PAC Meeting

Southwood School

January 17th, 2023

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Marge Thiessen, Melissa Heinrichs, Ashley Thiessen, Stephanie Noll, Kristin Kielich

1. School Update

- Been a smooth transition back to school after the break, January offers the ability to focus on learning / routine
- Focus on literacy, many kids below grade level (likely due to the disruptions through the previous years / lack of routine)
- Kindergarten registration is open
- b. Grade 4 Spring Photos
 - Is there interest in having Life Touch come for Spring photos or for Grade 4
 - Ability to showcase those "graduating" from the school
 - Marge to email Grade 4 parents to gauge interest in this
- c. Volunteer(s) for hot chocolate (Winter Fun Day)
 - Winter Fun Day: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023
 - Include; sledding, story telling with Indigenous elder, hot chocolate, St. Laurent fiddlers performance from 12:00pm-1:00pm
 - Will need parent volunteers; teachers to ask their classes (Grade 2, 3 and 4) for volunteers during sledding (approximately 3/class)
 - Volunteers needed for Hot Chocolate; 2 for morning, 2 for afternoon *Also hot lunch day
 - Kindergarten/Grade 1 will have juice boxes, rather than hot chocolate
- d. School Goals
 - Reconfirmed school goals; Literacy, Numeracy and Student Wellbeing/the whole child (want all students to be successful at all goals)
- e. Chocolate Sales
 - Form sent out to parents to gauge involvement / how many cases to order
 - Pre-Covid ~280 cases were ordered, 2021/22 school year 80 cases ordered
 - Agreeance that prizes for the kids are a great incentive to sell the chocolates
- 2. Update on Hot Lunch
 - Spring session on MuchaLunch open this week
 - \$630.00 profit on lunches so far
 - Pizza day/Subway most popular/profitable
- 3. Update on Fundraiser(s)

- End of February/beg. of March; cookie decorating kit, Niakwa frozen pizzas/crusts/giftcards
- Beginning of April; Sunshine Greenhouse and Chino's gift cards (Ashley/Kristin to organize), ideal for pre-Mother's Day (May 14th)
- Additional questions; Order forms? Do we need/print? Online orders? How are payments processed? (Online, cash, cheque etc.)
- 4. Questions/Concerns
- 5. Additional:
- Upcoming newsletter to include Fundraising goals; loose parts playground / school sign
- Looking for contacts for electronic school sign (would like to keep local)
- PAC account balance \$3,286.00 (need to confirm allowable balance with number of students now over 500)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th, 2023