

# SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Parent Advisory Council

March 5, 2019, 6:30pm

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

1) Welcome – PL & RT. Meeting began at 6:32pm.

2) Principal's Report - RK:

- a. New secretary: Shae-Lynn has replaced Michelle Davis. New Youth support workers, EAs, 2 maternity leaves coming up.
- b. RE: "Momo Challenge". Refer to statement delivered throughout HSD by Randy Dueck. Please let the school know if you have any concerns.
- c. RE: Dr.Gordon Neufeld-Feedback from attendance is positive
- d. PAC Liaison Mtg is 7pm on Apr.23
- e. Gr.4 Transition Planning: Transition visits-1 planned each month: April, May and large one in June.
- f. Upcoming events:
  - i. Community Breakfast (Apr.4, 8:15-9:15am). Partnered with Lions Club. \$3.00 for a pancake BF, coffee & juice, students are free. Being held in the gym.
- g. **Add on:** projects stemming from PAC fundraising, proposed ideas are on the back of report. Consider as fundraising for next year.  
**Discussion:** Chromebooks are requested to replace the current laptops which are old. Chromebooks are suggested because that's what's being used in middle/high school.  
 Gr.4 farewell & kindergarten welcome will happen regardless of funding assistance.  
 Flippers comes here to do some sessions and then the students will go there.

3) **Financial Update** – AK: Month end balance is at \$2400 with 2 outstanding checks. Anticipate ~\$900 once all checks are cashed. To date we've earned ~\$5900.

4) **Hot Lunch/MAL Overview** – RT: Ruth continues to inquire with McDs, her inquiries are not being answered. Do we continue with 2d/wk or drop to 1x/wk? Voting to eliminate Monday HL come April as we are short on volunteers.

**Discussion around MAL for next year:** Whether to eliminate kindergarten HL next year d/t time difference in Nutrition Break. The opposite times in Nutrition breaks pose a challenge to delivering hot food to students. Topic will continue to be discuss.

- Sarah asked if a reminder email could be sent prior to ordering closes.

- **Patti to look into a Booster Juice day for end of April, considering food and smoothie as options.**

- 5) **Bus Stop Concerns** - PL: Concerned over school bus stop @ McKenzie & Parkhill. There are 20 kids crossing McKenzie to catch the bus and McKenzie is really busy due to construction. Question: Who does a parent speak with to discuss concerns with bus stops? After speaking with the bus driver, he expressed wanting to see traffic lights to control the traffic.

Lara mentioned the bus stop at EFREE is unsafe in winter as the kids have to climb over a snow bank that blocks access to the bus.

**Rod suggests bringing it up at the liaison mtg.** Patti plans to attend the mtg. and asked if Rod would attend.

- 6) **HSD PACs** - RT: Ruth reached out to other elementary school PACs to see if interested in sharing ideas, etc. Elmdale, Woodlawn & Niverville interested.

- 7) **Fundraising** – Lara attempted reaching out to Sunshine Nursery to discuss fundraiser in time for Mother's day. Considering mid-April. Has not been in contact with them yet.

- 8) **Miscellaneous** – all

**School supplies:** Discussion around school supplies and expense. Questions whether there is a less expensive way for parents to provide supplies. Rod mentioned Staples program. Other PAC members mentioned some schools pay a flat fee and the classroom teacher purchases what they need. Discussion to continue.

- 9) **Next Meeting Date:** Apr.2/19 @ 6:30pm. Staff dismissed

- 10) Teacher Appreciation discussion. Mtg adjourned at 7:45pm.