

SMS PAC Meeting minutes
February 13, 2025
SMS Staff room

In Attendance:

Rita Rebizant, Tess Doerksen, Heather Flynn, Charissa Martin, Erika Ruka, Liz Wight, Amanda Winters, Becky Roman (recorder)

1. Principal's report

- a. Staffing: Staffing numbers are going down; losing two teachers, since only Southwood will be sending their grade 4s to SMS for grade 5. Numbers are projected to go down to 618 for 2025-26 school year. Some teachers will be going on maternity leave as well.
- b. Black History Month has been going well. Island Breeze came to do an assembly on Monday. Next week will be African nations. The grade 5s will have an assembly tomorrow to demonstrate their drumming skills that they've been learning through an arts grant.
- c. EA shortage: doing their best currently; struggling with supervision especially with all the indoor recess due to the cold weather. The resubmitted applications have been denied again. Some ideas are being bounced around, but it's challenging since certain skill sets are needed.
- d. Winter activity day: some parents were unsure about specific instructions for each activity. Student groups met by activity and were given instructions. While students need to be taught responsibility, perhaps each activity's instructions could be included in the activity description and sign-up form or communicated some other way that doesn't overtax the school resources.
- e. Indigenous Education: Framework for Learning and Global Competencies from Manitoba government (Rita distributed handouts). HSD is already pretty well aligned with learning outcomes, but the new framework brings in Indigenous perspectives. By incorporating Indigenous perspectives, we teach the students the value of Canada's First Peoples. Having PAC support goes a long way for community bridging.

2. Spring Fundraiser

- a. Spent Bros. pizza fundraiser: Amanda K. sent the information via WhatsApp. April 24 is the suggested delivery date. Instructions and order forms could go out on March 21, which gives just over two weeks for sales if we want orders returned by April 7 (first day after spring break). We're all in favour of selling the pizzas for \$13 to cover the additional \$1/pizza cost of sorting by seller.
- b. March 6 for a planning session to get the details in order, 6 pm.
Post-meeting update: we may distribute tasks and coordinate by email or WhatsApp to avoid the need for another meeting.

3. Next meetings: March 6 (fundraiser planning session at 6 pm, place TBD – if needed); March 13, 6 pm (regular meeting)