

**Ecole South Sahali Elementary
PAC Meeting January 23, 2025**

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: M. Jones, M. Cavaliere, K. McArthur, J. Ellis, A. McKeen, L. Ainsley, K. Alexander, K. Wright, A. Tremblay

Guests in attendance: A. Blais, S. Corea

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by A. Tremblay, seconded by K. McArthur. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Moved by A. Tremblay, seconded by K. McArthur. Motion carried.

3. Principal Report (M.Blais)

Update on Kindergarten registration. There are 21 siblings registered, and 21 more spots. 25 have applied for those remaining 21 spots.

Basketball season has started. Practices have commenced. Thank you to coaches and players.

Swimclub is a go for this year. Mme Murraca should be doing an information session for students in the next few weeks. SD #73 swim meet is scheduled for April 16.

Mme Williams has agreed to lead a schoolwide participation musical theatre play. She has put in a request for some funding from PAC. The whole school will be able to watch it and participate should they wish, not just her class.

Questions?

There was a question and discussion around the School District's move to hire Responsible Adults into positions that would typically otherwise go to Certified Education Aids. Mr. Blais explained that this was not connected to the \$2 million deficit but yet an issue with a lack of CEAs and a large number of vacant positions.

4. Funding Requests (M. Cavaliere)

Request from Mme Williams for \$1086.77 for play scripts for the school wide musical theatre production. About 40+ students will have direct roles, but the entire school will benefit as it will be shown to all students and there are other more indirect opportunities like set building.

Motion to approved funding request moved K. McArthur, seconded by M. Jones. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report (K. Alexander/K. McArthur)

Reviewed Community (balance at \$91,776.38) and Gaming account (balance at \$12,077.55) activities and balances.

Reviewed profits from various fundraisers:

- Trick or Trunk – Cash purchases night of were \$820.
- First Aid Fundraiser - \$829.
- Art Cards - \$2124.69.

Motion to approve \$6565.69 to pay for the second outdoor wheelchair accessible picnic table moved by M. Jones, seconded by M. Cavaliere. Motion carried.

6. Executive report (M. Cavaliere)

Nothing new to report.

7. Committee Reports

b. Fundraising

i. Hot Chocolate Day (M. Jones/K. McArthur)

Planned for January 24. Everything is planned. No further assistance needed.

ii. Mitchell Soup's Fundraiser (A. Tremblay)

Will commence mid-February and run until early March. More news to come at next meeting. Need to sell 50 units to avoid shipping costs.

vi. **SSES Clothing Fundraiser (K. McArthur)**

Overall well received. Sold 86 pieces. All orders have been processed.

vii. **Wireless Mic Donations (J. MacGregor)**

Discussion around wireless microphone fundraiser at yearend concert. Raised around \$300. A family has stepped forward to pay for monies not raised for 1 microphone. Intent was to purchase 2 microphones at \$400-500 a piece.

Motion by M. Jones to approve funding for one microphone (up to \$500), seconded by M. Cavaliere. Motion carried.

viii. **Online Auction (A. McKeen)**

A. McKeen is still willing to help, but will not run it alone. Group discussion that we could do it collectively. Decision made to have it in June so that pick up of items could be arranged for Yearend Family lunch hour Picnic. Decision to have a committee of those interested in helping. Timeline is to collect donations in April and May, run the auction weekend before picnic. Pick up of items at picnic.

c. **DPAC**

Discussion of RCMP Liaison Program. M. Blais confirmed that our RCMP Liaison has come into the school and spoken with intermediate classes.

Notification of catchment changes in response to new Pineview school. Should not affected SSES.

d. **CPF**

No update.

8. **New Business**

K. Wright provided an update on hotlunch. Our hotlunch helper and delivery leader, Lesley O'Driscole, has moved on from the school. Jackie has kindly

agreed to takeover until the end of the year. Thank you Lesley for your service and Jackie for agreeing to step in.

K. Wright advised that 14 families have not yet paid for hotlunch despite ordering. As is practice, she has frozen their ability to order for next term until payment is made.

K. Wright reiterated that next year is her last year at the school and ideally, she would have someone to train to take over the organizing and payment aspect of hotlunch. Anyone interested, please contact K. Wright or another member of PAC executive.

Motion to end meeting moved by M. Jones, carried by M. Cavaliere.

Next meeting is February 12 at 6:30 pm, to be held virtually.