

January 15th 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), Corissa Jones, Ben Jones, Trisch Ross, Corene Hunter, Marlena Penney, Brandon Mendez, Kelsie Mendez, Meghan Gallagher, Miranda Fleming, Corine Gjelaaj, Melanie Bennett, Alyssa Wilbur, Ellen Gonella, Clea Roddick, Michelle Atkins, Jillian Christjansen, Tyler Offer, Jessica Offer, Jacklyn Karpowich, Serena Caner, Melissa Parmenter, Teresa Karpowich, Sandra Major, Jen Findlay, Donna Kriger (superintendent of schools), Mary Rodriguez (zoom), Jordan Kalke (zoom)

1. Previous minutes MOTION to approve by Serena Caner, SECONDED by Corine Gjelaaj.

REPORTS

2. Principal report – find attached
3. Treasurers report – find attached
4. DPAC report – Serena Caner - the DPAC will be having an virtual townhouse, date in February tba, by zoom and the topic is going to be sogi. The DPAC is accepting questions in advance until January 26th by email to sd83dpac@gmail.com

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

5. Donna Kriger our district Superintendent of schools was in attendance to help answer questions and bring clarification to the parents around the planned bathroom renovation at the school.
 - The plan in place currently is for an ungendered bathroom with fully enclosed stalls. There would be no outside door providing a sightline to the hallway and vice versa. Stalls would be on one side and a row of sinks would be on the other.
 - The bathrooms would go from 5 toilets and 3 urinals to 5 toilets; no more urinals. Example images were sent to parents from Sandra a few weeks ago.
 - Donna states the main reason for the new bathroom model is safety. Fully enclosed stalls remove the risk of people standing on toilets to look over, using phones under walls to take pictures and videos, peering through the cracks of the stall walls
 - Combining the now 2 bathrooms will be a cost savings in that the previous bathroom space can be made into much needed offices
 - A parent stated that SAS and Jacksons uni-gendered bathroom failed because it gave them too much privacy to vape, do drugs and have sex
 - A parent is concerned over the lack of privacy for students who may be menstruating and uncomfortable in a washroom also being used by boys
 - There are 2 solo bathrooms available for students to use in the school if they don't want to use the ungendered bathroom
 - Parent suggestions included private sinks in the stalls, more sinks overall, emergency safety call buttons in stalls, a barrier wall to separate gendered stalls within the ungendered bathroom

- Diane assures that she will speak with operations and learn what the projects timeline is and if the renovation itself is flexible and then do another feedback session with parents. Diane will also research what if anything the school district has as a regulation around private space.
6. Additional topics brought up due to conversation is the wheelchair accessibility of the school and its spaces. Tabled. Is there an appropriate space in the school that can be used as a regulation space? Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

7. The Kindergarten shelter. PAC has had funds earmarked for this for awhile but the original idea wasn't best. Janelle Danyluk came as a guest speaker to discuss.
- Key factors for a shelter are that permanent or semi-permanent structures are not allowed under the ALR.
 - Janelle proposed an awning style that attaches to the building only.
 - It would increase the time littles can be outside during extreme weather doing all sorts of activities as well as lessen the snow and ice issue we have on that side of the school.
 - The current tent is at the end of its life with a few months left. Lots of ideas were offered.
 - Sandra is hoping to do some more research and will broach the idea with operations.
8. Ms Major received the quotes for the outdoor basketball nets; 1X complete goose neck system supplied and installed, \$3,400.00 plus GST; 1X complete straight pole system supplied and installed, \$2,850.00 plus GST

NEW BUSINESS

9. The spirit wear sale is being worked on, a launch date of early February so hopefully everyone can get their swag by spring break
10. The raffle is active, ticket sales can go right up until the draw on January 30th. Remember to return all raffle tickets sold or not with your bundle as we need them all to comply with our gaming license.

TABLED

11. Outdoor time concerns; bottle drive; volunteer hub; kitchen renovations; outdoor bulletin and picnic table order; the slide

OTHER

12. Special **THANK YOU** to the grown kids who came to watch the kiddos while the rest of us engaged and got the meeting done!
13. Next meeting February 12th 2024 3pm in person at the school and available by zoom.