

ÉCOLE SOUTH PARK ELEMENTARY
PAC MINUTES OF MEETING
November 25, 2015

7:00 – 9:00 pm South Park Library	
Item	Summary
Attendees:	<u>Executive:</u> Shanna (Chair), Terri (Past Chair), Jen (Treasurer), Mel (Secretary), Lynsey (MAL), Tami (DPAC Rep), Natalie (CPF Rep) <u>Special Guests:</u> Erin Switzer & Christa Schultz <u>Other Members:</u> 14 <u>Administration:</u> Ms. Potter
1. Welcome	
2. Special Presentation – Erin Switzer & Christa Schultz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years of Social Emotional Learning at South Park. • The fundamental principle is that a stressed brain can't learn. • There are 5 main competencies that support learning / productivity – self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, social responsibility and strong decision-making. • People, including children, need a refresher on these principles every six months to a year. • This year, Erin and Christa are going into all classes and teaching / refreshing on the 4 zones of regulation: blue (rest, low energy), green (go – most productive zone), yellow (lots of energy, excited – good for recess!), red (out of control) to continue to reinforce Social Emotional Learning principles. • Fidget kits can be very helpful in the classroom to help kids self-regulate.
3. Old Business and Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting	Minutes of meeting from September 30, 2015 approved.
4. Chair's Update	PAC activities since September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Special Foods – 303 orders until December • 4 deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables • Walk to school week (Oct. 5-9) • Noon hour activities • Class Parents in place – 240 weekly update emails going out per week • Holiday bulb and poinsettia fundraiser • Art card fundraiser – 221 orders • Advanced \$4500 to teachers and support staff for classroom resources and \$400 to the principal for her resources • Paid for security guards on 2 nights around Halloween Looking forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider options for a legacy / larger gift to direct excess funds over a few years.

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	<p>Preliminary input on options include an outdoor mural, courtyard improvements, emergency backpacks for all divisions (vs. existing bins), sensory room and other teacher wish list items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider increasing the number of special foods days • Spring fair and other fundraising initiatives • Supporting (financially) the hip hop program in January • French immersion info night & Kindergarten registration • Seek additional options for noon hour activities • Jan. 12 family math night (school-PAC joint initiative) • District looking at re-visioning process for schools • Clothing drive • Parent social (?) • Track meet concession
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art cards: net \$2400 (budgeted \$1500) • Poinsettia & bulbs: net \$600 (budgeted \$450) • Special Foods: net \$1800 (down \$1800 from budget – in part because of increase in pizza costs after budget set, could also be that we overestimated in the budget) • Special Foods Committee to consider alternative providers – pizzas or other suppliers, also look at other schools – Pebble Hill & Beach Grove doing new things • Net: +\$5300 overall • Current balances: \$7700 in gaming, \$9400 in operating, \$150 in PayPal account
<p>6. Members at Large (MAL) Updates</p>	<p><u>Class Parent Update (Lynsey):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running smoothly – Class Parents have been identified for every division now, weekly emails going out. <p><u>Noon Hour Activities (Mel):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games club and indoor hockey are up and running, special thanks to Colleen, Ruby and Tiffinie for leading those initiatives again! • Because of the renovation work and popularity, intermediate and primary activities are being run separately – additional volunteers to help with the extra days and even to add more noon activities would be greatly appreciated. <p><u>CPF (Natalie):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPF is planning an information night for parents on October 6 at 7 pm in North Delta. • French sessions for parents have been very well received – higher attendance in North Delta makes it practical to hold the sessions in the North; if a number of parents can commit to attend in South Delta, we can suggest running a session series in the South. • CPF-sponsored Charlotte Diamond concern on Jan. 23 (North Delta). Tickets for sale in

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	<p>the next few weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French info night at South Park on Jan. 21.
<p>7. DPAC Update and New Curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 extra professional development days this year to support the new curriculum – Feb. 22 and April 18. • 4 parent seminars will be held on the new curriculum in the new year – see also the District’s new curriculum page under “Resources”, including a link to an informative 30 minute presentation. • Google chromebooks and a cloud-based platform are being used in the District to support learning – this eliminates the need for flash drives and improves accessibility from home. • Online safety program Feb. 15 and 16 (one in the North and one in the South) – DPAC and the District are co-hosting. • Delta Assist is offering to conduct a series of 5 parenting workshops in the spring for interested PACs. The program includes 5 sessions but parents would be welcome to sign up for any one or more of the five. If the South Park PAC is interested in hosting, Tami will obtain additional information.
<p>8. Vice-Principal’s Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Park raised the most money in the District for Cops for Cancer. • Renovations are well underway, some teachers are already back in their classrooms. Parents helping with the moves are greatly appreciated! • Electrical recycling challenge – good effort throughout the school. • Christmas production – Dec. 9 and 10 – intermediate Scrooge’s Super Christmas and the choir concert.
<p>9. New Business</p>	<p><u>Teacher Wish List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1: fidget kits for each classroom – budget \$70 per division x 15 divisions • #2: PE equipment for each classroom - \$200 / division • #3: 2 author visits per year – one for primary and one for intermediate - \$500 each • #4: iTunes cards smaller amount to buy educational apps <p>Motion made by the Chair to increase the teacher wish list budget by \$1050 in total (\$70 per division x 15 divisions for fidget kits), Lynsey seconded and motion carried.</p> <p>Motion made by the Chair to increase the budget for child-minding during PAC meetings to \$200 / year so that student volunteers can each be paid \$20 / meeting. Natalie seconded and motion carried.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>9 pm</p>