

**Ecole South Sahali Elementary
PAC Meeting January 19, 2022**

In attendance: Allison TREMBLAY, Susie MABEE, Leah CLARE, Hollie FARKAS, Michele JONES, Gillian REDMOND, Jamie MACBURNEY, Katie MCARTHUR, Amanda MCKEEN, Angela OWEN, Lisa VOS

1. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption moved by Michelle Jones, seconded by Allison Tremblay. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from November 2021 meeting presented. Moved by M. Jones, seconded by K. MacArthur. Motion carried.

3. Principal Report (S. Mabee)

Please see the attached document.

4. Funding Requests

No requests for financial assistance from teachers. Discussed that there is a perception amongst teachers that they wouldn't get approved. Allison spoke to some memories of the items that were denied (didn't enhance student learning or were too expensive (e.g., snowshoes). To help encourage appropriate funding requests, Susie will invite Allison to a future staff meeting to discuss funding to help teachers understand what funding we have and what we can support.

Chromebooks

- Designated as a priority and PAC has sufficient funds. Susie supports moving forward with this purchase as they are a highly used item.
- A. Tremblay put forward a motion to purchase set of classroom Chromebooks with charging cart up to \$15K. Susie to obtain quote and will advise if it will be more. Motion seconded by M. Jones. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report (K. McArthur)

K. McArthur discussed gaming account financials for November (no withdrawals) and December (one withdrawal for mini colouring mats (\$649.90)).

For Treasurer's report, withdrawals made for school prizes (\$200 to gift cards) and reimbursement to Mme Hunter for two tables as part of library improvement program.

In November, we took in \$5200 for cookie dough and there were Hot Lunch with some refunds for families who withdrew from school.

Katie noted that sometimes it's hard to know what transfers coming in are for what fundraisers and does best to categorize.

Credit card fees are significant (\$700+). Suggestion for future – let parents know about the credit card fees we face and ask them to consider paying by e-transfer so that we don't pay these significant fees, allowing more to go to PAC and less to credit card companies. Parents may not be aware how much these fees amount to.

Balance is strong but many Hot Lunch expenses are still to come.

6. Executive report (A. Tremblay)

For April, we need to put out notice for elections.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. DPAC (A. Tremblay)

DPAC sent letter to Ministry of Education/Health re: no new money given for expenses related to COVID. Some group disagreed with letter and responded to most if not all same groups. Next meeting Feb.22.

b. CPF (A. Tremblay)

Delay of school discussed and different scenarios and staffing. Keeping track of people staying away (possibly reaching out to those staying away out of fear). Continue to be in-district field trips. Readjustments made to school spaces based on new COVID restrictions. Conducting daily audit of staffing levels. Proof of vaccination amongst staff to be talked about at Board meeting (upcoming Monday); Allison can provide Superintendent's link if anyone has feedback on this. Capital investments in the district mentioned. Bus approved for Westmount.

New business

- Update bylaws
- Special resolution BC CPAC to include BC Indigenous director on their Board (driven out of Kamloops)
- Literacy week
- BC CPAC awards

c. Fundraising

I. Hot lunches

K. Wright away but shared info in advance that hot lunch and popcorn ordering went well. No refunds for those who choose to keep kids home or if school/class shuts down for less than a month.

II. Cookie Dough

Some buckets leftover. Lisa has been helping to sell to teachers. At the end of day tomorrow, remaining buckets will be given to food bank.

III. Purdy's

Raised approximately \$530. Allison to check in with Grade 7 Grad fundraising group to see if they'd like to do it for Easter, otherwise we would run again in Easter.

IV. Winter plant sale

Raised approximately \$950.

V. Art Cards (A. Tremblay)

Raised approximately \$2400.

VI. 2022 fundraising planning

Value Village

Amanda to lead but needs help. Allison and Michelle agreed to help. Aim to run this after Spring Break (April).

Virtual auction

Amanda can do Facebook running of auction (cataloguing, getting pics) but needs help getting donations and distributing them. Allison volunteered but still another person would be ideal. First will use Facebook group to see about parent donations. Hollie offered to help with handout.

Meal prep fundraiser

Amanda to lead. Aiming to be virtual March 7. Amanda to submit writeup for future school newsletter. Biggest challenge would be getting people their food so may need help.

Spring plant sale

Allison will move forward with setting this up.

50/50

Still planned for end of year

VII. School wide PAC sponsored event

Michelle and Katie shared that they would like to build on the successful pumpkin carving event with another to take place in February. Initial suggestion is for each class set to set its own goal (each student reads X books, class undertakes random acts of kindness goal). We'd track progress and then hold special event once all goals met. For the event for everyone and reward class that first reaches goal. Susie really liked the

idea of an outdoor hot chocolate/sledding event that classes would rate through. Looking for about \$2000, which could come from the gaming account. Susie to ask Monday if staff support this idea.

M. Jones put forward motion to get PAC approval (conditional on Susie hearing support from teachers) to spend up to \$2500. Seconded by A. Tremblay. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. Other Business

Upcoming meetings

Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 26 and June 16

Meeting concluded at 7:57 p.m.