

MEETING MINUTES

SOUTH RUTLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 15th, 2018 @ 6:35 pm
Meeting called to order by Cherylee Morrison

ATTENDANCE

Sally McLaren	Amy Eder	Toni Koryakuss	Shasta Scott	Julie Thibert
Donna Pinion	Andrea Blanchard	Cherylee Morrison	Elya Martinson	

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda amendments - date of minutes is January 18th, 2018.

Toni K. made the motion to adopt the amended February 15th, 2018 agenda. Julie T. seconded.
All in favour.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amy E. made the motion to adopt the January 18th, 2018 minutes. Toni K. seconded. All in favour.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CHERYLEE MORRISON

No report made.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TONI KORYAKUSS

A) We need a weekly newsletter to be going out to parents again. Notice's were still sitting on teacher's desks for the Secret Cupid event, some parents didn't know about it until after the first day. Have discussed this with our principal, Mark Watson and the school isn't going to do a Bi-weekly or weekly newsletter. We also need teacher's support when creating the newsletter.

We can do a Bi-weekly PAC and Grade 5 newsletter to go out to parents. We would need to have someone do this.

B) As a PAC we need to consider implementing capping Field Trip and busing costs for next year.

C) We need to get more parents involved with volunteering for Hot Lunch, popcorn, events etc or we will lose the extra things our students have access to through the PAC. Need to create more community.

D) There will be an inventory created of the PAC Kitchen as supplies have been going missing.

- E) Event food leftovers have been going to local charities. In house, ie: Hot Lunch leftovers will be distributed to the students as needed.

COPAC REPORT: CHERYLEE MORRISON

- F) The COPAC is looking for a parent volunteer representative for Safety Issues, in our community and how schools are affected.
- G) Remember to check the COPAC website, <http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx> for upcoming events that are open to parents.

TREASURER'S REPORT: ANDREA BLANCHARD

Account balances were presented, totals are as of February 15th, 2018. SRE PAC gaming account \$3,163.55, SRE PAC general account \$10,078.18, Grade 5 Account \$3,588.66

Profit & Loss report wasn't complete, problems with accounting software. There is a user friendly online accounting software program we can purchase for \$124.80 a year (\$10.40 a month).

Elya M. made the motion to approve spending \$124.80 for the accounting program. Toni K. seconded. All in favour.

Amy E. made the motion to accept the account balances as presented. Elya M. seconded. All in favour.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: MARK WATSON

School News: Our grade 5 students just returned from a great field trip where they snowshoed and learned Inuit games. Our grade 3's are off to the museum tomorrow. Our students put on a great show at the Rutland Learning Forum. The coding and Lego Robotics presentation by two of our students, Kian and Annaleigha was impressive. It was a well attended, successful night.

Staffing: Welcome to Lindsay Skelton. She is returning to her SLP role at South Rutland. Welcome to Alana Adams who has taken the position of Evening Custodian.

2018-19 Registration: Registration is now open for next year. Families register online and stop by the office with required documents.

Grade 5's are automatically transferred to Rutland Middle School, unless they are going somewhere else.

We have low Kindergarten registrations at the moment, but that will most likely change.

2018-19 Calendar Input: I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Wednesday, February 18th, 2018 by completeing a very brief survey at the link below: <https://sd23survey.sd23.bc.ca/2018-2019SchoolCalendarSurvey.aspx> We anticipate that the finalized 2018/2019 school calendar (once approved) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through the school.

We have an opportunity to partner with Belgo for the White Hatter training, it'll be \$300 and will be one evening at the Hollywood Educational Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOT LUNCH - Elya M.: Online payments are working, still collecting cash and cheques as payment. Will be charging a \$2 fee in future for non-online payments. Online ordering and payments are preferred for Hot Lunch and field trips etc. Yamato was a hit, nuggets and fries were not.

Thinking about adding another hot lunch day that would just be one item, ie: pizza, sushi or hot dogs, and parents would need to send veggies and fruit etc.

FUNDRAISING - Shasta S.: We had our last movie night of the year.

Discussed upcoming dates for Spring Raffle baskets. Will start collecting items beginning of April and will sell tickets in May and June. We will be asking for higher value donations from the community. Toni K. already has a "Family Fun" basket, valued at \$1,000. Also asking for committee volunteers.

Discussed having students do QSP fundraising, items to sell over Spring Break, there are no minimums required.

Grade 5's will start selling popcorn as of April 4th, 2018.

Discussed having a Pizza by the slice day, one day a week as a fundraiser for April, May & June. It'd be easy to distribute, will be checking out pricing.

GRADE 5 FUNDRAISING - Toni K.: We had our first Grade 5 meeting last month, same night as movie night. 18 parents attended, lots of volunteers. We will be making some changes to the Rocket Launch event.

We made \$211 profit from the sale of poinsettias. There were issues with ordering and delivery and lack of participation from Grade 5's and parents. If we do it again, use someone local and have a display at school. A lot sold at the dance once people saw them in person.

The Grade 5's did Secret Cupid this week. The student's got excited and loved it. Made \$213 in three days and only spent \$18 on candy.

The Grade 5's will be going camping this year for their year-end event. The location is \$600 for the night and all the food has been donated.

The Grade 5's will be doing a Pancake & Sausage lunch on March 6th.

The Grade 5's are thinking about doing a "Secret Leprechaun" for St. Patrick's Day, not sure what that looks like yet.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Request for Funds: In the process of trying to figure out how much money has been spent on busing transportation to date, each trip costs between \$100 - \$300 depending on distance and number of buses.

There was a request for an in house field trip, Arlo's Honey Farm, that came in on February 6th, 2018 after the last PAC meeting. Total cost was \$135, students paid \$45, requesting \$90 from the PAC, no busing costs.

Ms. Hebert is requesting funds to take the Kindergarteners to the Gymnastics Centre to complete their gymnastics unit. Requesting \$4.50 a student, for 26 students, \$117 plus associated bus costs. Students will pay \$3.00 each.

There is a request for the Grade 3 & 4's, for a RCA Field trip, dance and Art Gallery. The cost is \$8 a student, 51 students, \$408 plus associated bus costs. Asking the PAC for \$4 a student, \$204 plus associated bus costs.

There is a request from the Grade 3 & 4's to have Breakdancing taught in house for three PE classes, \$150 total, no busing costs.

\$561 plus estimated \$250 for busing costs. \$811 total being requested from the PAC.

Motion to accept request for funds by Elya M. seconded by Amy E. All in favour, Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2018 @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn (8:15 p.m.)