

Ecole South Sahali Elementary PAC Meeting

January 21, 2021

In attendance:

A. Tremblay, M. Jones, K. McArthur, S. Mabee, G. Morris , H. Farcas, A. McKeen, M. Dumas

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption moved by A.T., seconded by K. McArthur. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from October 2020 meeting presented. Moved by M.Jones, seconded by K. McArthur. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes from November 2020 meeting presented. Moved by H.Farkas, seconded by A. Tremblay. Motion carried.

3. Principal's Report

News from S. Mabee:

- Since return from Xmas SESS has been down 1-2 CEAs. Students are not being supported in the way we normally want it to happen due to this. School District is hiring more CEAs and Susie is hopeful SESS will get some of their time.
- Kindergarten Registration – Starts this Monday (January 25). Regular neighborhood schools is February 15. Registration is now done online (available as of January 25) or at school by appointment. Registration packages can be sent home with siblings currently at the school. French Immersion introductory sessions were well attended.
- Literacy Week – Mme Hunter has advertised some theme days for Literacy Week.
- Unplug and Play – Forms to go home on Monday. There will be a draw for those that participate.
- February Point of Progress – There are no letter grades on these. Lots of competency assessments with a performance scale. Shouldn't be any surprises because teachers should be communicating regularly about this.
- Grade 8 Parent Night – Thursday, February 18th at 7 pm via Facebook Live. Mr. Kirshner gave us the dates. We will pass along to parents once we have all the details. Counsellors will be at SESS week of February 22 to help the grade 7s pick their course selections. They will be due back to the office by March 4. Due at South Kam on March 5.
- FSAs – They are happening on February 15th. Some parents may not want to participate. A letter will be circulated to parents advising of the schedule. If your child is not participating, you need to pick them up during those times.
- Carnival (end of Jan, beginning of Feb) – Hoping to do some activities in second week of February.

- Morning Announcements – School sings O’Canada every Monday. On Tuesday, we do a little riddle. Wednesday we review some expected behavior. Thursday is Thankful Thursday. Friday is our Friday funny day. Also, we are doing a word or phrase of the week. If I hear kids using it in their classrooms, they may get a prize.
- Talent Show – (M. Dumas) We are talking about a talent show. It will be different, because of cohorts. Will likely be done on lunch hours.

4. Funding Request(s)

None.

5. Financial Report (K. McArthur)

- Gaming Account
 - No withdrawals or changes
 - Balance is around \$9600.
 - We have 3 years to use this money. Current money is from 2019, so 2 years remaining at this point.
 - Made changes to Gaming Account in December 2020 to make it a Chequing (not Savings) account.
 - We will be getting our 2020 Grant monies once processed.
- Chequing Account
 - Balance provided.
 - Contributions in the fall have included Mabel Labels, Fun Fair, November Hot Lunches.

6. Executive Report

Nothing to report. We will be doing a Budget meeting during one of our upcoming regular meetings. Elections will be in June. We will provide notice of the budget meetings and elections in a newsletter.

7. Committee Reports

a. DPAC (G. Morris)

During the last DPAC meeting there were some great presentations given including one on mental health literacy. Trying to promote this in the District particularly with gym teachers in the secondary level and elementary teachers. Raising awareness about mental health. There was also a presentation on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, it was about raising and promoting awareness around pronoun use and getting SOGI champions.

Food Safe courses available to PACs and DPAC will pay for it.

Announcement about new Superintendent of Schools (starts in July). The current Superintendent (Dr. Sullivan) spoke about his school visits.

There is before people that have not earned their grade 12 to help them earn it.

The issue of indoor air in schools was raised. Dr. Sullivan stated there are some very expensive filters purchased for the SD, but having a hard time getting them all into schools because of installation expertise. Issues about opening windows and how that interacts with heating/cooling system.

b. CPF

Looking for tutors. In person events (like Carnival and French movies) may be on hold this year due to COVID-19. Membership continues to be free this year.

c. Fundraising

Raffle (On hold) – Donations were collected last year in support of the Library. We need to hold an auction (perhaps online) to raise some funds with the items. We could use something like the 24 hr auction rules. We need to get this out and done. Online seems the best way to do this with minimal contact. M. Jones to look into whether a lottery license is needed. A.Tremblay to work on an online forum to get it done in May.

Popcorn (K. McArthur) - We didn't let the teachers know it was coming. This has been remedied by emailing Lisa the popcorn dates. Question as to whether the charge was \$1.50 or \$2.00. Agreed that we will do \$2.00 for next semester.

Gift Card Fundraiser (H.Farkas) - Cheque was requested on December 25th. Great in theory, but in practice not so great. We had about 50 families register, but only about 8 people ordered. The options for purchasing the cards were not great (people prefer VISA/Mastercard to providing back information). Total value was \$83.30. The organization was not really easy to deal with after joining. We will be moving to close our account with them. Don't imagine we will run it in the future.

Value Village (A. McKeen) – We will be requesting the week after Spring Break (March 22-25) to do our fundraiser. Just waiting for their response to confirm. We will be putting a little ad in Principal's letter/email.

8. New Business

New Projects (A. Tremblay) - We need a New Project for the School and would appreciate feedback from the staff. S. Mabee advised it is on the staff meeting agenda for Monday. Staff will start doing some work on School Improvement Plan and get back to PAC. Past projects included: playgrounds, music program, library – we can handle something big and multi-year.

Potential New Fundraisers (K. McArthur) - KSA PAC has been pretty successful with other fundraisers like: Chapters, Shuswap Pie Company (just got their name on the list), Cookie Fundraiser – Decorate your own for V-Day - We have a contact at Craig's Bakery (could be for Easter), Hot lunch program, Online craft fair, Coupon Books. Team to consider options for next year.

Next meeting was to be on February 18th, but that is the grade 7 night. As such, change it to February 25th at 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed at 7:40 pm.