

SMILING CREEK PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCPAC)
 Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

In attendance (in person): Brittany Quirolo, Stacey Cruz, Tanya Hassard, Ross Jacobson, Allison Johnson, Heather Nyberg and (virtually on Teams) Joanne Ching, Connie Wu, Lindsay Trudel, Sophie Stephen, Mike Toporowski, Stacey Toporowski, Laina Wrightman, Ashley Pozzobon, Eva Diaz

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
Call to order 7:04pm	
<p>Motion to approve minutes and agenda</p> <p>Motion to approve edited minutes</p>	<p>Moved by Tanya Hassard Seconded by Joanne Motion Carried</p> <p>Moved by Tanya Seconded by Mike Toporowski Motion Carried</p>
Principal Report (Ross Jacobson, Allison Johnson)	<p>Review of school wide programming:</p> <p>Tennis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finished tennis instruction with Marcus, excellent response from teachers and children, re-booked for October/November 2023. <p>Hub Cycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful visit with a focus on helping kids learn how to ride safely in the street and in traffic. Plans are to have them return next year as the number of children who cannot ride a bike has increased with the pandemic. There services are provided for no charge, unlike IRide. <p>Morning Yoga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First week went well and hoping to see higher participation in the coming weeks. <p>Afterschool Basketball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 60 families signed up which indicates there is a definite interest in this type of programming. <p>There is an opportunity to use the gym after school if any parents are interested in sharing a hobby or running a program for kids. Currently there is a popular crafting club, chess club and coding club. If anyone wants access to the gym or classroom to run a program, please contact the school. Criminal record checks to be filled out prior.</p>

For the 2023/24 school year the following activities are booked or being researched:

- Hip Hop
- Floor curling - Need more equipment (rings/rocks - ideally we would go from 4 to 8 sets of equipment)
- Pickleball
- Tennis
- Arts/drama presentations

Presenters are currently being scheduled and there is still an opportunity to offer suggestions.

School Schedule 2023/24

Plans are to have another A / B schedule. The main reason for the split schedule is pedestrian safety, complaints in the neighbourhood, and high traffic in the area. If more parents were to commit to walking to school, there is potential for one schedule in future. However, children's safety is first and foremost in this current decision. An education campaign highlighting both environmental impact and mental health benefits (fresh air and walking) for walking may be an option to persuade positive change.

Question was raised to increase the interval between bell times to 20 mins to allow for more traffic dissipation, however this is too challenging logistically for staff scheduling and after school programming.

Next year's bell schedule will change. It is based on 293 minutes of instruction per day as well as an increase in prep time for teachers to 120 min per week. The morning start times will likely remain unchanged and there are minor adjustments to recess and dismiss anticipated.

Schedule A - 8:50 am
Schedule B - 9:05 am

School goals for next year

- Numeracy goals
- Social /emotional – facilitating more education/tools for self-regulation as there has been a lot of dysregulation in children recently.
- Incorporating more indigenous ways of knowing, circles etc.

Report Cards

	<p>District is looking at making changes to the 2023/24 school year to align with the BC-wide move to Provincial Proficiency Scale reporting for grades K-9 starting in Sept 2023" after 2023/24 school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for putting more of the student voice into the elementary school reports including more student goal setting and self-reflection. However, there will not be many changes at the elementary level (more so at the middle school level). <p>Westside playground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting grounds manager to come and assess how many rock benches and stock tanks we can fit (to determine space/measurements). <p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4/5 will continue to go with 'bring your own device' Grade 2/3 the school is looking at investing in more ipads for learners to be introduced to tech. <p>Sexual Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New resource for sexual health for K to 3, focus on sexual abuse prevention, research shows that kids disclose to someone they know versus an outside source. Grade 4/5 teachers will present the information on puberty, sexuality, and research the options for alternate activities. The directive from higher administrators is that nothing can be presented beyond the BC curriculum. This includes external presenters, so SCE teachers will be presenting this content to their students directly in the coming year.
<p>Treasurer's Report (Tanya Hassard)</p>	<p>See attached financial statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom support funds are coming in. Fundraising is ongoing to fund school expenses/activities. Term 3 treat days and hot lunch have been slower than past terms. The projection for June includes 40K in excess funds at the school end of year. School projects (15K) this year – costs to be deferred, including school spirit and outdoor play. <p>Technology Needs</p>

<p>Motion to approve use of excess funds on tech upgrades</p> <p>Motion to give all funds raised after expenses to backpack buddies</p> <p>Motion to use partial funds from PST refund (\$588) towards playground donor sign</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4/5s are using own devices. • Grade 2/3 use laptops that belong to the school. They need replacing and the request is to upgrade 15 library computers and give the remaining to Mr. Haselhan so she has a full set in the Learning Commons. • Increase number of ipads by 12 (two more set of tubs) for younger aged children. <p>*There is an incentive to turn in the equipment before they are obsolete to qualify for subsidies.</p> <p>Moved by Brittany Q Seconded by Stacey T Motion Carried</p> <p>Community give back initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the April 28th movie night there is a request to support backpack buddies <p>Moved by Lindsay Trudel Seconded by Mike T Motion carried</p> <p>Moved by Joanne Secondary Mike Motion Carried</p>
<p>Local Business Promotion (Stacey Cruz)</p>	<p>The call for SCE families and local business owners to support the SCPAC with a percentage of sales resulted in five applications including:</p> <p>Damian Stanley, Realtor Carolyn Pogue, Realtor Sonia Lagiglia, Realtor Ted Leung – Insurance & Financial Advisor, Group 7 Insurance Brokers Inc. Greg Lui – Owner/Operator, Leilani Fine Tea</p> <p>Details of customer discount and PAC kickback will be uploaded to Ongoing Fundraisers on the SCPAC parent hub soon.</p> <p>Please continue to contact smilingcreekpac@gmail.com if interested in participating.</p>

<p>Fundraiser Updates (Stacey Cruz)</p>	<p>Neufield Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering will be open the first two weeks of May directly through their site. • May 25th is pick up day. <p>Plant sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordering is open • Closing on May 1st • Pick up May 18th – volunteers are needed, please sign up on Smiling Creek hub: bit.ly/scparenthub <p>Next meeting in May will be PAC elections.</p>
<p>Playground/Outdoor Space Update (Stacey Cruz)</p>	<p>Plaque update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting final sponsor sign off on draft plaque.
<p>Hot Lunch (Connie Wu)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders for term 3, less than term 1 or 2 despite a reduction in fees • Always looking for volunteers • Sign up on hub: bit.ly/scparenthub
<p>DPAC Update (Stacey Toporowski)</p>	<p>Highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Superintendent announced that student international travel has been reinstated after covid • Physical health education update – elementary education involves preventing sexual exploitation • Parent education sessions – April 19th. Safer schools tomorrow talk • May 3 – Parent Presentation: Cybersafe from exploitation (in person at Winslow Centre) • May 10 - Sex Education presentation • Need to apply for gaming grant for next year • Presentation on childrens’ sense of belonging in school and how to build resilience <p>May 24th – DPAC AGM Elections: There is an open Parent Education Coordinator position. Note: All positions, except DPAC Chair, are up for election.</p>
<p>Grade 5 Year End Activities (Stacey)</p>	<p>Connected with Ms. Dunbar and Mrs. Bonnet to inform them that parent coordinators/volunteers available to help:</p>

Cruz)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Connie Wu ● Ashley Pozzobon ● Tanya Hassard ● Heather Nyberg ● Joyce Lawrence ● Lindsay Trudel ● Terry Denney <p>Plans for Cultus Lake field trip, pancake breakfast and leaving ceremony. Will be asking for volunteers, check hub for sign ups coming soon.</p>
Year End BBQ/ Carnival Committee (Stacey Cruz)	<p>Volunteers needed for June 9th.</p> <p>Reach out to Smiling Creek Pac, volunteer spots are only for 1 hour at smilingcreekpac@gmail.com.</p>
Teacher Appreciation (Stacey Cruz)	<p>Coordinator and volunteers needed. We need more people on May 2nd for staff luncheon set up/decorating and take down. Email at smilingcreekpac@gmail.com.</p>
Upcoming Events (Stacey Cruz)	<p>April 14 – Plant Sale Opens April 21 – Non Instructional Day April 25 – Nuefeld order pick up May 1 – Plant Sale closes May 2 – Staff Appreciation May 18th – Plant Sale pick up May 23 – Non Instructional Day May 24 – DPAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election, 7pm via zoom May 30 – SCPAC AGM and elections, 7pm in person and on virtual (looking into teams).</p>
Adjournment	8:03 pm