

February 12th 2024 South Canoe Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council meeting minutes

South Canoe Elementary School, 3pm

Attendees: Shay Wilson (president), Sheena Lumley (vice president), Michelle Kalke (secretary), Scott MacRitchie (treasurer), Shannon Prosser, Corine Gjelaj, Mary Rodriguez, Melissa Paramenter, Meghan Gallagher, Sandra Major, Jillian Christjansen, Emily Styles, Kelsie Mendez (zoom)

1. Previous minutes MOTION to approve by Scott MacRitchie, SECONDED by Shay Wilson.

REPORTS

2. Principal report
 - o Familys driving paperwork is still very low. Next year the staff is looking at having one sign-up day at the beginning of the year where parents can come complete all of the required paperwork for the year. On the Pro D day staff did education on indigenous learning, reconciliation and kindness.
 - o The district has recognized that South Canoe has grown bigger than North Canoe and as such should be given the opportunity to host events. The last event was hosted at South Canoe.
3. Treasurers report – Scott MacRitchie – find attached
4. Garden Club report – Clea Roddick – find attached
5. Raffle report - \$3131 was raised, thank you to everyone for all of your hard work, awesome job student sellers!! Thank you also to Sanctuary Games for their matching our \$50 card, giving us \$100 in prizes. Parent suggestions included more detailed communication of what is in the baskets, only sell \$2 each tickets, stickers for agendas to remind parents to participate, stand by the gate with a clipboard and tickets to have parents sign up for and sending home a minimum of one book home with each child.
6. Teacher request – Ms Styles comes with a request. We have great skis but currently no way to house them. A collapsable rack bar for skis would be ideal. She will look into some options as well as ask the teachers if they agree on the need.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

7. Voting for PAC funds to reimburse purchase of Sanctuary Games gift card, amount \$50. MOTION to approve Shay Wilson, SECONDED Sheena Lumley
8. Voting to use PAC Gaming funds to purchase the gooseneck basketball net, estimated \$3,400 plus GST, installed. MOTION to approve Sheena Lumley, SECONDED Jillian Christjansen, 8 votes yes
9. Voting to sell metal tables previously bought with kitchen grant funds, MOTION to approve Sheena Lumley, SECONDED Shay Wilson

OLD BUSINESS

10. Ms Major reports our school is next on the districts renovation team list, to complete the kitchen renovations. School renovations have been slowed by them being short staffed. Parent asked if the district could be urged to provide contractors to finish work as they did at SMS. There is no further update on the bathroom renovations.
11. Ms Major has agreed to reach out to Bob Smith to see if we can find a way to get the much needed picnic tables.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Hot lunch – Sheena is running out of hot water sometimes while running the hot lunch program. We may need to look at a second hot water tank. Curious how each class's washing is going. What is their method? Is anyone struggling to get it done? A system for volunteer sign up would be ideal for hot lunches.
13. Volunteer sign-up – We need a system that is easy to use for those looking for volunteers and for those wishing to sign up to volunteer
14. The Spring Fling – the committee is looking for volunteers for the spring fling. While they have most of their event planned they are also looking for fun ideas! Mentioned ideas included a dunk tank, 50:50 sale, a silent auction, a pie eating contest. A volunteer sign-up is coming.
Parking: What is the plan for parking? What about the neighbours? Ask the car lots to see if someone will donate their shuttle? Shuttle people from Klahani? The least traffic at the school the better.
15. The school has 3 large and extremely heavy tables that are not suitable and taking up space. Mary Rodriguez offered to find out if we can sell them or if there is a clause against it in the funding that purchased them.
16. The treasurer has been working on past due gaming fund reports and asked if anyone knew about \$1900. Emily Styles believes its for the purchase of the first batch of picnic tables. Scott will look through previous minutes to try and find it.
17. Need to choose a day or two in the spring where we can have volunteers, staff and students all working together to give our outdoor furniture a lift, mainly staining. If possible, incorporate our buddy table and buddy stump pain jobs. South Canoe was previously gifted a few hundred dollars to build or buy a buddy bench, this could be a good resource for purchasing the stain that will be needed. Where are these funds, is the school holding them?
18. Traffic in the school zone is a safety issue. Parents pull u-turns within the school zone on a regular basis. People park and stay in the kiss and go lane. People back up to get out. Parents need a reminder of the rules around our school; no u-turns within the school zone down all 3 roads, no backing up, no angle or horizontal parking in the kiss n go lane, no idling anywhere. Possible solutions could include more pylons at the kiss and go lane. Do we have an rcmp liaison, would they be willing to do some drive bys or pass out some warnings? A map to remind parents would be awesome. Maybe teachers could dismiss from Klahani or South Canoe trails sometimes to ease traffic at the school.

TABLED

19. Outdoor time concerns; bottle drive; outdoor bulletin and picnic table order; the slide

OTHER

20. Special **THANK YOU** to Chelsa and Christine who came to watch the kiddos while the rest of us engaged and got the meeting done!
21. Next meeting March 11th 2024 3pm in person at the school and available by zoom.