

September 11, 2018

Southwood School PAC: 2018-2019
6:15-7:19pm

Present	Absent
Rod Kehler - Principal	
Chantal Johnson - Vice Principal	
Nicole Billiad – teacher representative	
Ruth Toews - Co-Chair	
Patti Lytwyn - Co-Chair	
Amy Obirek-Blatz - Secretary	
Tess Doerksen	
Amanda Klippenstein	
Lara Wieler	
Sarah Funk	
Rebekah Stelmack	

- 1) **Welcome & introductions:** Members present included Rod, Chantal, Nicole (staff); Ruth, Patti, Amy (returning members); Tess, Amanda, Lara, Sarah, Rebekah (new members). Welcome new members!

- 2) **Principal's Report:** Refer to handout provided by Rod for details. Additional discussion includes:
 1. New Staff: EA positions doubled from 7 to 14 this year, many of whom are new to the school.
 2. Balanced School Day update: Positive. School has noticed significant improvement in child behavior indicated by fewer kids to the office. Staff feels positively about it as well. Elmdale reporting same things.
 3. Playground "cabins": 2 have been added to the school yard which house playground equipment.
 4. Strong Connections: Dates are Sept.14th & 17th.

Dates to Remember

Sept.28th: Orange Shirt Day-this is in recognition of residential schools. School to include indigenous education through social studies in class.

3) **PAC:**

- **Codes of Conduct:** Handouts provided: Southwood School Parent Advisory Council Constitution, Financial Policies (Addendum to Standing Rules).
- **Position Vacancies:** Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, Hot Lunch Coordinator
 - Treasurer: Amanda was nominated and successfully voted in.
 - Fundraising Coordinator: Lara was nominated and successfully voted in.
 - Hot Lunch Coordinator: Sarah indicated she could be available on a part time basis. Rebekah offered to help when available and Ruth and Patti will do the same. Sarah was then nominated for position and successfully voted in.

4) **Hot Lunch (HL)/Munch-A-Lunch (MAL) Overview:**

- Questions:
 - PROs: 2 fewer volunteers needed the morning of HL days, vendors used like the ease of the system and teachers “love” the simplicity.
 - CONs: Ordering times, cut offs, etc.
 - Can notification to parents be given on office **milk sales** and timeline around **MAL ordering cutoffs**. This will be done through the school’s brightarrow system.
- Parents have been requesting McDonald’s and Subway be a vendor option
- Other Vendor ideas: Main Bread & Butter.

5) **Financial Update:** Current balance: \$146.00

6) **Fundraisers:**

- **Upcoming:** Coupon cards. Cost is \$20/card-School gets \$10. Other schools, Elmdale and SRSS, have been very successful with this fundraiser. The Southwood card will have more local vendors.
 - Prizes will be awarded for selling:
 - Top 2 sellers will each receive a scooter + \$10 Booster Juice gift card.
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 - \$150 in gift cards will be awarded to sellers whose name is drawn.
- **New ideas?**
 - Music room. With number of children 1st Outdoor Hut has been converted to a Kindergarten Music room.
 - Sunshine Nursery was suggested.

- What we're raising \$\$ for: To reimburse some of the cost of Phase 1 of the Nature playground and to pay for Stage 2 of the playground. Both had been decided by PAC from past years.
- History of PAC Contribution through fundraising:
 - Climbing wall
 - T-Shirts for Kinders
 - Phases of Playground
 - Etc.

7) **Verify volunteer forms required for PAC:** All new members completed these forms.

8) **Upcoming meetings:**

- Meetings have been the first Tuesday of every month. Discussed possibly changing but nothing was decided. Meeting time has changed to start at 6:30pm.
- Next Meeting: October 2nd, 2018 @ 6:30pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.