

**École South Sahali Elementary
PAC Meeting November 13, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: M. Jones, M. Cavaliere, K. McArthur, J. Ellis, A. McKeen, L. Ainsley, V. Pandya, and L. Hsiao

Guests: Mr. Blais, Mme. Corea

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by M. Jones, seconded by J. Ellis. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Moved by J. Ellis, seconded by A. McKeen. Motion carried.

3. Principal Report (M. Blais)

Big thank you for Trunk or Treat. It was a great success judging by participation of all families. Really grateful it was done at 6:30pm and cleaned up by 7:00 pm. Great job.

Winter concert is coming up December 18. Two tickets per family. Concert is K-5 as grades 6 and 7 are going to do a band concert in January as they are not quite ready. Mr. Blais is going to do a draw for the front row. \$5 a ticket to win two seats. Raised \$400 previously at PacWay doing a similar draw. We will need a Gaming License to do this, PAC has to be the applicant. Funds would go towards purchasing new audio equipment (wireless microphones) for the school.

Kids currently working on being safe at the school. Kids get a coupon for being same and then we do a draw and the kids get to hold one of the stuffed owls (Lightening and Chirpee) for the day. Does not cost us anything and it has really gotten the kids excited. It is also an incentive for other kids to act safely.

Volleyball season is done next week. There will be playoffs for Tier 1 Boys and Girls.

Basketball will start after Christmas. Uncertain whether there will be any teams for Grade 4 and 5 as there is not enough gym time or referees.

4. Funding Requests (M. Cavaliere)

Mme Graff's class is trying to go to Big Little Science Centre. Hoping to get additional funds from PAC about \$10 a student, so around \$250.00.

Motion by M. Jones to approve up to \$100 to pay for any students who cannot afford to pay the \$10 fee, seconded by A. McKeen. Motion carried.

6. Financial Report (K. McArthur)

Community Account Opening balance \$93,000 closed at \$82,000. What came out was organic bins, teacher allotment, grade 7 contribution, hotlunch costs, first aid, and trick or trunk.

Gaming Account Opening balance \$9,022 closed at \$12,080. We received our gaming grant at \$7,560.

This year's Treasurers will not be taking on the position next year. We need to identify parents who may be willing to take on the role.

2024: Two next tables and cement pads would be welcomed. Maybe about \$5,000. These would permit a class to go outside and use it. Also, contemplation of cement benches in a circle instead of rocks. Quinton was supposed to send this to Mr. Blais, but has not. Mr. Blais will follow up.

7. Executive report (M. Cavaliere)

This is our last meeting until January. Nothing else to report.

7. Committee Reports

1. Fundraising

i. Art Cards (A. Tremblay)

All received. Going well. Likely around \$2000 in revenue.

ii. First Aid (A. Tremblay)

So-so, one we should think about doing every 2-3 years.

iii. Purdy Fundraiser (A. Tremblay)

Going well. Likely around \$1200 in revenue.

iv. Plant Fundraiser (A. Tremblay)

Going well. Likely around \$500 to \$1000 in revenue.

2. DPAC

No updates.

3. CPF

No updates.

8. New Business

1. Hot Chocolate Day (M. Jones and K. McAuthur)
 - Confirmed date of Friday, January 24th
 - Use of kitchen in morning, serving kids from 11 am onwards.
2. Funds (Musicounts) for Music Instruments (J. Ellis)
 - Currently some kids pay \$90 to rent from the school and \$400+ for rental, really random who has to pay
 - Grant of up to \$20,000
 - Grant deadline of December 3
 - Seeking approval from school to apply for the grant
 - Mr. Blais comfortable with the school applying for the grant
 - Mr. Blais also considered whether the PAC could fund the difference or ask Mme Stephanie if there are trends in instruments so that PAC could buy them.
3. Search for new Treasurer for 2024-2025 Year (K. Alexander)
 - Position has to be filled for next year or we cannot have a PAC
 - If you know anyone of interest, please let us know
 - Kat has agreed to do some teaching and handholding next year to train someone up.

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by M. Jones, seconded by M. Cavaliere.

Next meeting January 22, 2024, in person at 6:30 pm.