

**Ecole South Sahali Elementary
PAC Meeting October 23, 2023**

In attendance: Allison TREMBLAY, Susie MABEE, Sonya COREA, Katie MCARTHUR, Gillian REDMOND, Jacqueline ELLIS, Tanya SINGH, Madyson CAVALIERE, Amanda MCKEEN, **Online:** Jackie MACGREGOR, Jylece PAQUETTE, Kat ALEXANDER, Shelby BONE, K. MCINTYRE

Started at 6:35

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption moved by A. MCKEEN, seconded by J. ELLIS. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from September 2023 meeting presented. Moved by A. MCKEEN seconded by A. TREMBLAY. Motion carried.

3. Principal Report (S. Mabee)

Outdoor Ed/Shipping Container Update

- Ground has been prepped and the container should be delivered in the next couple of weeks
 - We had to change the location, as the original location over by the bike racks was not viable as it would have been placed over top of our gas line
 - The new location is down at the bottom of our bottom playground, where the PAC has placed a shipping container for the Value Village fundraiser
 - This turns out to be a great location, as the equipment inside it will be largely used for outings to Peterson Creek.
- We will then get to ordering the items to put inside it
 - Shelving
 - Lighting
 - Snowshoes
 - Wagons
 - Clipboards
 - Tent
 - Orienteering Materials
 - Outdoor stools/chairs
 - Transportable whiteboard/Chartpaper holder

New Staff member

- Caitlyn Thomas our 5th CEA
- We now have our full staff for the year

Family Photo Night

- The photographer who was here for our individual school photos is wondering if we want to do a Family Photo Night Fundraiser
 - \$30 sitting fee which goes straight to the school
 - Families do 15-20 poses
 - Families then order the photos online, like they did with School Photos

School Learning Plan

- Thank you so much for your input last meeting
- We should have our goal finalized in the next couple of weeks
- We will then start building our scope and sequence of what vocabulary and strategies to teach at each grade level in order to build in some seamless transitions from year to year

Halloween

- We will have our costume parade on Tuesday October 31
 - We will start after the announcements and teachers have taken attendance
 - Costumes are welcome but not mandatory
 - Students opting not to wear a costume can wear black and orange if they like
 - Costume Guidelines
 - No masks
 - No weapons
 - No ultra-violent or gory costumes/make-up (we don't want to frighten the younger students)
 - This is still a school day, so please contact your child's teacher to see regarding their plans for the day
- Limit the amount of candy you send to school with your kids in the days following Halloween(2 pieces is lots)

Learning Updates (aka Report Cards)

- 3 formal written updates - December, March, June
 - There will be a goal-setting aspect to this
- 2 other updates - format is flexible
 - parent-teacher conferences - Oct. 25
 - Presentation of Learning - May 9th

Accessible Playground Equipment

- We are wondering if the PAC might be interested in fundraising to install a wheelchair accessible swing

A. TREMBLAY put forward motion to approve up to \$5000 to move forward with the costs associated with purchasing and installing an accessible picnic table, seconded by J. ELLIS. Motion carried.

A. MCKEEN to look into submitting grants for both the picnic table and accessible swing. Grant deadline Oct. 31.

Peer Tutoring

- Mme Wallis has enlisted a couple of her students for some peer tutoring during the lunch hour on Thursdays

Upcoming School-Wide Events

October 23 - Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Rhonda Nixon, was at our school today to visit classes and

speak to Sonja and I about our School Learning Plan

October 25 - Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferencing

October 27 - Several classes carving pumpkins for Berwick on the Park

November 6 - All students in Grades 1-7 to Sagebrush Theatre for Kamloops

Symphony Orchestra's - Dan

Brown's Wilde Symphony

November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly at 11am

November 13 - Statutory Holiday

November 15 - Grade 7 Treat Day

November 20 - Assembly

School Calendar

- Mme Corea has been adding school/PAC events to the school calendar online
 - Please refer to the calendar for dates and times of all school events
 - Please contact Mme Corea if there are any PAC events you would like added to the calendar

Remembrance Day

- School Assembly on November 10th @ 11:00 am
- We have a veteran coming to share her experience with our students
- If you have any family members or friends that are veterans, please let Mme Corea know so that we can invite them to attend

Volleyball

- Very busy - pro-d days, early dismissal have made it difficult
- Sonja is asking coaches to be the main contact for future communication and rides
- Looking for some High School Students to referee some games

FSA's

- FSA's are wrapping up
- They are scheduled when Mme Corea and Mme Schroeder are available to support
- The majority of students are done with both the booklet and online portion.

A. Funding Requests

Request from S. Mabee to reimburse school for \$1506.90 for the purchase of a variety of playground equipment (full school benefit). A. TREMBLAY put forward motion for PAC to reimburse school. J. ELLIS seconded. Motion carried.

Teacher request with partial school benefit - 4 USB microphones (\$320 total) to use to make podcasts. A. TREMBLAY put forward motion for PAC to pay up to \$350. A. MCKEEN seconded. Motion carried.

B. Financial Report (J. Paquette/K. Alexander)

Community Account as of end of September closed at \$94,906.86

Community Gaming as of end of September closed at \$6,339.50

Discussed the benefit of getting new PAC Treasurer laptop with updated programs. Old one is very old and problematic. A. TREMBLAY put forward motion to spend up to \$1250 to cover cost of laptop, program, mouse/keyboard and bag. A. MCKEEN seconded. Motion carried.

C. Executive report (A. Tremblay/M. Cavaliere)

Meetings in 2023/2024 – Nov 27, Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 11, Apr 29, May 27, June 10 (AGM/Budget) and June 17

Parents have asked if they can purchase school jerseys. Susie to look into it. Gets complicated with the numbers (e.g. multiple students with #12 jerseys).

D. Committee Reports

a. Fundraising

- i. Halloween Dance (M. Cavaliere)
 - Trunk or Treat coming together
- ii. Art Cards (A. Tremblay)
 - Order deadline Oct. 30
- iii. Winter Plant Sale (A. Tremblay)
 - Delivery tentatively set for Friday, Dec. 8
- iv. Purdy's Chocolates (A. Tremblay)
 - Delivery tentatively set for Friday, Dec. 8
- v. Cookie Dough Fundraiser (J. MacGregor)
 - Up and running now.
- vi. Online Auction (A. McKeen)
 - Official donation letter ready to take to businesses.
 - To open Dec. 8

- Parent community welcome to collect donations but contact Amanda first.
- Amanda looking for assistance being the parent liaison.
- vii. 50/50 Draw (M. Jones)
 - Start May 27, no updates
- viii. PAC Picnic and 50/50 draw (M. Jones/K. MacArthur)
 - June 14, no updates
- ix. First Aid Fundraiser (A. Tremblay)
 - March 2024, no updates
- x. Value Village Fundraiser (A. McKeen)
 - Spring 2024, will need to rethink how/where we collect donations since outdoor classroom container will be going in the place where we typically do this.

b. DPAC (A. McKeen)

There is community meeting this Wed, organized by City, feedback on how to have better communities (location of new schools, bus route servicing, sidewalks), anything that would make school experience better. Amanda has more info.

- DPAC will pay for Food Safe training.
- DPAC looking to refresh their image and holding logo contest. Students can enter.
- DPAC to put in for a license for a movie night fundraiser.

E. CPF (A. Tremblay)

No representative and no update.

F. New Business

- Amanda found grant for farm to table. Susie to make teachers aware.
- Canadian Tire grants (sport/physical activity) – to bring up at next staff meeting.

Meeting concluded at 7:49 p.m.

Next meeting Nov. 27 at 6:30.