

PAC Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2024

Meeting began 7:31pm with land acknowledgement

Parents in Attendance: Kayla Vannieuwenhuizen (president), Fiona Fleming (secretary), Emily Slous (vice president), Caitlyn Newton (treasurer), Brandi Ripel, Holly Flinkman, Lindsay H., and Ally Tyssen

Guests: Marianne VanBuskirk (Trustee)

Staff: Jodi Garries (Principle)

Motion to accept the January 2023 minutes by Kayla; seconded by Caitlyn – everyone in favour. Minutes accepted.

1. Message from the Principle -Jodi Garries
 - a. See attached principles report in appendix below.
 - b. March 5th – French immersion info night at SMS at 6pm (late immersion)

2. Message from Teachers: no one in attendance

3. Message from SD83 Board Rep - Marianne VanBuskirk

Check link on SD83 website for board meeting summary from last week: Main topics are:

1. draft calendar for 2024/2025 school year – please provide any feedback by March 12 before sent to ministry;
2. Food programs – presentation by Serena Caner was excellent and available for viewing online – funding for 3 year “feeding future funding programs” (about \$900,000) to support food in schools – all schools now have breakfast program and top up snack program; and
3. School configuration still in discussion and push to start making movement towards formal plan. There are two main models to decide between at present: 3 high schools (8-12) with SMS becoming the third HS, and then all elementary schools (K-7) or 2 HS model (8-12) and K-7 in all elementary school, and SMS would become an elementary school. Change to occur 2025/2026 school year but will need a transition plan for certain grades (such as grade 10 needing to choose grade 12 courses; and grade 6’s who will be in middle school). Priority is not to have portables at all the elementary schools so may change SMS into an elementary school. Planning to obtain parent feedback – March 7th in person at 4:30pm but might be later. Marianne to confirm time and option for childcare. Will be virtual option. Can also give feedback to Marianna by phone/social media/email to give feedback on her behalf. Any decision must align with strategic plan – eliminate unnecessary transitions between schools and optimize participation and attendance at schools. Feedback will allow for open ended commentary/questions and then a survey later on.

Questions:

- Late immersion program – how would this work? There are discussions occurring about programs of choice. Nothing determined yet.

- Question about catchment – also up for discussion/TBD
4. DPAC Update: Celeste not present
 - a. Celeste is stepping down effective tonight so need to find new DPAC rep. Next meeting is Feb 28th.
 5. Treasurer's report – Caitlyn
 - a. Emailed Roots and Blues about sending money back but they declined it so will be keeping it. Kayla made motion to donate to the \$124 to the school music program. Holly seconded this. Motion passed. All in favour. Caitlyn to contact school music teachers to inform and send transfer.
 6. Fundraising:
 - a. Spring Flowers – we have registered. Need to establish order date – propose delivery date of May 7th (before mothers' date) with second choice of May 28. No change to pricing.
 - b. Continue Mable's Labels – ongoing
 - c. Shuswap Coffee – closes March 1, 2024.
 - d. Movie Night in February was a success – minimal work and made just under \$700. Discussed doing another one in spring.
 - e. Grants: Fiona sent grant request letter to SASCU – they should be meeting to review it this week.
 - f. Carnival: Was pencilled for May 10, 2024 however there is a conflict so moving to May 3, 2024. Holly to assist with planning.
 7. LASS unplug and play January 20-28, 2024
 - a. Feedback: Breakdancing event went well
 8. Misc. – Round Table
 - a. Field issues – Jodi to talk to Bree to see if any options to address – maybe dogs on leash only in field?
 - b. Parking lot issues – might reconfigure parking lot and add signage to address issues – Jodi should get update this week
 - c. Nature Delivered – new boxes for veggies and protein box will start April (April 25 is first delivery date) – info TBD (code was wintersd83 in past)
 - d. How did hot lunch go this time with Quesada – went better this time but still issue. Revisit for Sept 2024.

Next meeting: April 8, 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Appendix:

Principal's Report
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- Skating sessions are finished and again, I want to express a huge thank you to all those parents who tied skates, brought equipment, skated and supervised to make these sessions go so well.
- We have been having various guests at our school lately: The Silverbacks came and played floor hockey and read/played with primary classes, our Interior Health nurse (Myanne Peacock) has been here doing handwashing lessons (with the black light) with classes, and Tricia Martin, PE specialist teacher in our district has been doing fundamental movement skills lessons with about 5 of our classes. All great things for our students!
- The district Art Fair starts soon - it's from Mar 1 - 8 at Picadilly Mall. Teachers were busy putting our display boards together today. Art fair workshops for 8 lucky grade 4 & 5 students are at Picadilly Mall too, on March 6.
- Our draft of our School Learning Plan will be submitted to our Senior Leadership team soon, and our 2 academic goals: Writing in Literacy and Problem Solving in Numeracy align with the District's Strategic Priorities in terms of Intellectual Development. Our Human and Social Development goal is still to be created.
- Please share with friends, families and neighbours that we need kindergarten registrations to come in as soon as possible. This is critical information for planning and staffing for next year. Our Ready, Set, Learn event for 3 & 4 year olds is this Thursday Feb 29 from 1- 2 pm in our library. Children who are starting kindergarten are particularly encouraged to attend.
- Written Learning Updates (formerly called Report Cards) go home to families on Wed. Mar. 6.
- Dates to remember:
 - Feb 28 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Feb 29 - Ready, Set, Learn, 1- 2 pm school library
 - Mar 1 - 8 - Art Fair at Picadilly Mall

- Mar 1 - Coffee Orders due
- Mar 6 - Written Learning Updates go home
- Mar 15 - Panago Pizza hot lunch day and last day before Spring Break
- Mar 18 - Apr 1 - Spring Break
- Mar 29 - Good Friday
- Mar 31 - Easter Sunday
- Apr 1 - Easter Monday - no school
- Apr 2 - First day back to school
- Apr 11 - Cultural Performance - "Black Dog String Quartet" 10:20 - 11:10 am in our gym, families and younger siblings welcome to attend
- Apr 12 - Vision screening for kindergarten and grade 3 students

~ Jodi