

South Nelson PAC Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2024

South Nelson Library, 6:30 pm

Attendees

Dawn Snell, Cindy Pfitzenmaier, Claire Philipson, Stephanie Lagace, Tyler Coen, Carly Schneider, Sarah Canale, Shannon Whitbread, Michelle Mungall

Motions

- APPROVED: Minutes from the April meeting.
- APPROVED: Up to \$70 per class for year-end activities.
- APPROVED: The overages for the Bloxel subscriptions and the sensory equipment.

Principal's Report

- Miss Finnie talks about the Bloxels project and how iPads are used grades 2/3.
 - The Bloxels program was used to unite Applied, Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST) and English curriculums. The students can create stories and then translate them to a video game, incorporating design and text in speech bubbles. Students are generally well-regulated after time working on Bloxels.
 - Reading programs on the iPads have an accessibility component.
- Ms. Sparks and Ms. DeSousa talk about Dreambox.
 - Dreambox is going well, and the kids seem engaged. It has adaptive technology that will meet kids where they're at.
 - Standards are based on the region of western and northern Canada.
 - Having the program allows the teachers to teach in smaller groups.
- Math Mania was a success!
- May and June are very busy—keep an eye on teacher's emails and the calendar.
- Review the *Parent and Student Handbook 2024/25* and provide feedback to Dawn.

Fundraising Report

- The Georama fundraiser made over \$650.

- The seed order is closed, and they should be mailed out this week. It made about \$40.
- Grocery cards will go on sale soon to support Dreambox. Pick up at Family Fun Night.

Treasurer's Report

- We don't have to spend any more from the gaming account.
- See attached.

Notes

- Not having enough volunteers for lunch continues to be very challenging.
- The district is still assessing the Dreambox subscription. If the district doesn't pursue a group subscription, perhaps school PACs (Blewett, Hume and Wildflower) can negotiate.
- Family Fun Night planning is underway. Shannon will convene another meeting if necessary.
- The Saleema Noon Body Science workshop that the Nelson District Teachers Association held for teachers and CUPE staff on April 22 is available on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVdxcHiAXl4&t=4s

Actions

- Dawn to pursue if drainage and irrigation on the top field is a possibility.
- Dawn and Michelle to do a call for lunch volunteers at the Talent Shows.
- Dawn to print out a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Talent Show.
- Dawn to confirm how much iPads would cost through the district.
- Cindy to introduce the field project at the first PAC meeting of next year.
- Cindy to coordinate volunteers to refinish the gazebo.
- Cindy to plug PAC and volunteering with the new kindergarten parents.
- Cindy to send Laura a blurb for lunch volunteers.
- Carly to connect with the playground contactor about adding a rope feature and refinishing the logs.
- Sarah to connect with Better Lawn and Garden for a second quote.
- Sarah to add a "Donate to Dreambox" button to MunchaLunch.
- Michelle and Steph to gather information about Dreambox.
- Steph to connect Carly with Nishira from Hume School about the playground.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

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Statement of Accounts

Apr 09, 2024 to May 07, 2024

	Chequing	Gaming	Total
Opening Balances, Apr 09, 2024	\$27,498.19	\$6,524.31	\$34,022.50
Income			
Munchalunch (lunches and flower sales)	\$11,198.88	-	\$11,198.88
Purdy's Easter Fundraiser	\$946.05	-	\$946.05
Total Income	\$11,198.88	\$0.00	\$11,198.88
Expenses			
PAC Meeting Babysitting (April & March)	-\$40.00	-	-\$40.00
Lunches	-\$3,310.29	-	-\$3,310.29
Condiments	-\$99.55	-	-\$99.55
Skiing support	-	-\$2,214.00	-\$2,214.00
Bank fees	-\$15.50	-\$5.00	-\$20.50
Total Expenses	-\$3,465.34	-\$2,219.00	-\$5,684.34
Closing Balances, May 07, 2024	\$36,177.78	\$4,305.31	\$40,483.09
Liabilities and Planned Expenses			
Payable - lunch vendors (estimated)	-\$17,264.00	-	-\$17,264.00
Payable - Georama flowers (estimated)	-\$2,249.00	-	-\$2,249.00
Planned - Art Starts - Brian Lye Filmmaking	-\$1,039.50	-	-\$1,039.50
Planned - lunch support (Mac & Cheese \$5 x 12 x 14)	-\$840.00	-	-\$840.00
Planned - Grade 5 grad	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
Planned - Sports equipment for checkout	-	-\$494.26	-\$494.26
Uncashed cheque - Sensory equipment	-\$1,015.47	-	-\$1,015.47
Uncashed cheque - Bloxel subscription	-\$276.00	-	-\$276.00
Planned - PAC social coffee and snacks	-	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
Planned - Munchalunch Fees 2024-25	-\$336.00	-	-\$336.00
Unapproved - Dreambox	-\$3,000.00	-	-\$3,000.00
Unapproved - iPads	-\$1,500.00	-	-\$1,500.00
Reserve holdback (\$6000 as per bylaw)	-\$6,000.00	-	-\$6,000.00
Total Liabilities	-\$33,519.97	-\$1,094.26	-\$34,614.23
Funds Available for use	\$2,657.81	\$3,211.05	\$5,868.86