

South Sahali Elementary School
Parents Advisory Council Meeting

November 18 2021

6:30 pm

1. Welcome

In attendance: A. Tremblay, M. Jones, S. Mabee, L. Claire, K. MacArthur, H. Farkas, Michele Goyvaerts-Vissers, C. Berglind, A. McKeen

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda circulated.

Clarification question from C. Berglind regarding note for 2022 Fundraising Planning. Does this include Grade 7 Grad funding? A. Tremblay advised it does not but PAC does donate \$250 to the grade 7 group provided receipts are given. Usually grade 7 parents get together separately to fundraise and arrange grad events.

No changes to agenda. Adoption moved by: H. Farkas. Seconded by: M. Jones

3. Adoption of Last Meeting's Minutes

Meeting Minutes circulated.

No changes. Adoption moved by: K. McArthur. Seconded by: M. Jones

4. Principal's Report

Swings – SD 73 advised location for swings would require a retaining wall of at least 6 feet, which would have a very large cost.

Shipping Container – There is room for one. We have identified a location. Over on far side of the school by the bike racks. K. McArthur & A. McKeen will look into shipping container to own or rent.

Painted Crosswalk – Down at the bottom probably not the best place because it is traffic. He would suggest the crosswalk be the top of the hill, between gym and hill. Paint will last longer. SD would do the painting. No notion of costs right now, but we are not the only school interested so maybe SD73 can look into a cost saving. Crosswalk issues raised by K. McArthur regarding stop sign and lack of cross walk near the dirt parking. S. Mabee will make some inquiries about an additional cross walk there. Next steps: design, graphic layout, then on to SD 73 for a quote. Chantelle asked whether the additional crosswalk would be a City of Kamloops issues as it is on their road. S. Mabee will check.

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Waitlist – We had none on ours, but Lloyd George's wait list was long. We have had several families leave recently so we have taken some of Lloyd George's wait list.

Interim Reports – Typically, we would have these in person at this time of the year. As an alternative, teachers are sending out a summary of how your kid is doing. C. Berglind made an inquiry regarding having a 10 minute meeting with teachers to review the presentation of learning with teachers. S. Mabee advised this would be difficult because 10 minutes is not sufficient. S. Mabee recommended parents approach their child’s teacher if they want such a meeting and it will be up to the teacher.

Winter Concert – We will do the same as last year. We will record it and put it on a private site where it will be viewable only by those with a link. It will be up for about a week. C. Berglind asked whether or not it could be shortened to a few days. S. Mabee answered questions regarding the length of time for the viewing.

Shifting into Winter – Reminder for kids to be dressed for the weather. To keep our hallways dry and safe, please keep kids warm and have indoor shoes (to avoid slipping).

Displaced families – Food, toiletries, art and school supplies. Needed by Tuesday, November, 23 in the morning to get them to families by the morning. We may get new kids for always or temporarily from Merritt because they have a French Immersion school.

Winter break – Unvaccinated children that travel internationally cannot attend

Hot Lunch Program – We are currently doing an additional 10 lunches. S. Mabee says that we can reduce to 5 probably. M. Jones raised that maybe we should wait until after next order in case there are kids from Merritt school. Agreed, will reduce the next time.

Volleyball – First few games went off without a hitch. Teams split in half so keep numbers down to 10 in each group. Kids are excited to play other teams. We have a few more home games and then they are all away because we have gymnastics equipment coming into the gym.

Basketball – In need of coaches. Tryouts in January.

Problem de la semaine – Funding request made for some prizes for the older kids. Kids are enjoying the problems. Older kids really loved the Slurpee Coupons.

Inquiry regarding where grade 7 students go next year. S. Mabee advised that in the new year South Kamloops reaches out to SSES in January to help register kids. Kids also went down for a short tour and met the principal towards the end of the year.

5. Funding Requests

Mme. Cloet – \$724.50 for erasable colour mats with a reversible colour side. Comes with crayons. Benefits the whole school. K. McArthur advising this could come out of gaming. A. Tremblay moved motion. H. Farkas seconded it. Voted. No opposition. Motion carried.

L. Claire - \$400 for prizes. A. Tremblay raised that we also have tons of Fun Fair prizes that can be used for that too. M. Jones will try to get Slurpee coupons too. Motion to put forth by K. McArthur to adopt. A. Tremblay seconded. Voted. No opposition. Motion passed.

6. Financial Report

Community account balance reviewed. Busy month, lots of e-transfers for hot lunches. Initial cheque for teacher's amount was too low, will be corrected. Halloween Pumpkin Contested cost was about \$150, but we received \$75 from parents so it turned out it was only about \$75 total and that included the prizes, decorations, and chips for all students.

Gaming account balance reviewed. We got the gaming grant. It was super easy.

7. Executive Report

Updating bylaws and constitution being updated by SD 73. We will use theirs then to revise ours.

We still do not have a DPAC Representative. A. Tremblay volunteered to do this. No concerns raised.

8. Committee Reports

a. DPAC

Allison Tremblay attended and provided a summary of the meeting. Voted on a letter written to the Minister of Education and Safety asking for additional COVID-19 investments like cleaning, etc. Mother from Westmount raised concerns regarding traffic around the school. Safety concerns.

No December meeting. Next meeting is January.

b. CPF

Still no rep. let us know if you want this position.

c. Fundraising Committee

i. Hot Lunch

Registration coming up.

ii. Art Cards

Art cards shipped along with our profit cheques. Hoping that there will be some movement soon.

iii. Cookie Dough

No delays as it is locally sourced in Okanagan.

iv. Cross Walk

Already discussed.

v. Winter Plant Sale

Company is working to get the plants here. Maybe a few days late.

vi. Purdys

Chocolates are going to be flown here hopefully, but if they can't get here on time then Purdy's will refund.

vii. 2022 Fundraiser Planning

Next meeting: January 20, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed.