

MINUTES

South Rutland Elementary Parent Advisory Council

Date | time 1/13/2015 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Heather Johnson

In Attendance

Heather Johnston	Elya Martinson	Tessa Russell- Hopkinson
Cathie Mutter	Andrea Blanchard	Josie Jagers
Jackie Tower	Sofia Simeonidis	Angela Johnson
Sue Miles	Jennifer Larsen	

Agenda Approval

Elya made a motion to adopt January 13, 2015 agenda, Tessa Seconded.

Approval of Minutes

Jackie made a motion to adopt the minutes with the correction for November 18, 2014, Elya seconded.

President Report: Heather Johnson

Teacher Retirement gift:

Mrs. Heffernan has retired from South Rutland Elementary. The PAC is going to get a small gift to show our appreciation for her hard work and dedication to our School. Tessa is going to be picking up a \$50.00 gift card to the mall so that she may find something better that will fit her interests. We will either make a card or pick up one from the store.

Baby Acknowledgments:

When Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Petryshyn have their beautiful bundles of joy the PAC will be sending out congratulation cards.

Grade 6 Fundraising:

Grade 6 parents that are organizing the fundraising for the grade 6's will be taking over our popcorn Wednesdays. There is going to be a parent meeting for anyone that is interested being held January 19th @ 6:30.

COPAC Report: Elya Martinson

COPAC meeting this month was canceled due to our snow days and Elya was not able to make the meeting before but Vivian was able to send in a few points to consider for our meeting this month regarding COPAC.

- SPC process is starting at most schools. We have already started this process here.
- To keep yourself up to date check out the COPAC website for the most current information at www.copac.sd23.bc.ca. Here you can find more information in regards to parent workshops, or changes within the schools.
- Next COPAC meeting is at 6:30 at HRE and be followed by the presentation of the proposed school District Budget for 2015/2016. This will be a public meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Andrea went over her report supplied for the rest of the attending members. Andrea reported that both the gaming and general account balances are current and up to date up to December 31, 2014. Music Instruments, Rugs, and busing up to December 31, 2014 have been paid. Andrea made a motion to accept her report as read which was seconded by Sofia. All present voted in favor.

Principal's Report

Principal Cathie Mutter presented her report.

Snow Day:

With the large amount of snow we got in such a short time frame we experienced our first snow day, which lead to a second one even with the roads a bit clearer. The school would like to thank all the parents for their understanding of the challenges of getting into the school grounds. Cathie let us know how hard our custodial staff worked and the phenomenal job that they did to make the school yard areas were accessible for the families.

Kindergarten Registration:

The tentative date set for early registration is February 16th. All Schools in the district will be doing early registration by mid-February till Spring Break. They are postponing registration until then so they have a decision in regards to the grade reconfiguration. The decision for this won't happen till the end of January.

New Events and Activates:

- Jump Rope kick off is January 14, 2015 and the even will be March 13, 2015.
- Got Health: A grant the school received that the students are very active in as it student driven. They create a project, the project this year is unknown as it is student driven and there has not been enough time to decide yet.
- African Musician: He has completely changed his life and now expresses himself through music and dance. Great cultural performance.
- Teacher Interviews will be held at the end of January on the 29 and 30th.
- February 10th- Family life for Grades 4, 5, and 6th.
- District is asking the parents for input on next year's calendar. All input will be due by February 13, 2015

School Goals:

The school is working as a whole to work on school culture and critical thinking skills. The staff at SRE had the ability to take an Anti-bullying program called WITS. Each letter stand for a way to take a stand against bullying. They will be looking to encourage children to use critical thinking. Where the child will take a look at their own writing, reading and math and be able to use their critical thinking to evaluate themselves. SRE is looking at instructing a leader time where they can teach different techniques to teach such as finding things for visual learning.

Teacher Request:

- Mr. McLeod requested 92 for Art Gallery
- Mrs. Kushner and Mr. Durand requested \$160.00 for the Art Gallery/ The Router Club
- Grade 6 requested \$249.56 for Silverstar Tub Event
- Mrs. Miles requested 125.00 for Brick for Kids
- Grades 1, 2, and 3 requested 400.00 for The Energyplex.
- For a total of 1026.56 that is coming out of the gaming request.

Angela makes a motion to spend 1026.56 out of the gaming account which was seconded by Sofia. All present voted in favor.

Committee Reports

Hot Lunch: Lisa Klassen and Josie Jagers

Lisa and Josie say that everything is going well and they encourage our parents, guardians, and students to give feedback on our hot lunch program, so we can enhance it to its fullest potential. Lisa and Josie request that parents and guardians make sure that the money and the order form for hot lunch stay together but putting it in a bag. If parents would like they are able to combine all their children on one cheque.

3 Month Sales/Expenses Report			
Month	October	November	December
Sales	1180.55	1501.00	1351.00
Expenses	(597.91)	(924.55)	(550.86)
Total: (Profit/Loss)	582.64	576.45	800.44

Fundraising: Jackie Tower and Tessa Hopkinson

Fundraising seems to be going well this year, we are up in fundraising from last year by over 500.00 dollars.

Popcorn Days	
Sales	\$747.95
Expenses	(409.60) includes the \$100.00 float
Total (Profit/Loss)	338.35

Movie Night	
Sales	260.00
Expenses	(82.96)
Total (Profit/Loss)	177.04

Christmas Dance	
Sales	742.25
Expenses	(788.97)
Total (Profit/Loss)	(46.72)

Christmas Basket Raffle	
Sales	930.90
Expenses	(216.30) Includes the \$100.00 float re-deposited from movie night and license permit
Total (Profit/Loss)	714.60

New and Upcoming Fundraising Ideas

- Food Fundraiser: Order meat packages and a portion of the price goes back to the school.
- Spring Raffle: Tessa and Jackie are going to set up a mini committee to work on the spring raffle. An email will be sent out shortly to invite all families that are interested to join. Then the first meeting will be here around the end of January early February.

Other/New Business

No new business this month.

Next Meeting

10/2/2015 6:30 PM, Staff Room at South Rutland Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 PM and was passed unanimously.

Treats are being brought by Jackie Tower.