**SMS PAC Meeting minutes**

**April 15, 2025, 6 p.m.**

**SMS Staff room**

**In Attendance:**

Rita Rebizant, Tess Doerksen, Heather Flynn, Charissa Martin, Érica Ruka, Amanda Winters, Kelly Friesen, Becky Roman (recorder)

**Regrets:** Liz Wight

1. **Principal’s report**
2. Have hired three out of four terms for next year.
3. Talking about moving to a single timetable. While it served its purpose for a time, it’s been challenging for scheduling.
4. Track and field days will look differently than normal. Grade 5s and 6s each school will hold their own at their own school; grades 7 and 8 will run on different days here at SMS. PAC asked to host canteen.
5. Some teachers are planning for a school picnic for end of May/beginning of June. PAC asked to host lunch. More details to come.
6. Upcoming events: grade 8 parents farewell meeting April 24; grade 6 musical on May 1 (two performances: one at 2, one at 7); May 15 grade 5 orientation starting at 6 p.m. (usually some PAC members are available to promo PAC involvement).
7. There might need to be some rethinking about awards. Awards are given out based on overall academic achievement (90%); student improvement; phys ed; music; band; art; French; extracurricular sports; industrial arts and home ec; Knight award (behaviours/practices that make the school a better place). In some classes, most of the students have achieved the academic award, which leaves the few that haven’t achieved feeling left out.

* Somehow, we need to be the bridge between early years (everyone gets an award) to high school (awards are given to a fraction of students).
* There may need to some consideration of how to make the awards more inclusive, going beyond academic achievements.
* Could the core subjects be divided into separate awards, just like phys ed/music, etc.?

1. **Financial report**
2. Profit from the pizza fundraiser is $5,892.47 (with prize costs still to be deducted).
3. In total, 101 students participated in the fundraiser; participation was especially low in grades 7 and 8.

**3. Discussion items**

a. Prizes update: one class qualified for the pizza party (sold over 100 pizzas); Megan Klippenstein’s class. Top seller from every grade gets to choose from one of four prizes. Amanda has made selection sheets for those sellers. The gift card prizes will be drawn live on Wednesday, April 23.

b. Pickup day details: truck is coming at 2:30 p.m. We will set up in the foyer. Pickup will then be 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Tess, Heather, Charissa, Érica, Becky can help with sorting at 2:30 p.m.

c. Board-PAC liaison meeting is April 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Attending will be Érica, Amanda, Heather, Tess (already RSVP’d), Charissa (maybe).

**4. Next meeting: May 8, 6 p.m. We will debrief about the fundraiser at that meeting. Future meeting topics: PAC budgeting and events.**