

ECOLE SOUTH PARK ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2013

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.	Sue Gordon moved to approve Last Meetings Minutes seconded by Tami Oudendijk.	Terri
3. Treasurer's Report	Special Foods income is higher than expected. Community Gaming Grant has been received. Question was raised about Drama and Music budget (i.e. for Nutcracker and Spring show). Darren can provide admin with budget broken out by month to help clarify funds available for drama/music.	Darren
4. Members at Large (MAL) Updates	Abstained due to limited time.	
5. Principal's Update	Mme Greenhalgh has been away. Thank you to the Noon Hour coordinators and parent volunteers. These have been successful for the kids and these activities have strong support from admin. Nutcracker performance and band/choir concerts are upcoming. Reminder about signing in as a visitor to the school and keeping disturbances to the classroom to a minimum. Report cards are going home in December.	Chris
6. DPAC Update	New Ministry of Education curriculum document for K-9 is currently being rolled out for feedback, and parent comments are encouraged. "Parenting Pre-teens with a Purpose" and other books are available for sign-out by parents through the DPAC rep.	Tami
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of PAC funds, as per 2012 Priorities Survey <p>Parents, teachers and admin were surveyed at the end of 2011 to help decide how to disburse funds received from the playground reimbursement. Not all of the priorities were completed (e.g. Tech Carts to allow teachers to use laptops/projectors for teaching). Currently, primary classrooms</p>	

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	<p>are short 4 tech carts. PAC has in excess of \$12,000 in the contingency fund carried over from previous years. Traditionally, we've tried to leave approximately \$3000-3500 in the contingency fund for the next year. Tami moved to approve the \$5400 expenditure on the tech carts so that each classroom can have its own. Seconded by Sue Gordon. All present voted in favour. Motion approved.</p> <p>Discussion on remaining \$2600 will be postponed for another meeting following further research (i.e. to be added to January PAC agenda). Suggestions included funding more playground equipment (e.g. hockey box, classroom sport equipment) and more resources for library to support Inquiry and Social Emotional Learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noon Hour Club – program options <p>Tami and Peg have looked into bringing in paid professionals to offer noon hour programs (e.g. yoga, Boys and Girls Club). There are limits to what can be offered, however, due to policies and requirements for teacher supervision. Also, need to remain mindful about extra costs that might be required of families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cobbs Bread Fundraiser <p>Proposal includes 5% of purchases made at Cobbs will be donated to South Park, as long as buyers identify themselves as from South Park. Cobbs can also offer a discount if they are a supplier for Special Foods. Perhaps a larger list of all businesses that can offer a discount to South Park can be researched. Item to be tabled at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pantomime Fundraiser <p>December 12 at 7PM, all tickets are \$15. PAC is paying \$1000 to fund the evening. Anything raised above this will go to the PAC. Need to sell 66 tickets to break even. Last year, 120 were sold, raising approximately \$900. Mel moved to approve the \$1000 expenditure to fund the pantomime. Maria Bailey seconded the motion. All voted in favour. Motion accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thrifty's Cards <p>Item to be tabled at next meeting.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative Assessment (Assessment <i>for</i> Learning) <p>Assessment is something we do with and for a student, not something we do to them. It includes not just tests, but also self-assessment, peer-assessment, day-to-day conversations, etc., all those activities undertaken by teachers to provide information/feedback to help inform and shape the learning process.</p> <p>There is a distinct difference between assessment “for” and assessment “of” learning. Focus with formative assessment is more on coaching than judging. Education is shifting towards learning “how to learn” and less on information itself.</p> <p>Try not to focus on letter grades, but effort. The “growth mindset” posits that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your own effort. Praise your child for perseverance, determination, and hard-work rather than for “being smart.”</p> <p>Sometimes what we can “failure” is really just that necessary struggle called learning (F.A.I.L. = First Attempt in Learning).</p> <p>Assessment for learning contributes significantly to improving student achievement, and that improvement is greatest among lower-achieving students. Encourage your child to ask for and be receptive to feedback that drives improvement.</p> <p>6 key strategies: set clear learning intentions; criteria for success; obtaining evidence of learning; feedback that moves learning forward; students as learning and teaching resources; learners owning their own Learning.</p>	Nancy Gordon, Director of Learning Services for Delta School District
8. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM, until next PAC meeting January 27, 2013.	Terri