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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), Kelsie Mendez, Kendra Andreasen, Corine Gjela, Sandra Major, Melissa Parameter, Serena Caner, Melissa Bennett, Donna Kriger, Travis Elwood, Corene Hunter, Trisch Rosse, Megan (zoom)

1. Previous minutes MOTION to approve by Melissa Parameter, SECONDED by Sheena Lumley.

REPORTS

2. **Food security report** – Serena Caner regarding the Food Box program. The program starts up this Thursday with Tuesday, two days before delivery, as the final day to order. It is up to you if you would like to use the promo code. As of yet no school has used their allotted max of 40 codes. It is a pilot program for now that should continue with interest and support.
3. **Principal report** – update on the outdoor basketball net is that its been ordered! There is money that the school has available called the Family Affordability Fund and our school has \$9,000. This money can be used for food, supplies, equipment etc, for example the hardship fund. Any family who is struggling to purchase the outdoor gear their child/ren need can contact the principal privately to access these funds. This money needs to be allocated by April and spent by June.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

4. Voting for Serena Caner to be our **DPAC representative**, a formality as she has been our representative for the year. MOTION by Shay Wilson, SECONDED Kendra Andreasen, 11 votes yes

OLD BUSINESS

5. The **bathroom renovation update** and guests to the subject Superintendent Donna Kriger and Operations head Travis – says our main goal was to maximize bathroom fixtures within a safe space. Donna reiterated safety concerns brought up by parents previously in January. A parent asked why can we not have a sink within a bathroom; space, technology and cost were discussed with main problems being that they plug easily due to size. Could we widen a doorway for safety? Travis shared a possible solution of AI sensor devices being installed in the bathroom, this was strongly questioned by parents. It is a listening device that listens for key words and sends an alert to the office by wifi when there is a possible concern. Travis said he is also not a fan of this idea. Parent suggestion to have the bathroom that touches the hallway wall have its own hallway access, be all ability accessible and have its own sink. Travis says maybe it's a possibility and will look into feasibility and cost but also mentions that solo bathrooms can be problematic because of the privacy and space for multiple students. Travis reminded that this is a district wide initiative that has been building for years, as well as across the country; gender neutral washrooms are being found everywhere. The bathroom handles are designed for safety.

The office has a key to get into the stalls in the event of an emergency. Donna Kriger says they want the bathroom to create inclusion so kids don't feel "outted" by using the solo and inclusion bathrooms. Travis says he will update Sandra with regards to the renovations with anything he knows. The bathroom renovation will be complete before starting the reno to the smaller washroom that will become offices.

6. Ms Major checked and there is \$662 in the "**buddy bench fund**". She suggested we use some of the money to **purchase signage** for the kiss and go lane and around the school with leftover funds after staining has been done in the spring or once the stain purchase needs have been figured out. We have many items requiring re-staining. Ms Major reminded that not running across the road and using the crosswalk only to cross over is a safety must. Shay Wilson suggested that perhaps the city would purchase signage for the school and Ms Major agreed to check into it.
7. **SPRING FLING** – the market planning is underway. Sheena will be organizing the bbq and there are so far 14 vendors confirmed; Shay is organizing the vendors, anyone wanting more information can contact her at southcanoepac@gmail.com. Still looking for more vendors that meet our vibe. Looking for older kids who might want to facepaint? Still looking to borrow folding tables for vendors to use. Clea will be organizing an open mic for the event. The event is still looking for lots of volunteers and will be having a planning meeting soon. It is a community event.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **Adults should not be in the children's washrooms ever.** We need signage that tells adults to use a solo bathroom or to visit the office for directions to an adult washroom
9. The **code for the Roots and Blues** discount is here, watch the facebook page and your emails from the school for details. The code gives the user a \$34 discount and the pac also earns \$34 from the sale.

TABLED

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

OTHER

11. Ms Major is working on the draft of the **School Learning Plan**, which is our school goals. You can join in the discussion by meeting her for a meeting on the topic, April 2nd at 3pm at the school.
12. Next meeting **April 8th 2024 3pm** in person at the school and available by zoom.