

Monday November 03 2025

November PAC Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 18:02

Attendees: Alexis F (President), Tyler O (Vice President), Melissa P (Treasurer), Kelsie M (Secretary), Clea, Michelle, Mary, Jessica.

Teacher(s): Sandra M., Janelle Danyluk

Melissa motions to approve October minutes with amendment on pg 2. Tyler Offer seconds, all in favour.

Principal's Report

Reviewed school Learning Plan (see attached).

Additional Discussion:

Sandra went back to teachers at monthly meeting and let them know about parents desires (discussed in Sept/ Oct). Teachers want parents to trust that what they are doing is the best they can. "We may not be where we want, but we are on our way there."

Lexi- conversations around this have been very moving, and provided insight into the nuance for the teachers, and if the parents are being heard then thank you.

Michelle- "just trust us" feels like a defence response, its not about trust, we do trust teachers, that why we bring our kids, its about not enough CEAs, and safety issues occurring. She mentions a form letter that will be available through DPAC for parents to personalize advocating for more supports.

Tyler- I'm not hearing about these concerns or having these concerns personally as a parent.

Clea- Clarifies that we are talking about the amount of outside instructional time and the Outdoor learning Program review result from June 2024, that showed most parents were happy with the amount of outdoor time.

Kelsie- Equity of student experiences, if there was a guide of measured amounts then students would be having similar experiences.

Tyler- What does an outdoor school mean? ie. our mission statement, what makes South Canoe an outdoor school? These questions would maybe help get parents and teachers on the same page.

Sandra- mentions the school Mission and Aim and also mentions that the 10 recommendations of the Outdoor Learning Review one being clarity of the program vision. Sandra is working on reviewing this during staff meetings.

Lexi- wondering if mission statement needs to be developed into specific amounts or measurable standards?

Sandra- worries how this will land with teachers, but willing to be the go between.

Lexi- we are not necessarily asking for more, we are asking for clarity, for the teachers to tell us what they are doing so parents and teachers are in agreement.

Clea- Exact amounts of outdoor time are unlikely because of constraints and safety issues, Maybe we are asking the wrong questions. Maybe the question is, is there a process to access more support to be able to teach outdoors?

Tyler- if teachers came up with a percentage and then they couldn't make that benchmark due to x,y,z it could help us get more supports in place.

Janelle- as a teacher responsible for taking kids outside in authentic ways it varies some days there is lots of time outside. We are trying our best. A percent goal brings up some anxiety, but we committed in the Spring with Jen Findley to at least one lesson outside, and maybe teachers are also eating outside and additional time.

Treasurer's Report

No report this month, due to tech difficulties.

Teacher's Report

Janelle Danyluk

Grant from BC agriculture planting a promise- Daffodils are in the ground

Many gardens have been winterized, some are still to be done.

Some sunflowers have stayed up to feed birds.

Go Grant- covered bussing to take 3 divisions to Margaret Falls.

A few classes also have done field trips to Pumpkin patches and some local hikes.

Many classes eating outside, cooler temps- suggests "eating gloves" in lunch box for cold fingers during this time.

Michelle- asking Janelle for teachers to provide PAC with list of fundraisers so there is not overlap/ too much crowding.

New Business

1. Survey results (presented by Kelsie)

- 19 respondents
- 30% of the respondents never have never previously attended PAC and 20% rarely attend (PAC (50% of respondents total).
- 70% of the respondents said Monday would be the most convenient day for a meeting with the second highest day of the week being a Wednesday (47%)
- 74% evening between 6 and 9 PM would be most convenient time to have a meeting.
- There is a preference for continuing with a combination of in person and virtual meetings
- Over 80% of the respondents identified work scheduling as a barrier for attending pac meetings.

Additional feedback to improve attendance included :

1. Clear goals to supporting teachers and students
2. More notice between meetings of dates and times
3. Meetings just prior to school pick up
4. offering prizes for attendance

5. Offering child supervision
6. Improving the virtual option, as it's hard to engage
7. Proxy voting for all parents on PAC topics
8. Advance notice of topics
9. More online PAC materials for people to engage with

Discussion about survey:

Good response to survey, and from people who aren't attending regularly.

We know we need better attendance to better represent school population. Minutes and meeting times out more quickly may help. Agenda and notice of voting in advance. Consider incorporating feedback as much as possible to improve attendance.

2. Fundraisers

- A. **Bottle drive**- The Armstrong and Enderby Bottle Depot have a phone # linked to account. A parent volunteer can bring clean unsorted bottles. Computer system can print out number and then sticker up to 5 bags per Day.
Clean bottles can be dropped at Kindergarten side, we will need a parent volunteer to take to depot. Tyler will volunteer and connect with previous parent
- B. **Spring Fling** - needs a lead, idea to make a poster advertising the need so not lost on Facebook posts. Clea mentions possibility of actual PAC Executive position of Fundraising coordinator. Kelsie agrees to make a poster to advertise need, Sandra can distribute . Mary willing to help with organizing Spring Fling, but not lead.
Discussion re: not enough volunteers for actual event in previous years, people were not able to leave after their block and participate. A lot of work for event, for small profit. Sandra notes Spring Fling also contributes to positive school culture. Melissa notes vendors in general are not making as much money.
Another option is a BBQ with only junior vendors, no market.
- C. **Demille's Fundraiser**- Michelle K volunteers to take on. Organizing food boxes, money from families will have to come into PAC, and then pay Demises, may need volunteers to help pack boxes.
- D. **Spirit Wear**-Sale ends November 13, Toques are only item priced above cost \$4 per Sale goes to PAC.
- E. **Purdy's**- organized by Carmen. Last Day to order November 26 and delivered to school on December 4, to distribute. Catalogues out this week. Up to 30% profit to school depending on overall sales. \$6000 goal so \$2000 profit projected!

3. Dismissed

Division 4 concerns- new teacher hired.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kelsie, seconded by Tyler.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 pm

Next Meeting- December 01, 2025 6pm (virtual).