

## **Sidney Elementary School PAC Meeting**

The regular meeting of Sidney PAC was called to order by:  
Anita Spady at 6:38pm on June 12, 2018

**PRESENT:** Anita Spady, Maggie duMonceaux, Heather Carley, Nicole Bengtsson, Lisa Duong, Alison Scott, Liz Richmond, Allison Gratz, Kristina Littlejohns, Jessi Petrick, Christina Smith, Christine Etele, Jessie Wellbourn, Tom Vickers

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda distributed by Anita Spady. Motion to approve was made by Heather Carley and seconded by Maggie duMonceaux

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes distributed via email. Motion to approve was made by Christina Smith and seconded by Maggie duMonceaux.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Principle Tom Vickers

- Local firm will be hosting a 'welcome back' pancake breakfast at Sidney School on August 31. All proceeds raised will be donated to the school to offset cost of school supplies.
- The year-end newsletter will be out on Thursday. Conversation had regarding the amount of emails sent by the school. Parents have concerns about getting too many emails. Admin tries to send emails in 'bunches' of 5 or so, to send all info at once rather than emails every day.
- The school as seen an addition of 40 students so far, 2018/2019 school year will have 16 divisions, possibly 17 pending new enrollments. The windowless classroom will hopefully be eliminated, but this depends on number of new students enrolled.
- The school will be getting three new outdoor learning tables.
- The pirate ship playground will be taken down in the next year or two. The ministry has funded a new outdoor play area. There is discussion around the design – Sidney School requests a natural play space but admin is unsure if the ministry will fund the untraditional design. Heather Carley requests that the play space be accessible – suggestions agreed upon by all present.
- Multi-age class rooms for 2018/2019 will be K/1, 2/3, 3/4, pending class sizes.
- Conversation re: Mary Kaercher leaving the school. There is an external posting for the job position – admin has a specific expectation for the job.

### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

#### **PRESIDENT/CHAIR – Vice President Anita Spady (President Lesley Goodwin absent)**

- The grade 5 Farewell is on Thursday June 21. The grade 4 and 5's will be going to the beach. Lesley Goodwin will be ordering cupcakes for the event (cupcake cost approx. \$100 for 150 cupcakes from Save On). Jessi Petrick will pick up the cupcakes.
- End of the year Potluck Breakfast is on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign Up Genius will be used to keep track of items being brought in. Tables and chairs will be delivered the day before. Clean up help will be needed.
- Fun Day is June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 – 10:30am. Volunteers needed to hand out freezies. A PAC member will pick up freezies and keep them until the event.

- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. There will be Elders at the Monday (June 21<sup>st</sup>) assembly. Decision made against making bannock, as there are many other food related events that week - Tom will speak to Shannon regarding an event on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The PAC paid for Beaver Tales for the French Carnival. This was outside of our budget for French Funding – next year we will include this in the budget. Will discuss more at the budget meeting in August.
- Lesley created a gmail account for parents to reach her directly – conversation had around this, as the sd63 email program may be changing soon, so we may not need to have the new gmail account.
- Deep Cove had intended to give Sidney a donation but withdrew their offer after realizing we do not need the extra funds. They will give the donation to a school more in need.
- There is a possibility of the school being rebuilt, but nothing is official at this point.
- The budget meeting will be at Lesley Goodwin’s house on August 14 (possibility of date being changed).
- The gardening program budget will increase to \$2000 - \$2500.

**VICE PRESIDENT – Anita Spady** (Nothing to report.)

**SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS – Jessie Wellbourn**

- Suggestion to have PAC volunteers wear Volunteer t-shirts while working at events, for easier identification. Suggestion of safety vests or hats as t-shirts could be expensive. Will discuss further at a later date.

**TREASURER – Christina Smith**

- The Spring Fling raffle made \$236.60. This was under the projected amount.
- The Field Trips fund was nearly over budget, and Bus and Transportation fund was under budget. Recommend next year merging the two funds for ease of accounting.
- Next year all cheques/money will go through the PAC Treasurer, so that Amber is not needed. Will discuss this further at the Budget Meeting.

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – Maggie duMonceaux**

- Ordering will change to online only – ideally no paper involved, although we are aware exceptions will need to be made in some cases. The online ordering will accept paypal, or parents can order online but still pay with cheques. Tom and Maggie will discuss further.

**BREAKFAST CLUB – Terrisa Tate**

- Terrisa will clean out the fridge on June 28<sup>th</sup> and will arrange time to clean the entire kitchen the week after school is out. Contact Terrisa to volunteer to help.

**EARTHQUAKE – Christina M Smith** (Nothing to report)

**SPRING FLING RECAP – Christine Etele**

- The Spring Fling was very successful. The silent auction had a profit of \$8300, total event profit ~\$9600. In comparison, last years’ profit was \$4500.

- Next year we will get more prizes.
- Mama Rosies paid their \$50 fee, Christine will follow up with Thriftys for their fee.
- Tom has requested more assistance with Spring Fling clean up, as the school janitor was cleaning when he shouldn't have been. We will work to encourage parents to help more next year.

#### **SMILE CARDS**

- Christine Etele will show Jessie Wellbourn how to reapply for Thrifty Foods Smile Cards. Jessie will take over handling Smile Cards.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm**

**Budget Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup> – date unofficial, more details tba.**

**Next regular PAC meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**