



## SSS PAC MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ SSS Library 6:00PM

Meeting start: 6:03PM

**Attendance: Krissy Bursey, Lyndsay Gerscht, Taylie Bruce, Stephanie Freiheit, Nicole Latka, Tiffany Rybachuk, Bev Bellina, Mr Kelly and Mr Sommerfeld.**

*Welcome – We would like to acknowledge this meeting is taking place on the homelands of the Ktunaxa people.*

**Approval of minutes:** April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Tiffany Rybachuk

2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Latka

### **Treasurer report:**

\$ 6,484.45 in gaming - \$15,000 to come into PAC from GRAD cash fundraiser. This amount will go back out as follows: \$3,000, \$1,500 and \$500 to the raffle winners. \$260.20 to Kayla Stanley for gaming licence and \$9,739.80 to GRAD.

\$ 1,190.89 in general

### **School Trustee Report**

No report received. Will include in meeting notes once received.

### **Principal's Report**

Events at SSS: highlights: grade 7s and a few Grade 8s competing in a TECK bridge building competition.

Grade 7 and 8 vaping presentations.

Q3 ended, all digital report cards, on par with all schools in the province. Some parents having issues with putting in their password. Parent setting up password and once returning to the site entering info again was not working for parents. Parents to email the school to request a reset.

Earth Day garbage clean up.

Ran project heavy duty. Kids from Grade 11 & 12 from Elkford, Sparwood and Fernie had the opportunity to run heavy machinery.

Parent teacher nights, very low turnout. Probably the last parent teacher nights the school will have. Will still be up to the teachers to have a line of communication with the parents.

ICBC presentation, safe driving for Grade 11 & 12s.

Community engagement night. Expected a small turnout for the first event.

-school talked about their growth plans

2 pro D days and RSA days ran by the Union. Teachers can sign up for what they wish. We ran a student behaviour one here.

Lots of extra curriculums happening.

Indigenous Ceremonies happening Monday night.

Outdoor Ed rafting trip May 16<sup>th</sup>. Really successful. Great trip.

Mr Kelly and Mr Sommerfeld doing timetables. 22 days to complete. Will have 3 job postings 1.0 continuing. Grade 7 generalist. 0.85 posting continuing – Grades 7, 8 and 1 grade 9 course generalist as well. 0.5 temp – for ML leave – English.

Issues run in as we grow as a school. 2 PE teachers and 1 Gym  
2 Sr Woods and 2 Sr Automotives.

Rock School Thursdays after school. No Guitar offered next year with only 5 kids who wanted the class. First of the year staff meeting, after kids come to school for 2 hours the first day. Instead of first staff meeting we will have parent/student BBQ. “Meet and Greet”. Attempt to strengthen relationships with parents.

Working on something called Portrait of a Graduate. Big on what is vision of Sparwood Secondary? What are we doing? Focus the school on this. Kids in Grade 7, this is what we would like them to be at Grade 12 and these are the things we will do to support that. What we will do week to week, day to day, month to month. Involves character and academics.

Jason MBI – middle years development instrument. The Grade 8s did a survey about their physical and emotional well-being. Saw strong adult connections at the school that they feel they’ll have success. Friendships – above- they feel they have one friend they can tell all their secrets to. Have a really good friendship. School climate, school belonging, peers belonging was low. Connections with adults in the home are showing as strong. Identify areas in the survey that are low and identifying factors to why these are showing as low, brainstorm, strategies, etc.

Capstone presentations have been going on for the month of May. Comment from Nicole: parents struggle to know what is going on. Getting them involved with what is going on with Capstone project. Jason: look at it as a community service project. Mike: at very first Grad meeting it was talked about and describe it so parents so that they understand what it is and what is going on. Plan a fair to show off what they are doing.

Grade 7: Count of 65 for next year.

29 Grade 12s Graduating.

## **Correspondence**

DPAC: motion passed to help out the Prom Committee in SD5 with donation from DPAC @ \$5/student to help out a bit with some costs. DPAC reached out for GRAD Committee representatives to arrange to send the donation. I’ve forwarded along to Kayla Stanley to contact Lies Salvador, SD5 PAC Chair.

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sparwood Community Engagement Night.

Change to 2023/2024 School Calendar. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be observed by the schools on October 2<sup>nd</sup> instead of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This aligns with BC Government declared day of recognition to hopefully ease any childcare concerns.

Email from Penny Lowe: Asking if PAC would take on the TECK BBQ during Coal Miner Days to raise Money for the Ninja Playground. Forwarded to Nicole and Jacqueline to find out their thoughts. Concern that PAC does not have the capacity to take on something this big. Concerns that we would not get enough volunteers to take on the BBQ when we only have 1-2 board members to attend meeting and 1-2 parents that attend meetings.

Email from Melissa Traub: Application for funding. Request for \$140 for Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park Field Trip June 14<sup>th</sup>. *Discuss in new business.*

### **Old Business**

1. Mrs Lowe is requesting funds and help to continue to fundraise for the Ninja Fitness Playground. \$70, 904 funds raised thus far. \$141, 848.70 required.

*Action item: Nicole to email Penny as the PAC would like to request for her to attend a meeting to give PAC more information regarding the Ninja Playground before we commit to taking on Fundraising for this. Penny declined attending the PAC meeting due to Track and Field Meet. Penny sent along an information letter and plans, **see attached.***

2. Spring Event for the Students – No students participated.

*Action: Event posted to FB page, forms available at the school. Forms taken to the school. No submissions received.*

*Action: Should we extend the activity? Activity extended in an attempt to get some responses/submissions. Will run until the end of the school year.*

3. Annual revenue reports for 2021 and 2022 not completed/submitted. All fundraising/licensing will be on hold until we get this rectified. PAC or any other group are unable to apply for gaming licenses for fundraisers until further notice.

*Action: The board will need to work with the previous board to resolve ASAP! **RESOLVED***

4. 2022/2023 Scholarship/Bursary.

*Action: Nicole will reach out to Sharlene to see if she has received anything from anyone or if there is an application form used in previous year(s) for application submission for PAC Bursary. No previous application process in place. Sharlene reached out in January with no response. Nicole and Tiffany put together an application form to be used each year and forwarded to Sharlene who forwarded along to GRAD students. **see attached.***

FIVE applications were received. Nicole and Tiffany chose 2 applicants to each receive \$500 bursary from PAC.

### **New Business**

Applications for funding – Writing-On-Stone Field Trip. Motion to accept the application past the deadline. Motion accepted. 1<sup>st</sup> Tiffany Rybachuk 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Latka

Motion to provide \$140 for the Writing-On-Stone: Motion denied. PAC is unable to help with this field trip as it is Out-Of-Province. PAC Gaming Funds can only be used for such field trips within BC. Ms Traub informed.

BBQ for end of the year – letter for Danny. PAC BBQ will be June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Nicole to talk to the Chamber for May 25<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned:

June SSS PAC Meeting: Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6PM in the SSS Library.

AGM: September 20<sup>th</sup> \*subject to change\*