

**Ecole South Sahali Elementary
PAC Meeting October 16, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: M. Jones, M. Cavaliere, A. Tremblay, A. McKeen, K. MacArthur, Jana [last name unknown], Kat Alexander, Keith and Natalia [last name unknown], J. Ellis.

Guests: A. Blais, S. Corea.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt by A. McKeen, seconded by A. Tremblay. Motion carried.

2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt by A. McKeen, seconded by K. Alexander. Motion carried.

3. Principal Report (M.Blais)

During the September Pro D, the teachers and administration came up with a new School Statement for the School. All students and staff must adhere to this. Final statement was circulated in Mr. Blais' Friday email to parents.

Construction of two new picnic tables on school grounds. Tables to come this week or next. One table will be wheel chair accessible. Intent is to put an addition 2 tables to enable a full classroom to work outside.

Volleyball season starts next week. Forms went home with kids today. All communications will go through Mr. Blais instead of the coaches to ensure rides are being given only after Criminal Record Checks and insurance are verified.

Next week on October 24 (Thursday), we will have our celebration of learning from 1-3 pm. Kids are at school for the full day. If parents are unable to attend, parents can call their child's teacher. This will be the first point of contact, then December report card, an interim report card in February, then March report card, and a final report card in June. In sum, 5 total reports on learning, including 3 formal reports.

Mme Lisa said it was one of the smoothest starts of the year to date. This is a great sign.

Mr. Blais sent to all parents the Cell Phone and Digital Device Guidelines for Elementary School.

Discussion regarding stone community circle. School District has advised they do not and will not be supporting the installation of stones on the school grounds. They would be willing to install benches that look like stones. A. Tremblay to obtain a quote for stone benches and installation costs to determine if the amount we have budgeted (\$30,000) is sufficient.

4. Funding Requests (M. Cavaliere)

From Connie Wenzel (custodial staff) – Request for \$100 for 2 bins for salt for winter. Motion to spend \$100 on bins for salt, moved by K. Alexander, seconded by A. McKeen. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report (K. Alexander)

Jylece (Co-Treasurer) is moving as of January. We will need to get her removed from signing cheques and also perhaps another signing person (perhaps A. McKeen)

Community Plus Account

Lots of Hotlunch payments, Back to Bounce wristbands (just under \$1000), Tupperwear (around \$150), and Mabels Labels (about \$80).

Gaming Account

Silent in September. We did get our \$7,560.00 gaming grant for this year.

6. Executive report (M. Cavaliere)

Nothing new to report on.

7. Committee Reports

a. Trunk Or Treat and Halloween Dance (M. Cavaliere)

Scheduled for October 24th from 5 to 6:30. Old school dance, no DJ. 13 Trick or Trunk Cars. Madyson will send map to cars tomorrow and will post it on Facebook page. Grade 7s are doing a canteen. All ordering for event tickets being done through Hotlunch system. Day of Jackie is the main point of contact. She will be there to set up.

b. Fundraising

i. Art Cards (A. Tremblay)

Sample cards have gone to the teachers. Ordering deadline is October 22, no exceptions.

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

Contacted Mitchell's soup fundraiser, but they are closed for fall season. Next possible spot is February. We are signed up. Profit margin is quite good. Order via Hotlunch system.

iii. First Aid (A. Tremblay)

Catalogues done yesterday. Closes October 28th so that we can get the product back before Xmas. Pick up November 22.

iv. Purdy Fundraiser (A. Tremblay and K. Alexander)

Catalogues send home with kids. Closes November 6th. Chocolates will come home before Xmas. Pick up November 22. Order via Purdy's website.

v. Plant Fundraiser (A. Tremblay / M. Cavaliere)

Website in the process of being set up. Deadline to Pick up November 22.

vi. SSES Clothing Fundraiser (K. McArthur)

K. McArthur explained the concept. Two options: charge only a small markup per item or mark up more to raise funds. Discussion of logo and file type. Planned for March/April.

vii. Popcorn Price Increase (K. McArthur)

Popcorn increase from \$.75 a bag to \$1.20 as of January 1st. Discussion to up to \$2.50.

viii. Online Auction (A. McKeen)

A. McKeen is not able to take this one for December. Discussion to take this on for End of Year Picnic or later spring. A. McKeen, A. Tremblay and M. Cavaliere to take this on.

c. DPAC (A. McKeen)

Key takeaways:

- Working on expanding "Academies" including a health services and outdoor education ones. Almost 400 grade 10 and 11 students in these Academies in in our district and 68 grade 12 students that are doing part time TRU students. Also doing a lot of career days.
- School district has 3 facilities that they are proposing to sell to raise funds. Consultation is on October 22.

- DPAC has a movie license so if anyone wants to do a movie night fundraiser, we have the ability to do that. No cost to us. Possible Grade 7 fundraiser event? License is change October 31st.
- Raising awareness about our district and support for new schools to political candidates. Need 70-90 new schools in the province by 2035. Districts are purchasing portables, which should really come out of capital projects. Over \$100 Million spent on portables in BC.
- Coalition of district PACs working together to try to get the gaming grants increased to reflect inflation.
- Provincial BCC PAC has pretty much dissolved so our District PAC is trying to fill the void. Concerns about parent voice not be there vis-à-vis government.

d. **CPF**

No representative.

8. New Business

None.

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by A. Tremblay, seconded by A. McKeen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.