

South Nelson Elementary School PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday January 14th 2026

South Nelson Library, 6:30pm -8pm

Attendees:

Cindy, Carly, Tyler, Shannon, Colleen, Renae, Dawn S, Adrianna, Monica, Robert, Robin, Tessa, Steph

Motions Approved:

- December meeting minutes (Carly and Renae)

Land Acknowledgement – Dawn Snell (Principal)

Welcome from Cindy (PAC Chair):

- Approval of December meeting minutes

Dawn Principal's Report:

- Kids are settling back into their academic routines
- Buddy classes have been working together on reading and art
- Some classes have had the opportunity to attend a training session at the Nelson indoor soccer facility
- Reading groups have started up for literacy learning
- Winter clubs have started running for lunch time options: Monday – chess/games, Tuesday/Thursday – craft club, Wednesday – Chill zone with quiet reading, puzzles or colouring

Looking Forward:

- Grade 3 XC skiing starts in February
- Grade 4/5 Whitewater skiing starts in February
- Healthy Snack Club starts next week. The school has \$3000 for this program run by Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Stewart to teach kids how to make healthy snacks (e.g. smoothies, dehydrated fruits, and how to core apples)
- 2026/2027 enrollment planning is underway. Please let the school know if anyone knows students coming or transferring out

- Kindergarten registration has opened and there will be a Play in the K again on Jan 29 to familiarize new kindergarten students with the school
- Thank you to PAC for the financial support for winter activities
- Dawn's blog will be uploaded to the website. Parents can click the link in Dawn's email to be directed to it.

Financial Report – Tyler

- See attached financial report.
- Currently we have \$10 500 funds for use (\$2 500 in the gaming and \$8 000 in the main account).
- We are up to date with gaming account spending, so we don't need to spend any more this year

Playground Update

- Playground upgrade committee to start up. Contact Carly if you are interested in helping and spreading the word.
- We are still waiting for the design and quote from Francois. Sarah has been trying to chase him up
- Gagaball pit: Trafalgar and Rosemont have put them in. Colleen will contact the principal at Trafalgar to get an idea of cost. We will discuss the gagaball pit more in the February meeting.
- A family whose child is graduating from South Nelson would like to donate trees this spring. This should be considered with the playground upgrade plan for shade.

Fundraisers - Shannon

- Huge thank you to Shannon for organizing Santa's Workshop.
- Shannon will be away in February. Colleen to send reminder emails for fundraisers and update social media
- West Coast Seeds fundraiser will run from February 2nd – 24th
- Purdy's will open early this year for Easter (also in February)
- Mabel's Labels is always open. Remind people to use the South Nelson code so PAC receives money. This is something that we should emphasize to new Kindergarten parents as the labels are so handy.

Hot Lunch - Robyn and Monica

- There have been no changes to the food guidelines, but our district has decided to audit our hot lunch program which has created hours of extra work. This is

extremely frustrating because we don't make the food ourselves – we use vendors. We are no longer allowed to use Subway because of the sauces and deli meats. If the district had not interfered with our program, we could have offered lunches already this winter term.

- New menu: Monday – we can still offer wraps but not BBQ sauce or bacon
Tuesday – Sushi but no raw fish it has to be cooked
Wednesday – only cheese pizza is allowed now
Thursday – Uphill Market whole wheat breakfast English muffins
Friday – Tamil Kitchen's butter chicken, chickpea, chicken skewer
- It would be great to arrange and pay Tamil Kitchen to do a taste testing day at school and talk about the food of India. These lunches are \$10/\$11 so it might be a good way to get kids to ask for them as many parents might simply choose not to order due to price.

Closing Notes – Cindy

- Movie night we will skip in the winter (as attendance was down last February) and wait until April. Hopefully Zootopia will be released by then
- Coffee social to be discussed at the next meeting to decide on a date
- Grocery Card fundraiser for spring Cindy will reach out to Sarah
- Spring baskets from Georama will run again this spring. Cindy will ask about getting the City of Nelson style baskets as well.
- Family Fun Night will be June 4th

Actions:

- Look into South Nelson hoodies – Anna (sport factor and big cranium)
- Cindy to ask about the City of Nelson style Georama baskets
- Cindy to ask Sarah about the spring Grocery Cards
- Colleen to send reminder emails mid February for Purdy's and West Coast Seeds
- Colleen to ask Kye to babysit for the next meeting
- Colleen to ask Tim about the Trafalgar gagaball pit

Next meeting February 11th 2026 at 6:30pm in the South Nelson Library. Everyone is welcome.