

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

**Date: Thursday March 12th, 2026**

South Nelson Library, 6:30pm -8pm

### **Attendees:**

Cindy, Colleen, Shannon, Dawn, Sarah, Anna S, Robert, Monica, Kyle, Daphne

### **Motions Approved:**

- February meeting minutes (Cindy, Sarah)
- Winter activities for next year (skiing, xc skiing, skating – Anna, Cindy)

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

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

- Approval of February meeting minutes (Cindy, Sarah)

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

- February was Black History Month, and classes have been learning about Black Excellence through art and social studies
- Nelson Leaf's have been coming to help with academic support and play floor hockey with students as part of their volunteer hours for community services
- A lot of learning and unit studies wrapping up before March Break
- Pink Shirt Day was a success, and a kindness survey was conducted (results in the next meeting)
- Cardboard Arcade wrapped up today. Grade 3-6 classes on the lower floor showed off their cardboard games to parents and younger students.
- Learning updates going out tomorrow (Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>) on My Ed Portal
- Play in the K: This month 9 children showed up to get familiar with South Nelson before starting school next year.
- School fees for next year will be \$45 (for supplies)
- Motion to approve winter activities for next year (skiing, xc skiing, skating – Anna, Cindy)
- We have the opportunity for a Japanese teacher to come over on a learning experience and be a volunteer in our school and teach cultural activities starting in April. The school is looking for a homestay host which would be \$800 for bedroom and meals.

- Backpack Buddies is a program which supports certain families with food for the weekend. Typically, there are volunteers that transport the meals to the schools. Looking for a volunteer to pick up the food once a week from the board office.

*Looking Forward:*

- Spring break – bring home lost and found and bring home all your winter gear
- When we are back in April the student learning survey will go out for grade 4 students and for parents
- One more play in the K in April
- Welcome to K in May (23 kids signed up for next year so far)
- May meeting we will discuss the class structures for next year
- Earth day in April
- Early dismissal in April to have time for a classroom open house as well as bookfair (bookfair to be discussed at the April meeting)

**Financial Report – Tyler**

- See attached financial report. Tyler was unable to attend but stated that nothing had changed
- \$10 400 available to spend

**Playground Update - Carly**

- Gagaball pit needs a team lead to get a proposal together for the school board
- Dawn has ideas for new soccer nets for the spring
- Kyle's tree update: Dawn submitted the proposal – the school board is looking into the proposed trees and are still going back and forth regarding which species and where they can go. The push back has come from the maintenance team as they find trees a liability. They want the trees on the Hendryx st side right up against the fence and are only wanting a total of 7 or 8 trees to make mowing easier. So far only a small version of a Linden tree has been approved. The school board doesn't want any tall trees. Hopefully in the next couple weeks we can get an approval.

**Fundraisers – Shannon**

- Purdy's was not as profitable this time, mostly due to the ordering timeline with March Break – Cindy to help Shannon sort chocolates

- West coast seeds in and Shannon just needs to sort them (to be handed out in the multi-purpose room with Purdy's after March Break
- Grocery cards are with Laura (far more e-transfers than cc which is more profitable for us)

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

- SD8 PACs are still waiting for an answer from the school board as to why we have had to change our lunch program
- TKT is not doing well – Blewitt was doing a tasting of empanadas, and it was well received. Robin is thinking this could be a good option. Tasting Monday of the second week back then orders can open by Wednesday could be a possibility
- Looking for more lunch volunteers

### **Closing Notes – Cindy**

- Anna has talked with Big Cranium for South Nelson swag. T-shirt colours chosen by PAC will include neon orange, sangria pink, sapphire, charcoal, and Kelly green. Hoodie colours chosen by PAC will include sapphire, athletic heather, and purple. Anna will confirm logo colours for those. Hopefully after March Break they could be available to sell. We will need pictures with the logo on for sales (Anna will also ask Big Cranium if they do mockup photos). There is a 2-week turnaround for swag.
- Grade 5 grad will be the 3rd week in June and their T-shirt colour will be Kelly green – Daphne to organize signatures
- Coffee social is planned for April to gather volunteers for the tree planting day and Family Fun night
- DPAC was attended by Cindy.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> will be movie night – Zootopia should be out by then
- Family Fun Night will be June 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Actions:**

- Gagaball pit needs a team lead to get a proposal together for the school board
- Anna to confirm with Big Cranium the colour logos and if they are able to do mockup photos
- Daphne to organize grad signatures for their T-shirts

**Next meeting will be Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm in the South Nelson Library. Everyone is welcome.**

