with Francois (the designer who did the original playground upgrades) tomorrow March 5th. They are hoping to come up with a preliminary plan and drawings for stages of playground upgrades and budgets attached to each stage. This will be for short and long term projects. Looking for a parent with a young child to join this committee to be there longer term.
- **Family Fun Night** Steph L is doing the food but it is her last year. Dawn to check in with Peer Tutors LLE group from Trafalgar to see if they can do a glitter tattoo station. To be discussed more at the April meeting. Shannon to reach out to the DJ.
- **Babysitters course for Gr 5** Dawn to ask Nick (Wildflower principal) to see how they got funding for this excellent opportunity.
- **Wishlist from Teachers** Dawn to ask teachers what is needed.
- **Coffee Social:** We are hoping to have one more before the end of the year.

Tyler Financial Update:

- \$16 400 in grocery card sales which we take 3% percentage of.
- Skating and Shayna Jones are accounted for in the budget (will need to rejig now with no skating and the possibility of more swimming).
- See financial report attached

Fundraising

- **Westcoast Seeds** profit of \$350. People who ordered seeds got them today.
- **Grocery Cards** are ready March 10th (\$16 000 sold and we make just over 3% on that). Sarah L is taking over grocery cards (another round of grocery cards coming at the end of May)
- **Georama plant sale** – Cindy to coordinate
- **Paint and Sip** – Jen will lead it late April or Early May of a bird nest (she is donating her time so it is a class she has previously run in town – some may have taken it). Cindy has contacted the Hume owners to find a night (midweek). We will find a date that works in our April meeting. Dawn to check if we can get a liquor license for the gym.
- **Mabels labels** We are hoping to get one going for the end of the year – market to kindie parents on May 8th at kindergarten registration.

Michelle – Crisis Fund Policy

- Thank you Michelle for putting together a Family Crisis Fund Policy draft document. The draft covers a lot of the conversations we have had regarding eligibility (loss of a family member or life threatening injury/sickness). The focus is on food; either meal vouchers, gift cards, food packages or hot lunch.
- Motion to approve the Family Crisis Fund Policy Draft: approved by everyone

Actions

- Dawn to update PAC on what decodable readers the teachers select
- Cindy to make a sign up for the Scholastic Book Fair volunteers
- Dawn to contact NDCC re swimming costs for 4 sessions
- Cindy to follow up with Robyn regarding a 5th hot lunch day
- Google Form sign up Colleen to ask Sam
- Cindy to find out when soy sauce goes on sale in bulk at the Wholesale Club
- Colleen to find out when the next DPAC meeting is
- Dawn to connect with Trafalgar's peer tutor group about volunteering for Family Fun Night in the glitter tattoo booth
- Dawn to ask Wildflower's principal how they obtained funding for the babysitting course for grade 5's.
- Shannon to reach out to the DJ for Family Fun Night
- Dawn to connect with teachers about their wishlist

- Cindy to get in touch with Georama
- Dawn to see if it is possible to get a liquor license for the gym.

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

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