

South Nelson September 2025 PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday September 10th 2025

South Nelson Library, 6:30pm -8pm

Attendees:

Carly H, Colleen T, Shannon W, Renae H, Dawn S, Sarah L, Monica, Sarah Ley, Sarah C, Tara, Robyn, Tyler, Adriana, Mary Paul, Robert, Amy, Jessica, Justin, Cindy

Motions Approved:

- Dreambox approval for two classrooms Gr 4/5 and 5/6 (Renae and Carly)

Land Acknowledgement – Dawn

Welcome from Cindy:

- Introductions of PAC exec and all the new parents
- Recap of PAC's accomplishments last year
- October 3rd will be the next Coffee Social so kindergarten parents will be included this time.

Dawn Principal's Report

- Welcome to all the new families
- Current enrollment is 182 students which encompasses 8 classes (we are full aside from 1 or 2 spots in kindergarten)
- Ms Ward is the new music teacher to South Nelson and Mrs Wilson is back this time as the ADST / Prep teacher
- There are 5 EA's in the school this year
- SD8 Strategic Plan and Code of Conduct (GROWS) overview
- Gotcha cards will be used again to reinforce positive behavior
- Gradual Kindergarten entry is in its first full week (ending at 1Pm this week)
- Cross Country running practices have started (Wed and Fri mornings Sept – Oct)
- Student Council has had its first meeting to plan events for the school
- Thank you to PAC for the sensory walk art in the hallway on the main floor
- Looking forward; Kokanee Creek Field trips to see the salmon, School Planning Day Sept 19th, Terry Fox Run Sept 26th, Orange Shirt Day Sept 29, and October is Safety Preparedness Month (fire drills and lock downs)
- District holds Family Engagement webinars and there is link on the school district website to those coming up

- How can PAC partner with the school; Volunteer for field trips and in the classroom, lunches and Bookfairs would not happen without parents help
- Thank you to everyone for contributing even in small ways
- Please fill out the volunteer form if you think you might volunteer (asap)
- Food Equity Program – for families with food insecurities. Let people know if they need support to contact the school. Feeding Futures money can no longer be used to support families with hot lunch (there has been fundraising so there is money for those students to still receive hot lunches.) Last year feeding futures added \$5000 in munchalunch. Please encourage people to donate on munchalunch when ordering. Jessica is the designated Feeding Futures person in the school who will have allocated time every day to have food ready for kids. Breakfast will also be available.
- If you know anyone who needs help with school supply fees, or warm clothes, encourage them to let the school know
- Backpack buddies will continue so food can go home with kids on weekends
- Dream Box last year PAC supported the subscription for 4 classes. This year only 2 classes (Gr 4/5 and 5/6) will use this for math (\$1700-2000 request)
 - Motion to approve Dreambox (approved)
- Grab a Prize for Gotcha's if you have any very new looking toys you are wishing to donate to the office (or save for Santa's Workshop) please do
- Clothing to donate if you have any older kid's clothes Jessica is collecting them

Financial Report – Tyler

- See attached Financial Year in Review 2024/2025 for a breakdown
- We had 3 Movie Nights last year with free entry (so it is accessible to all financially) but through snack sales we made \$160. We will continue with this format which makes it more of a South Nelson Community event as opposed to a fundraising event
- Next Movie Night Oct 17th

Fundraisers Shannon

- Mable's Labels is always open just make sure to use the South Nelson code
- Santa's Workshop start collecting new / lightly used toys and books
- Holiday market will run through munchalunch
- Grocery card fundraiser will go in October

- Birds Nest Paint and sip with Jen (who will donate her time) will be Tues November 18th at the Best Western conference room downstairs and is open to anyone. Ticket sales would need to be finalized by Nov 1st for supplies. Max 40 people
 - Shannon to look into more details for food/wine for the paint and sip
 - Maybe a sliding scale or different colour ticket for drink or non-drink

Hot Lunch Robyn

- Monday wraps, Tuesday sushi, Wednesday pizza, Thursday Subway (pick up at 12:30 - Colleen), Friday waiting to hear back from the Uphill market for grassfed hotdogs as Big Dee's no longer wanting to participate
- Lunch volunteers can sign up with Monica our Lunch coordinator

Actions:

- Everyone to start collecting toys for Santas Workshop or Dawn's Gotcha prizes
- Shannon to look into more details for food/wine for the paint and sip
- October 3rd Coffee Social

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 8th 2025 (6:30pm South Nelson Library)

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