



On behalf of the Southwood Parent Advisory Council (PAC), welcome to the 2020/2021 school year! We sincerely hope that you, your children, and your families are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. This year is going to look different; it is a new path that we are about to embark on **together**. Even with the changes this year, the purpose of PAC remains the same – To work together on fostering an environment to promote our children’s best interests. But we need your help with that. Now more than ever, we encourage you to connect with us and **tell us what you need** as we are navigating this uncharted path together. The focus this year will be on communication between parents and the school – We want to ensure that **our voices are heard** and that there are regular opportunities for open and honest communication.

Southwood PAC Team



Ruth Toews – President



Patti Lytwyn – Vice President



Amanda Klippenstein – Treasurer



Vacancy - Secretary

WHAT IS NOT CHANGING? (but may look slightly different)

PAC Meetings: We are planning to facilitate monthly PAC meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, **to which all parents and guardians are invited to attend**. These meetings are an opportunity to receive an update from our principal and vice-principal, hear from our teacher representative and have a Q&A period for parents who chose to participate. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct 27 @ 6:30. **If you wish to attend the meeting, please email pacsouthwood@gmail.com for the online invitation.**

PAC Communication: It is important for us to ensure that you feel connected to PAC, so feel free to contact us with questions or concerns you may have at pacsouthwood@gmail.com.

PAC Positions: We are currently looking to fill the secretary position. Since hot lunch, fundraisers and community events are currently on hold, we are not looking to fill those or the communication position presently. Please email if you are interested in hearing more about this position – It will be voted in on the PAC meeting on Tuesday, Oct 20.

WHAT IS CHANGING?

Hot Lunch – On hold.

Fundraisers – No fundraisers are planned at this time. We do have a generous anonymous donor who is willing to match fundraising efforts to plant additional trees on the playground. Options are being considered, but no activities will be planned at least until the new year. Note: The Card and Face Mask Lanyard fundraisers mentioned in the October newsletter are being run directly from the school (similar to chocolate sale fundraisers).

Community Events – On hold.

Annual General Meeting – The first Monthly PAC meeting will be considered the AGM, we will vote in open positions then.

*Unless someone like YOU cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better, it will not ~ the Lorax ~*
