

**Southwood Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council
2018-2019**

Present

Ruth Toews - Co-Chair	Tess Doerksen - PAC Member
Amanda Klippenstein - Treasurer	Chantal Johnson - Vice Principal
Amy Obirek Blatz - Secretary	Nicole Billiald - Learning Support
Sarah Funk - Hot Lunch Coordinator	Kendra Hiebert
Lara Wieler - Fundraising Coordinator	Terra-Lee Wilson
Absent: Patti Lytwyn, Rebekah Stelmack, Rod Kehler	

- 1) **Welcome** - Meeting began at 6:35pm. Welcome new parents.

- 2) **Principal's Report:** Provided by VP, Chantal Johnson. Additional discussion includes:
 1. **Book Fair Update:**
 - Almost \$5,000.00 in product sold equals \$2,700 in books and products (i.e. lego, book covering materials, circuits) for school.

 2. **Treaty Education:** Refer to December Newsletter for update.

 3. **Upcoming Events:**
 - a. **Winter Concert**
 - b. **Dress Up Week**
 - i. Monday - House Colour Day
 - ii. Tuesday - Christmas Character Day
 - iii. Wednesday - Christmas Sweater Day
 - iv. Thursday - Christmas Colour Day
 - v. Friday - The Night Before Christmas PJ Day
 - c. **Grade 2 Swim Program**
 - i. Begins January: swim program commences first day back from break. 3 classes Monday.

 4. **Additional items discussed:**
 - a. Upcoming-used equipment for ROC, drop off is in front of school/hallway

- b. House Hoopla (House colour contest)-Dec.19th. Younger kids go to Kidzone, then 3 & 4s go bowling.

***See Dates to Remember in the December Newsletter.**

3) **Financial Update:** Amanda reported. If any questions refer to PAC.

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

- a. **Totals for the month:** Orders are down for Dec. but Dec is a shorter month. Feedback from staff is that it's going well. Not hearing a lot of feedback from families about likes & dislikes of Main Bread & Butter MAL options. Overall profits seem good.
- b. **No labels starting tomorrow-**Important for lunchtime volunteers. Saves PAC \$200/yr.
- c. **How to sell popcorn at canteen & what is left (leads to item 5...).** See discussion under Fundraising.

5) **Fundraising:**

a. **Kernels update and totals:**

- To date funds have broken even but we have many bags remaining.
- Many parents did not know about the fundraiser and were focused on the book sales that day.
 - i. Consider selling remaining bags during hot lunch.
 - ii. Consider doing an order before Spring concert so that they arrive the week of the concert for distribution.
 - iii. Chantal to inquire with the church to see if it can be sold after the Christmas concert.
 - iv. Consider selling it on Munch-A-Lunch as a Fundraiser for Dress up week-MAL Coordinator will look into this option.

b. **Next fundraiser:**

- Waiting to hear from Timber Falls if fundraiser available.
- Spring (Feb/Mar) is school fundraiser-chocolates.
- Waiting to hear back on silent auction prizes-lottery license is required and application is needed now.
 - i. Fundraising needed to fund musical instruments for Kindergarten music prog.
 - ii. A parent has suggested sponsor a tree. Question r/t cost of trees. This is an interesting option. Will look into this further.

c. **Booster Juice Day on Friday, Dec 7th.** Arriving during second nutritional break. Aiming for 1pm delivery.

6) **Miscellaneous:**

- a. **Updates on bullying issues at Southwood.** Last month this was discussed, refer to those minutes.
 - Parent handbook contains policies.
 - School motto is in the front lobby as a reminder for kids and school-wide use of Zones of Regulation is a part of this.

- b. **Nature playground phases:**
 - Request is to know the complete plan of the Nature Playground as there are many phases. Similar to what is displayed by Stoneybrook Middle School.
 - It would be nice for parents to see a visual of the progress fundraising makes towards the end goal. Consider a thermometer to measure progress towards financial goal.

- c. **Parent emails/report cards.**
 - parents have been reporting they are not always able to open the newsletter or receive the emails.
 - All email content is contained on the website. School is looking into this.
 - Process is that Bright Arrow is sent through power school. No paper copies are going out.

7) **Closing:** Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 @ 6:30pm.**
ALL are welcome :)