

SMS PAC meeting Minutes  
Staff Room  
Sept 19/23

Welcome and introductions.

Attendees: Kelly Friesen, Cindi Kroeker, Carissa Marten, Becky Roman, Lara Wieler, Osa Adetoba, Jessica Macclure, Terra-Lee Wilson, Tess Doerksen, Rita Rebizant

Regrets: Karla Lysak, Oge Emokaro

School has really good connections with families. -Rlta

#### 1. Principals report

- Strong Connections - build connections, what to know to program appropriately, informs practice and planning for kids.
  - o Engaged in indigenous perspective. Went really well.
  - o 30-40 students in groups. Indigenous Perspectives Assembly, with a variety of different activities
- New Teachers -
  - o Grade 5 Tristan Ricketts
  - o Grade 6 Maggie Smith
- Cell Phone Policy Parental Feedback - Positive feedback
  - o School is much calmer. No girl social media drama. Students are more engaged in learning, respectful, and huge benefit for mental health.
  - o Need more communication about sports events so no undue waiting. Update last minute games, practices, with parents. Rita is on it!
- Parent Communication - Newsletter, bright arrow, social media platform - instagram.
  - o Would like SMS PAC instagram. Suggestion that came up, social events coordinator.
  - o The goal is to have clear, timely updates on information.
  - o Newsletter at beginning of month. Would like PAC portion on Newsletter. Sara is school contact for PAC info.
- Interim VP Ed Neufeld for sure until Christmas. Position is posted, hopefully will hire for new year.
- Sara Richards & Gabi Funk are new secretaries.

Executive Roles - Tess Doesrksen

- Tess – Chair
- Co-Chair –

- Terra-Lee – Secretary
- Treasurer - Cindi Kroeker
- Fundraiser Coordinator - Lara Wieler
- Volunteer Coordinator - Lara Wieler
- Online volunteer signup for events-
- Lunch Coordinator -

#### Financial - nothing to report

- Just over \$3000 in the account
- Cindi will have a update at the next meeting

#### Discussion items

- Possible ideas for staff appreciation
  - o PAC bringing snacks for teachers in May/June.
    - Opportunity for parents to contribute if not on PAC.
  - o Dinner for Parent Teacher interview days. Band concerts, special events.
- Google form sent out for volunteer opportunities.
  - o Options, descriptions.
  - o PAC give list to Rita.
  - o Meet the teacher night and Grade 5 night have a form to fill out.
    - Nice to see PAC presence at grade 5 parents night for new students.
- Peak of the Market Fundraiser happening October 2-13
- Need volunteers to collect money, reconcile money with cash 9-10:30am. Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Fundraising to make play structure accessible for wheelchair and mobility issues. Covering costs for field trips/activity days for kids who cannot afford it. PAC fundraiser pays for end of school activity days.
- Google calendar needs to be set up with school events.
- October 3rd Election Day - No school
- Constitution - Tess to email to PAC to go over

#### Canteen/Hot Lunch

- Parent volunteer needed every day 12pm-1pm
- Students set out microwaves
- Parent volunteer: Collect canteen cash box, set up, plug in kettle.
- Make volunteer calendar for canteen.
- Munch a Lunch was a success last year so it will continue this year
  - o A reminder should be sent to parents to let them know If they are coming from a school who used munch a lunch they need to contact Munch a Lunch to switch schools
  - o Munch a Lunch is very responsive
- Hot lunch days - Tuesday & Thursday

- Lara will connect with local restaurants to check out options.
- Ice Cream - Parents need to remind their kiddos to bring utensils

#### Questions/Concerns

- Canteen items - will be available on the website and emailed to parents
- Parents can bring their young ones if needed when volunteering to count money for fundraisers. Must be supervised by parents.

Next meeting October 17, 2023, 6 pm