Salmo Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting minutes

Held at S.E.S. and via Zoom on Sept 21, 2022

**Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 1835

Intros: President Melody, Vice President Christina Meyer, Secretary Dawn Leslie, Treasurer Sherri Powers

Attending: Candace, Jenn, Tanya, Danielle, Dawn Snell, Selina, Christina, Shellene and Exec **(last names? Anyone help me out?)**

Land Acknowledgement

Motion to accept agenda with amendments- motion by Jenn, 2nd Tanya

**Principals Report**

* Introduction of school and teachers
* Minimal covid restrictions this year; stay home if sick and wash hands
* Combined recess and lunch/multiage activities/exploratories
* Activities at school this year include Young Leaders club/Student Council/Sewing club/Basketball and Volleyball at lunch/Cross country running club
* Orange Shirt day Sept 29th at school, will be an assembly
* Oct is safety month
* Play in the K- Oct start
* Halloween for Hunger
* Salmo Parent and Student Handbook 2022-2023 looking for parent feedback **(when back by?)**
* Cell phone use now restricted in school
* Mrs. Snell answered some questions re: snack times, specifying there is now a snack in morning before class starts, snack before/after recess, bell rings for recess at 12:20 and students play for ½ until lunch at 12:50.
* Also, school will be requiring a self-contained lunch including necessary cutlery, and all recyclables will be coming home in student’s lunch.
* Any concerns re; items in children’s lunches- teachers are needing to speak with parents, not only students.
* Planning day coming up, including three goals
  + Literacy goal
  + Numeracy goal
  + Social/emotional learning focus
* Mrs. Snell will talk with teachers re: expectations of time for teachers to respond to parent communication
* Outdoor gear is being used- thank you!
* Maker Space- going to use intermediate space. Some unused things in Learning Commons at present. Would more trolleys make it easier to use/move supplies around?
* Permission to start hot lunch program Oct 13

**Financial Report**

* Change to July 1-June 30 fiscal dates
* Accounts PAC/Gaming/Learning Garden/Lunch program **(Sherri need this info from you)**
* New cheque book needed for lunch account- $ for cheques to come out of General PAC account. This was motioned by Danielle, 2nd by Tanya
* Signing authority- Can we take Robyn and Shelley Anne off? Motion by Jenn, 2nd by Christina
* Can we add Melody and Dawn (Sherri and Danielle to stay on) motion by Jenn, 2nd by Christina
* Money to go to Danielle to pay back juice boxes/watermelon bought for school event- motion by Christina, 2nd by Dylann
* Motion made for up to $200 to be spent without whole PAC meeting, but with consensus within executive for school/PAC related costs- motion by Dylann, 2nd by Tanya
* Discussion brought up of request forms that teachers may use to approach PAC for funds- these forms include type of activity, the number of children that money will serve, teacher’s name, and the total amount requested **(where do these forms live?)**
* Discussion re: money requested by Casey Berk up to $1000 for outdoor toys and storage for outdoor toys tabled until next meeting. Discussion re: potential of high school shop class to make a shed for elementary school. Dawn Leslie will work with Casey Berk to see what is needed and what school already has.
* Community Cupboard- Sherri has a proposal written to the Salmo Valley Fund for $500 to get this up and running. It will include toiletries, underwear, socks, non-perishable food items, shoes, boots, potentially clothing/snow gear. This will need inventory kept. This proposal motioned by Jenn, 2nd Dylann

**Parent Education**

* Idea put forward for indigenous education for parents as of great importance in our children’s education
* Read with Me Program- Danielle has reached out to Lori Dunn at CBAL, waiting to hear back on dates and times of when we could offer this to parents

Next meeting Oct 19, 2022 at 6:00