

ECOLE SOUTH PARK ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2014

Board Members:	Chair:	Terri Trevors
	Secretary:	Monique Parker
	Treasurer:	Darren Schrader
	Vice-Chair:	Mel Cheesman
	Members at Large:	Irene Grebstad (Fundraising), Jill Parker (Parent Welcome) Catherine Bourget (Special Foods)
	DPAC Rep:	Tami Oudendijk
	Past Chair:	Deb Salahor

ITEM	ACTION/INFORMATION	RESPONSIBILITY
1. Welcome	Welcome	Terri
2. Old Business and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes.	Mel moved to approve Last Meeting Minutes; seconded by Darren.	Terri
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>3 handouts were reviewed: Profit & Loss Budget Performance; SP PAC Supported Activities (graph); SP PAC Results from September 1, 2013 – April 27, 2014 (graph).</p> <p>Special Foods funds may need to be reallocated to other online fundraising categories (e.g. Plant Sale). Darren will work with Catherine to update this information.</p> <p>Mel moved to pay the online booking system (\$236); seconded by Monique.</p> <p>Cultural Fund figures to be reviewed by Darren and Chris. Drama Program and Music Program will be spent in the Spring production.</p> <p>Elaine will review accounting of Maple Man presentation (CPF funded).</p> <p>Garden Club – dirt and other costs still to be accounted for.</p> <p>Math manipulatives and cooking supplies still to be purchased and/or accounted for.</p>	Darren
4. Members at Large (MAL) Updates	None	
5. Principal's Update	Volunteers for the Track Meet (May 7) are still required (full-day or half-day) for the Start Line and Finish Line, or part-day to help teachers with various smaller jobs.	Elaine
6. DPAC Update	None	
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Guest – Neil Stephenson, District Principal 	Neil Stephenson

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	<p style="text-align: center;">of Innovation and Inquiry</p> <p>Technology improvements in the classroom are most valuable when paired with teacher use/innovation. Technology can be used to improve student engagement and share thinking in the classroom (e.g. students using iPads to create videos of their understanding of math/science research projects), can connect with other resources globally. Code.org is a group that works with teachers/students to write programming code.</p> <p>About 2 years ago, Delta SD partnered with IBM to update the technology infrastructure (e.g. increase wireless connectivity in schools, update/replace old software and hardware, etc.) The project is currently about 30-40% completed.</p> <p>At South Park, there has been a move towards students learning together, rather than just the teacher at the front of the classroom. Teachers have also been collaborating with one another to share how technology can be used in the classroom.</p> <p>Teachers have 40-50 different types of technology-related professional development workshops available to them, such as website creation, digital storytelling with iMovie, visual programming with Scratch.</p> <p>“Delta Learns.ca” is a website that Delta uses to share information across the district to help build the culture of staff sharing of learning/stories/information. It includes sites for teachers to create to communicate with parents/students; sites for students to create to communicate (e.g. through a blog); and sites such as “180 Days of Learning.”</p> <p>Other topics discussed: online course options, allowing personal devices in the classroom, technology-specific courses/clubs, the time lag between making the technology changes available and actual uptake/use, limitations of indirect learning (e.g. Khan Academy videos and analytics) as opposed to direct learning, possibility for using technology to help increase parent involvement in PAC meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Fair & Plant Sale (May 9) <p>Rotary Club is volunteering to take care of all the food for the Spring Fair. Shanna has put together a press release for the Optimist. A live band will be performing for an hour, and Acadian fiddler will be playing beforehand. Wristbands are being sold online in advance and on the day for unlimited access to the games. Kids will collect tickets from each game to</p>	Terri

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	<p>earn prizes. Cakewalk and bottle draw have been organized. Prizes have been purchased. Still need more volunteers to be recruited! There is a wide variety of roles during the fair, as well as set-up and take-down duties. There will be a raffle. Gaming licenses have been acquired. Student volunteers (Gr. 6/7) will be organized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAC Executive Nominations <p>To be elected at the next PAC meeting.</p>	Terri
8. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM, until next PAC meeting May 26.	Terri

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