

MEETING MINUTES

SOUTH RUTLAND ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, March 15th, 2018 @ 6:40 pm
Meeting called to order by Cherylee Morrison

ATTENDANCE

Sally McLaren Cherylee Morrison Julie Thibert Jolene Tregilges

AGENDA APPROVAL

Julie T. made the motion to adopt the March 15th, 2018 agenda. Jolene T. seconded. All in favour.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julie T. made the motion to adopt the February 15th, 2018 minutes. Jolene T. seconded. All in favour.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: CHERYLEE MORRISON

Happy with everyone doing their best. There will be information in the newsletter about the Spring raffle baskets.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TONI KORYAKUSS

Not present, no report given.

COPAC REPORT: CHERYLEE MORRISON

There was a membership update regarding the 2018 Budget. The budget included three announcements that could have significant impact on the K-12 Education system, playground funding process, early learning and SMP acceleration.

Remember to check the COPAC website, <http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx> for upcoming events that are open to parents and free courses online.

TREASURER'S REPORT: ANDREA BLANCHARD

Not present, no report was given.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: MARK WATSON

School News: Our grade 4 & 5 students had a successful basketball season and will be playing on outside court in Spring.

Students participated in a kindness initiative by picking up garbage in neighborhood and baking and handing out cookies and notes.

Students also have been participating in gymnastics in the gym over the last three weeks.

The grade 5's had a successful Heritage Fair.

Enjoyed experiencing Harmony Day for the first time at SRE. The spirit was awesome in our school and community while celebrating diversity.

School Safety: I wanted to share a few thoughts regarding school safety based on some global events. First and foremost of greatest importance for us is your child's safety at school.

To this end:

- All students at the school are taking "Kids in the Know" program, learning about stranger danger, inappropriate touch etc.
- Supervision has been increased by one noon hour supervisor and multiple CEA's during non instructional times
- We have a behavior intervention teacher on staff
- We are working closely with our Liaison Officer as issues arise, the system works.
- We are bringing in lessons on Social Media for students and parents
 - Wednesday, April 25th at Quigley Elementary 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
 - Grade 5's to Belgo Thursday, April 26th
- The District has scheduled the school for an office renovation this summer to improve safety sitelines, to see who's coming and going at the front entrance.

Staffing: Welcome to Tony Bossio who has taken the position of Day Time Custodian.

2018-19 Registration: Registration is now open for next year. Families register online and stop by the office with required documents. Our current enrollment is projected at 175 which is a few more than last year.

Our technology resources are continuing to be refreshed and updated, computers, laptops etc. Should have 50 iPad's by summer for students to use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOT LUNCH - Jolene T.: The last hot lunch was hot dogs and she was the only one who signed up and showed up, was not easy to do as one person. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH HOT LUNCH!**

FUNDRAISING - Jolene T.: The QSP Fundraising will be going ahead. Will be doing flowers for Mother's Day.

Also discussed possibility of another movie night, they've been successful. It'd be nice to get the projector upgraded, there were some difficulties at the last movie night.

GRADE 5 FUNDRAISING - Toni K.: Not present, no report was given.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Jolene T.: Asked if there was somewhere in the front we could put the PAC Board where parents could easily see what is going on, upcoming events etc.

Asked if we knew who the PAC Facebook page administrator is, would like to take over posting on the page to keep information more current and up to date.

In regards to Fundraising, do we have a specific goal? Going forward for the next school year, there should be a goal for events, etc. There needs to be some more clarity around fundraising and what the money is used for.

Motion made by Jolene T. as follows: That we restructure our fundraising needs, have money allocated for field trips, set goals and breakdown what money is for with our goals in mind.
Seconded by Julie T.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Request for Funds: On February 20th, Grade 2's went to the Kelowna City Hall, requesting \$100 to cover busing.

Sue Miles, in regards to the Heritage Fair, there are 3 students moving on to the regional finals with their display boards, models etc. Have purchased 3 finalist trophies, 16 participation ribbons and 2 other medals, student picks and teacher's pick. Asking the PAC to cover \$133.30.

Request from the Grade 3, 4 & 5's to participate in the Rock Solid Rocks to Rings curling workshops, 6 in all. Requesting \$204.75 from the PAC.

Request from Nichols in regards to a Community Garden Plot as part of the Kindness project of \$35.

Request from Hughes Kindergarten class, going to Hoofprints Barnyard. The cost is \$7.50 a child & \$1 for a hotdog. Asking parents to pay \$3 a child, requesting \$5.50 a child, total of \$143 from the PAC.

Miles & Peters, classes going to Okanagan Gymnastics Center, cost is \$6.50 a student, asking PAC for \$3 a student x 31 students, total \$93.

\$709.05 is total being requested from the PAC. Tabled to April's PAC meeting.

It was recommended by members present that the request for funds be approved.

NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2018 @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn (8:00 p.m.)