

**Ecole South Sahali Elementary
PAC Meeting January 24, 2023**

In attendance: Allison TREMBLAY, Susie MABEE, Michele JONES, Gillian REDMOND, Jacqueline ELLIS, Amanda MCKEEN, Madyson

Started at 6:41

- **Adoption of Agenda**

Adoption moved by J. Ellis, seconded by A. McKeen Motion carried.

- **Adoption of Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes from January 2023 meeting presented. Moved by J. Ellis, seconded by A. Tremblay. Motion carried.

- **Principal Report (S. Mabee)**

We are so happy to have Mme Sonja Corea here to fill in for Mme Clare while she is off. This is her first stint as VP and she is doing well.

- Jess Dance's program last week was a success. I was very pleased with the number of parents and family members that attended the performance Friday afternoon
- Literacy Week is going well
 - a. Tomorrow is Reading Rocks so wear Funky Socks
 - b. Thursday is Poem in my Pocket Day
 - c. Friday - School-Wide PJ day
- Carnaval - Feb. 8th
 - a. Planning is going well
 - b. Parents are welcome to come join us if they like
 - c. We will definitely need some help at our stations here, but you may also want to join at LGES or ECD
 - d. Room on the bus is limited, so you may need to drive yourself
 - e. Our stations will be some sort of outdoor activity - relay, making a mini ceinture flechee, and une course en canot - paper canoes and racing them in the hallway)
 - f. All students will be back at school for lunch time
 - g. Is this a day that maybe we want to do Hot Chocolate in the afternoon?
(discussed further below under Committee Reports/Carnaval)
- We have 6 basketball teams happening. This has been a fairly tremendous undertaking by Mme Corea and she has done a great job organizing the teams, distributing jerseys, collecting permission slips, arranging drivers, and finding referees in just a few short weeks.
 - a. Tier 1 Boys and Girls Competitive
 - b. Tier 1 Boys and Girls Recreational
 - c. Tier 3 Boys and Girls

- Kindergarten Registration is taking place this week
 - a. We have been given 52 spots for next year
 - b. We have given 20 registration packages to families with siblings already in the school
 - c. The draw will be taking place Tuesday Jan 31
 - d. Families will be notified the following day - Mar. 1

- Report Cards are going home on Feb. 2nd
 - a. This will be the last time that we print them off for everyone
 - b. June's report cards will be only on the portal
 - c. Anyone is allowed to request a hard copy; however they may not be available until the first week of July

- Upcoming dates to take notice of:
 - a. Feb. 3rd - pro-d day (no school for students)
 - b. Feb. 20th - Family Day (School is Closed)

- School Learning Plan

Spring 2022

Student Learning Survey (SLS)						
Grade and Category	School	District	School compared to District	School Trend	District Trend	School Trend Compared to District Trend
	2021-22	2021-22	2021-22			5 year Trend
Feel Welcome	68%	68%	0%	72%	67%	6%
Sense of Belonging	49%	53%	-4%	54%	52%	2%
Feel Safe	73%	74%	-1%	76%	72%	4%
Adults Care	58%	69%	-11%	65%	68%	-3%

Spring 2021

Student Learning Survey (SLS)						
Grade and Category	School	District	School compared to District	School Trend	District Trend	School Trend Compared to District Trend
	2020-21	2020-21	2020-2021			5 year Trend
Feel Welcome	74%	66%	8%	71%	65%	5%
Sense of Belonging	54%	52%	2%	54%	51%	3%
Feel Safe	79%	71%	8%	76%	71%	5%
Adults Care	47%	66%	-19%	67%	67%	-1%

Last year we tweaked the resilience goal to align with the District Strategic Plan's Well-being Goals. It now reads:

Students will experience a sense of belonging by developing warm, caring and consistent relationships with peers and adults.

- **Funding Requests**

Mme Helfrich requested funding for bussing band students (four classes) to music festival. This fits within budget allocated for bussing. Allison put forward motion for PAC to pay. Michele seconded. Motion carried.

Mme Hunter requested \$637.29 for Red Cedar Books. PAC has budgeted for this. Allison put forward motion to approve at \$637.29. Jacqueline seconded. Motion carried.

- A. Financial Report (K. McArthur)**

Reviewed Community Gaming account. As of Dec. 22, 2022: \$12,385.04.

Reviewed Community Plus account. As of end of December, closed at \$83,712.95. Hot lunch invoices still to be paid.

- B. Executive report (A. Tremblay)**

Discussed outdoor learning project which has been costed at \$15K. We have a grant for \$7,500 if we raise that same amount. As of this evening, we have officially met our goal.

The plan is to purchase a used shipping container (8x20ft) but before purchasing, Susie would like to finalize the teachers wish list which is underway and not yet prioritized.

Susie also to meet with new grounds person since the original grounds person who provided input on where it could go is no longer at school.

Discussed \$1917.60 quote for 10x10 tent (no sides). Allison put forward motion to pay up to \$2000 for the tent using the outdoor learning funds. Amanda seconded. Motion carried.

Amanda to look into grant that could be applied to wagon purchases (which are on the teachers wish list).

- C. Committee Reports**

- a. Fundraising**

- i. Hot Lunch (A. Tremblay)

- Looking at replacing a lower popular vendor with retro hot dog day. Costco does not have school program for hot dogs but we just need to call ahead with our desired quantity. Allison will plan to set aside 1-2 dates next session for hot dog days.

- ii. Online auction (A. Tremblay)
Raised \$2,766

- iii. Winter (spring) plant sale (A. Tremblay)
Allison to set dates.

iv. Purdy's chocolates

Mme Nancy is interested to run the Easter Purdy's fundraiser. PAC is not planning on running it at this time of year so supports Mme Nancy's request. Allison will let her know.

b. Carnaval

Covered in Principal's report. Allison to look at tacking on hot chocolate day after the activities have concluded and the kids are back at the school.

c. DPAC (A. Tremblay)

Capital committee formed in fall to look at how to be successful in securing funding from district. Met with local MLAs to gain insight.

Food safe dates: Feb 15 and 28. DPAC would reimburse.

Education session Jan 25 on cybersecurity. DPAC looking for future topic suggestions.

Nixon talked about a new rural billet stay at home program and the student and family affordability investment.

D. CPF (A. Tremblay)

No ongoing meetings.

E. New Business

a. KISSM Bursaries

- i. PAC typically pays for two bursaries (\$690 total, \$345 each). The request has come in if we'd like to purchase again. Discussed whether we could spread the same investment over more children and have families top up. As they are bursaries, we expect that this won't be an option but it could be in future. Amanda put forward motion to pay for two. Allison seconded. Motion carried.

b. Michele would like to put in license for 50-50 draw. No objections.

c. Amanda to look back at grant for wagons.

Upcoming meetings: Feb 28, Mar 14, April 25, May 23, June 13

Meeting concluded at 7:43 p.m.