

Southwood PAC Meeting Minutes Sep 19/23

Attending: Melissa N, Teagan S, Sarah B, Christina P, Steph N, Ashley T

Staff: Chantal, Marge

AGENDA

1) School Report – Marge:

- Started up good. Calm, came in chill and relax, set up some structures right away to keep it that way.
- Tons of new registrations (37 since August opening)
- Hired a new teacher because of that – Grade 3 class added right before school started, already have info in spring regarding friends/teacher fit, so keep all the data and go back to it.
- Have had some questions from parents re: 3 / 4 split vs. adding teachers, that has been a concern, why we chose to do that- if anyone has questions can talk about that again.
- Numeracy support half time, created a new Kindergarten class, due to registrations.
- Anticipate till the new school built/open will keep having new registrations from that area
- Larger numbers than Woodlawn now
- Growing pains: the way we used to organize kinder/grade 1 recess redone today and yesterday, it's too many kids on play structure – you can teach them turns/safety, but if too many doesn't work- so working on that. Will have to limit where they are, will keep managing till classes are smaller.
- Strong Connections- Allows the teacher to work with them, get a sense of where they're at with literacy/numbers. Teach the centers (literacy/math etc...). Grade 3 / 4 working on apps on Ipad -good way to get to know the kids.
- Melissa commented that it's a good opportunity to get to know their teacher a bit more.
- Terry Fox Run on Friday – rescheduled to Monday if it rains. Not running outside on the street, will do in the school yard. More kids, more traffic, less control, safer to do at the school.
- Sep 29- Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt day- Grade 3 / 4 going to KR Barkman Park for drumming and Singing w both elementaries. Grade 1 / 2 assembly in building same day.

October 3rd PD day because schools are closed due to election, Teachers will have a PD day at school.

- New school: No catchment yet

School Goals:

- Focus on Literacy, years of remote learning/distance due to covid did affect literacy and numeracy so trying to pull selves out of that, have been focusing on that.
- Social/Emotional regulation- citizenship, care/learn/grow is part of the learning- continue with awards. Decided this year will have a goal in the announcement every day (ie. Hold the door open, make a new friend, find someone new, take turns on slide) Starts on Monday officially. Something the younger kids can do and understand.

- Focus on better together, doing our part, good citizens.

2) PAC Positions- everyone looked at the positions:

Co-Chair: Steph and Christine

Secretary: Nataile

Treasurer: Ashley (last year)

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Melissa doesn't mind running it. Ashley will set up volunteers.

Fundraising Coordinator: Sarah

Communications Coordinator: Sarah

School Rep: Chantal and Marge, will try to find a teacher.

Staff Appreciation: we will all help – Steph will set up signup genius.

Teagan: will help where she can etc... help instead of lead.

3) Hot lunch

- looking into hot dogs being made at school w a bag of chips for \$5 w some carrot sticks.
- Start Oct 4th – pizza – will have to be sent out this week (addendum: October 11 start)
- Subway – will check with the other one this year to see if better organization for handing out.
- Main bread and butter
- no Smitty's this year.
- Every week (Wednesdays)
- PIZZA, SUBWAY, MAIN BREAD AND BUTTER, HOT DOGS
- Will look into McDonald's

4) Fundraising

- Rocco's fundraiser
 - percentage is large
 - don't have to split out order- they do it for you, you need 2 PAC reps to help handout.
- Sunshine or Oakridge: Wreaths/ Poinsettias Oakridge (8-10 per item back to school) Ashley will look into gift cards
- Natalie will look into sunshine and get back to Sarah with the information.
- School can help with printing, offer equipment (can run photocopier ourselves) as there is not always a staff member free to help.

What are we raising money for:

- Last year loose parts, playground upgrade, replacement of equipment, talked about the sign, but it came back really expensive.

- **Fruit bowl** supplement with PAC money- have applied for grant this year.

- Pay \$100/week – so far buying giant tiger. Marge does the shopping, would love to have help – most PAC members volunteered at the meeting. Comes out of school account, waiting for grant money- grant would come to account.

- Must figure out if someone is helping shop, terms of reimbursement etc...
- Marge will figure out what's workable/legal financially and will hand off.

5) Questions/Comments/ Concerns:

N/A