

# MINUTES

## South Rutland Elementary Parent Advisory Council

*Date | Time* 1/12/2016 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Josie Jagers

### In Attendance

|                 |                  |               |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Heather Johnson | Andrea Blanchard | Lisa Fennell  |
| Cathie Mutter   | Sofia Simeonidis | Tanya Harnett |
| Jackie Tower    | Jennifer Larsen  |               |
| Amy Eder        | Josie Jagers     |               |

### Agenda Approval

Heather made a motion to adopt January 12, 2016 agenda, Tanya Seconded. CARRIED

### Approval of Minutes

Tanya made a motion to adopt the minutes for November 11, 2015, Lisa seconded. CARRIED

### President Report: Josie Jagers

#### Christmas Dance and Raffle:

The PAC discussed the 2015 Christmas Dance and Raffle. It was agreed that it was a success. The raffle did better than last year. The PAC's contribution to the raffle was a max of \$100.00 this year. It was discussed that, instead of parents bringing in a toy donation next year, that they have the option to bring in cash towards the PAC getting the stuff they need for the raffle.

The parents felt that the DJ was a success, they were able to keep the dance floor full, kept it fun, cute and family friendly. We will look at using the same service at future dance events.

#### Tanya Parent Nights:

Tanya, has organized "Building Bounce Back Kids" parent night and offered it to our parents and other PACS. It does not require registration and childcare was not advertised. Tanya would like to have two sitters for the parent night. I case parents bring their children. She has asked the PAC to cover the cost of the two sitters and some treats for the parents and host. The adults will be in the gym, there will tables and chairs set up for the parents. If children come they will be set up in Classroom 2 with a movie and some coloring activities. This event is one and half hours long on January 21, 2015. They are planning to have a sign in sheet, to be able to see how many parents came and so we will know what expect for the next one. The sign in sheet will need your name, school, and email.

The PAC agreed to spend \$50.00 towards childcare and treats for the parents and host. All agreed.

### Treasurer's Report

Andrea went over her report, there are no December bank statements yet. She was able to report that the Dance brought in 871.50 less expenses of 901.33 leaving a loss of (-29.83). Hot Lunch brought in 4069.90 + 205.65 (treats) Less 3529.39 and 678.50 (treats) making 678.66. Our general account is at 12174.02- 4767.57(Grade 5) = 7406.40 and our gaming account is at 11, 667.74. Andrea made a motion to have her report as read and Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup> it. CARRIED

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## Principal's Report

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Principal Cathie Mutter presented her report.

### Celebration of Learning:

Parents are able to pick the best time for them to be able to come to the student-led conferences on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to pick your first and second preference in case one time slot is too busy. There are also individual conference times with the teacher available on Friday (29<sup>th</sup>). Student-led conferences will take around 30 minutes and the children will get to share what they have been learning about with their families. The teacher will be available if parents need to ask questions.

### New Events and Activates:

- Extra Noon-Instructional Day- will be after BC Family Day (February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>)—a four day weekend
- Spirit Day – Rock Star Day January 27, 2016
- Harmony Day – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Dress up in ethnic clothing, Ethnic feast- potluck, Assembly in PM)

### Family Zones Night:

This event will be open to 30 parents on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be dinner for the family to start the evening, activity stations for children in the Gym while parents attend a session in the Library. This session will offer parents tools to deal with emotions.

### Teacher Request:

- Ms Dionne/ Ms Miles requested \$ 204.00 for Tube Town (Grade 5 Funds)
- Ms Dionne requested \$ 168.00 for the Kelowna Museum

Heather makes a motion to spend \$168.00 out of the gaming account which was seconded by Sofia. All present voted in favor.

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## COPAC Report: Vivian Evans

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Kevin Kardaal, the new Superintendent of Schools, made a presentation at the COPAC meeting this month. He was there to talk about "A Framework for Enhancing Student Learning". This included talking about the school improvement planning process (since the "old" School Planning Council and SPC Report process is no longer being used in BC. For this year, we will follow the same way as last year (gather staff input at meetings with teachers and parent input at PAC meetings), but the District is in the process of developing new plan for 2016-2017.

Vivian also discussed the Together We Learn newspaper special edition that will be set home to all families (it is also posted on the school website. She said that Public Education Awareness Committee is hoping to have another one distributed in May.

- To keep yourself up to date check out the COPAC website at [www.copac.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca). Here you can find more information in regards to parent workshops or changes within the schools.

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## Committee Reports

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### Hot Lunch: Tessa

No report available - Tessa was away.

## Fundraising: Jackie Tower, Heather Johnson and Amy Eder

Fundraising seems to be going well this year.

| Popcorn Days |          |
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| Profit       | \$796.15 |

| Movie Night |        |
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| Profit      | 460.94 |

| Secret Santa |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Profit       | 364.99 |

| Christmas Basket Raffle |           |
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| Profit                  | \$1000.00 |

### New and Upcoming Fundraising Ideas

- Movie Night on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Raffle- committee sign-up list circulated

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### Other/New Business

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Kindergarten Information Night tentatively planned for Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (school tour, info night, all families on our K waitlist will be invited to attend)

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### Next Meeting

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2/2/2016 6:30 PM, Staff Room at South Rutland Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:59 PM and was passed unanimously.

Treats for the February meeting are being brought by Jackie Tower.