

Southwood PAC Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2026 6pm

Regrets: Meagan

- 1) School report (Marge):
 - Weather: every spring mud puddles/water, calling home for extra pants. Flu/cold going around and hitting lots of kids eg. Kindergarten class had 11 kids today.
 - School concert is coming up
 - Learning expo was well received: 2/3 each class showed up

- 2) Shelter update:
 - drawings sent for approval: the plan will mostly be fall, since it's in the wetter area of the playground: unsure if it will be delayed due to the fire at the SRSS.
 - 20x20 w concrete pad: We do have a donor for plants/landscaping (anonymous donor).

- 3) Calming room paint update: renovating learning support room/calming room area- that renovation has to happen prior to the paint being done- postpone to next year.

- 4) Accessible swing: Far playground: a lot of kids use it, HSD has swings like this and if there is someone recommended by OT, but they take it with the student.

- 5) Music Therapy – Opportunity to support students with autism, social anxiety, etc... Approximately \$900 / year: Ms. Beaudry worked with Children's Variety for Music Therapy: Provided a musical therapist to schools. Successful program: Students with ASD, social/emotional, sensory processing issues, got them to play music together, encouraged to listen or participate with instruments. Joyful, positive experience, low pressure environment. Last year, Variety stopped funding school-based and it went to individual only which was more like music lessons. SAC is interested in finding a way to make it work, but doesn't have enough sponsors to run it how Variety used to. Each school contribute to the

program – could they do it?

Would be \$900-\$1500 per school/per year- Southwood is willing to put part of its instructional budget toward it. Would PAC be interested in it annually? Would PAC commit to a few years of helping funding?

It is geared towards end of day, capped at 15 so have had two groups (grades 1-2 and grades 3-4).

PAC is interested in providing some funding towards this

- 6) Hot lunch comments/questions: Going well.
- \$1 per leftover pizza slice for staff or volunteers- will provide jar for money on pizza days.
- Munchalunch: profits Sep-Dec: \$1100,

- 7) Fundraising:
- Totals from Niakwa: \$2046

Money distribution:

- a) Calming room Painting: set aside \$500-\$1000: Marge will ask Colleen W regarding cost
 - b) Farewell memory books : \$1400, submitted \$700 (by Southwood) for deposit who is making them: Marge has put in the kids and classes, teachers are currently gathering pictures, Ashley will contribute at the end if needed.
 - c) Discussion re: inground slides on hill that was filled in on far playground, could be a fundraiser for next year: Marge will look into it.
- 8) Discuss treat for year end : Pancake breakfast on June 23rd in the gym: Will look into pricing.
- 9) May or June Teacher appreciation snack bar: signup genius

10) Grade 4 Farewell: June 24th: Assembly and activities

Comments / Questions: none

VOTING: Commitment that we would contribute to \$500 to the Music Therapy: YES

Provide funding for a swing this year? YES