

## South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

**Location:** South Nelson Library

**Date:** May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 -8:00 pm

### Attendees

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

### Motions

- APPROVED: Minutes from the April meeting
- Teacher Wish list/flexible seating - \$300 - MSC
- Decodable readers - \$775 to reach total cost - MSC
- Stop Motion Art Starts Grant Program - \$1499 - MSC
- Grade 2-6 swimming - prior approval \$800, families would cover \$2 for remaining costs - MSC

### Chair's Report and Review of Actions

- Thank You to Tyler and volunteers for successful movie night and all volunteers at Scholastic Book Fair!
- Georama delivery and pick up times May 7-9

### Principal's Report

- See summary on May's Principal report posted to PAC website. Some highlights:
  - Scholastic book fair raised \$800 for classrooms to use on books
  - Grade 4 student and family surveys went out. Helps inform school planning for next year
  - Cindy G will present on PAC at K orientation May 8
  - ABC of Nelson done by Mrs. B's 3-4 class will be displayed at Story Walk at Art Gibbon Park, partnership with CBAL
  - Nelson Family of Schools Tour with Trustees will be on June 2, hosted here at SNES
  - Shayna Jones Sessions for Grade 4-6 starting soon
  - Learn to Ride biking 1 day session scheduled for Grade 2/3/4
  - K grad June 19, and Gr 5 grad June 20
- Classroom Structure 2025/2026: 178 enrollment, less than last year, going down a classroom from 9 classes to 8 classes, will be full classes unlike past years with more wiggle room, class configurations will be planned in June but can always change in September with changes in enrollment
  - Enrollment #s are due to SD8 in Jan/25 to establish budget/staffing for each school based on this info. Schools receive their staffing budget for next yr in April/May and start planning for classroom configurations in May/June, finalizing this in September as enrollment can change (i.e. new students register or students move). Deadline to send SD8 info on changes to student enrollment, designations, etc, is Sept 30 in order to adjust staffing/budget
  - Helps to know how important it is for schools to have enrollment numbers in Jan., and any info on students that may benefit from extra support (even if pending or awaiting assessments), in order to outline this to the district, as it informs budget/staffing decisions in the spring for the following school year
- Shade sails: Dawn consulted with shade sail installer and they advised that one could be anchored off the school on library side in corridor below upper field but would not work on upper field as there is no anchor to angle shade for maximum result
- Teacher/School PAC "Wish lists" and motions (MSC) include:
  - Teacher Wish list/flexible seating - \$300 - MSC
  - Decodable readers - 6 copies of 70 titles - teacher committee decided on these decodable readers that match the spelling and reading group materials - literacy grant = \$500, PAC already approved = \$725, requesting additional \$775 to reach total cost - MSC
  - Stop Motion Program for Fall 2025 intermediate grades- need to get Arts Starts Grant application in by early May. Would PAC be able to cover remaining cost of \$1499?
    - Discussed parent concerns re. extended screen time with stop-motion as art medium, and goals of improving story writing in gr4/5
    - Suggestions for alternatives that might include writing & illustrating a children's book or creating a play/musical that could cover similar themes but in different medium without screens.
    - Parents expressed positives in using film-making as literary form; story telling; creative process involving planning, writing, story boards, building characters, etc, prior to using screen/apps in stop-motion; passive vs active screen time and learning film-making/animation tools/tech

- Idea to ask teachers if they would be willing have students work on writing stories in advance for the stop-motion project as part of literacy skill building
  - Explore play/musical or children's book Art Starts Program for next year
  - \$1499 for Stop Motion Program - MSC
- Grade 2-6 swimming, total approx 1641.65, prior PAC approval \$800, families would cover \$2 for remaining costs - MSC
- Family Fun Night-
  - Student getting tickets for pie throwing from GROWS draw
  - "Flash Mob" dance being taught to students
  - Teachers Band is being organised

#### **Lunch Update**

- New volunteers have stepped up and filled lunch spots for this term
- Sushi - request to purchase nine plastic containers to hold each classes' sushi - MSC
- Robyn is checking condiments and replacing as needed
- Robyn can be contacted by email re. Parent questions/issues with a lunch order

#### **Fundraising Report**

- Georama Spring Plant Sale-plants will be delivered morning May 7<sup>th</sup>, pick up Wed afternoon, Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon
- Grocery Cards-next one will be in May-Steph/Sarah
- Movie night- good turn out for spring, spot-on food ordering, not a big earner, great community event

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Financial Report attached
- Need to spend remainder of gaming grant from 2023 by end of this school year - end of year celebration snacks for each class will use these remaining funds

#### **Family Fun Night Report**

- Shannon is getting organized and reaching out to PAC volunteers as needed to coordinate each aspect of the evening (i.e. food, games, tattoos)
- Food prices changing, Steph and Tyler to connect re. Food budget & grocery cards available to use
- Volunteers - Sign Up Genius created and sent out to fill roles
- Need bassist/guitar for teacher band
- Need more tents/canopies - sign up on Sign Up Genius
- Sign up genius
- GROWS draw to win a ticket to throw a pie at Dawn and a few teachers
- Glitter tattoos, recommending 3 volunteers per table, 3-4 tables

#### **Playground Updates**

- Francois can start drawings but needs the playground guidelines handbook
- Dawn will drop it off with him in Rossland tomorrow and he can mail it back to us and we will refund the cost
- it's 2020 version and updated usually every 7yrs so can look at buying digital copy of next version, about \$85

#### **DPAC Updates**

- Sarah C attended last month and provided overview:
  - Trish Smile gives update of district info each meeting
  - Antiracism update, Reconciliation Run/Walk June 3-7
  - Dan Rude resigned LVR - moving to SD20
  - Sending 2 DPAC reps for BCCPAC meeting in PRince George this yr
  - New school messenger app is easy and you can report kids absences (directly to school secretary), provides updates or alerts from school
- Next DPAC is Wed and May 14 - Sarah can't attend, can anyone go?

#### **Action Items from last meeting**

- Dawn will gather interest from teachers for Babysitter course as it is two 4hr sessions
- Colleen to look into Appendix A in the budget

- Steph to ask about tents when she asks for a quote at supermarkets

**Next Meeting/ PAC End of Year Celebration will be June 10, 6:30 at Prestige**

