

## **South Nelson Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday February 11, 2026**

South Nelson Library, 6:30pm -8pm

### **Attendees:**

Cindy, Carly, Tyler, Colleen, Dawn S, Robert, Kyle M, Anna S, Monica, Courtney M

### **Motions Approved:**

- January meeting minutes (Carly and Tyler)
- Craft club supplies \$265-\$300 (Colleen and Cindy)
- Movie license \$400 (Colleen and Anna)
- Purchase of grade 5 Grad t-shirts (Colleen and Cindy)
- Gagaball pit budget of \$3600 (Colleen, Cindy, Tyler)
- Illustrator workshop budget \$250 (Colleen, Cindy)

### **Land Acknowledgement – Dawn Snell (Principal)**

#### **Welcome from Cindy (PAC Chair):**

- Approval of January meeting minutes

#### **Dawn Principal's Report:**

- Information on how to support kids' emotions and anxieties in regard to the Tumble Ridge tragedy has been sent out
- Into a busy learning time across all grades
- Thank you to parent volunteers for winter activity support
- First Play in the K was a low turnout, but we are starting to see kindergarten registrations coming in so hopefully the next one will see more kids
- Healthy snack club has started on Wednesdays and classes have been taking turns making apple chips
- Black Excellence Day was last week. Teachers shared books and stories and art projects
- Gr 3-6 have been practicing volleyball, and Mrs. Bonikowski's grade ¾ class hosted Mrs. Mush's class (from Hume Elementary) to a mini tournament in the gym
- How PAC can help: Craft clubs are really full and running out of supplies. The club is asking for \$265-\$300 for more supplies (approved Colleen and Cindy)

- Dear Toad bookfair instead of Scholastics this year. This is great as it is a local teacher who will curate the book fair based on kids' interests. She can also have a local author visit to come and put on an illustrator workshop which could cost \$250 (approved budget Colleen, Cindy)

*Looking Forward:*

- Ski days continue at Whitewater and Apex until March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Play in the K March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Pink shirt day February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Cardboard arcade March 12<sup>th</sup>
- There will be no swim lessons as the pool doesn't have the staff to support it – but we will still have free swim

**Financial Report – Tyler**

- See attached financial report.
- \$10 400 available to spend
- Motion to approve movie license \$400 (Colleen and Anna)
- \$678 Santa's Workshop net
- \$1093 Paint and Sip net
- \$1664 Christmas Market net
- \$550 in Save on gift cards to be used for Family Fun Night and Family Crisis Fund

**Playground Update - Carly**

- We have connected with the company who put the structural wiring in the log playground. Last spring we came up with a floor is lava plan which they were going to sketch 5 or 6 drawings for estimates. The guidelines have changed now, and he needs to know what the new guidelines are to give him a better cost estimate for insurance and liability (engineering). If we had a plan, he could be good to start getting on it by March (but we don't know if his estimate yet)
- Gagaball has become popular and we are now looking at putting in a gagaball pit. Trafalgar recently put one in which cost \$3600 and was six months from application to finish
- Motion to approve gagaball pit budget of \$3600 (Colleen, Cindy, Tyler)

- Kyle and Courtney's 3 kids have now graduated, and they want to donate trees as a thank you to the school to provide shade. Daphne was part of getting the last trees planted and is helping again. Monica (local landscaper) drew up a schematic. The plan is for trees to be planted between the fence and the road on the Hendryx st side (tentatively planned for April 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>). It would be great to have the holes dug before Earth Day and have a school community day planting the trees. Dawn is working with the maintenance team to work out where water and power lines are underground. We will have a sign-up sheet for digging holes (about 7 trees). PAC to provide snacks and refreshments on the day. Plans to be finalized for the next PAC meeting.
- Dawn has ideas for new soccer nets for the spring

#### **Fundraisers – Shannon**

- It would be good to organize a combined pick up for the Holiday Market, Georama, and Purdy's next December
- West Coast Seeds is open now and closes on the 24<sup>th</sup> – Colleen to send another reminder while Shannon is away
- Purdy's is open now and closes March 4<sup>th</sup> – Colleen to send out a reminder email
- Anna talked to Big Cranium in regards to South Nelson hoodies and t-shirts. Prices are based on how many you order. Hoodies would roughly be \$28 and t-shirts \$10. Parents could purchase from munchalunch. Perhaps selling hoodies for \$35 and t-shirts for \$15 is a good cost point/profit (to be finalized)
- Motion to approve Gr 5 grad T shirts (all approved)

#### **Hot Lunch - Robyn and Monica**

- Uphill Market has been really easy to deal with and well organized
- Feedback for Tamil Kitchen – could we have a half size order as kids have said there is too much rice
- Hume, Rosemont and South Nelson PAC chairs are meeting with the school board to discuss how the change in our hot lunch guidelines came about and emphasize how it doesn't align with the BC Food tool kit – and why the change as it is a headache for volunteers trying to run a lunch program
- If you hear feedback from families about the lunches, please let PAC know

#### **Closing Notes – Cindy**

- Coffee social planned for April to gather volunteers for tree planting and family fun night

- DPAC Cindy attended – no news to report
- May 1<sup>st</sup> movie night – Zootopia should be out by then
- Family Fun Night will be June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Actions:**

- Anna to look into South Nelson Grade 5 graduation t-shirts as well as look at sizing and see about minimum orders for colours
- Cindy to ask Sarah about the spring Grocery Cards
- Colleen to send reminder emails mid-February for Purdy's and West Coast Seeds

**Next meeting March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm in the South Nelson Library. Everyone is welcome.**