

**Salmo Elementary School PAC meeting**  
**February 8, 2021**  
**Agenda**

**In attendance:** Melody S, Christina L, Danielle Mc, Melissa B, Sheri, Dawn Snell, Britany S

**Call to order:** 6:05pm

**Acknowledgement and welcome:** We would like to begin our meeting by taking a moment to acknowledge, to honour and to show our respect for the First Nations peoples in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people living within the boundaries of SD8

**Agenda:** additions

Zoom accounts: Danielle

General Announcements: Sheri

Lockdown Debrief: request towards principal

Motion to accept:   Danielle   Second:   Britany  

**Principal's Report:** Dawn

Question to parents:

Can PAC provide hot dogs on Wednesday Feb 10th for an intermediate outdoor survival day? [Dawn will get back to us](#)

Do you need a parent volunteer to shop, cook and serve?

Do you just want PAC to pay? Approximate cost?

Question from parents:

Can you introduce new staff and tell us about new staff assignments (moves within the school)

- Slide presentation identified 1 new teacher, 3 new EAs, a new janitor and a new temp clerical

Please explain the decision to no longer allow children to take library books home - who made it and who approved it [Dawn will get back to us](#)

Please explain the counseling program: what do you mean by counselling? qualifications, parental consent

- Pamphlet for program was shared via slide presentation
- Without consent children will not be seen
- No clinical training - program is for problem solving and friendship building within school relationships.

Can we review this years budget:

Money in LINKS acct: \$5000 same as past years

Art therapy contract: handled at a district level, in the works

What is being done to ensure parents and others can contact the school in a timely manner?

- New door bell installed - its portable so clerical will have it along when not at the front.
- Parents can leave phone messages as they are checked even if clerical is not present
- Parents can email
- New clerical hours have not been determined

Lockdown debrief: how did school become aware? What was said to kids?

- RCMP did not call the school - staff person brought the situation to the attention of the principal
- Doors are already locked due to covid
- Very little was said to the children though there was some discussion the next day when kids came back to school aware of what had happened in town
- District Safe School team will be following up with RCMP to brainstorm and address communication

**Financial report:** Britany

Totals in each acct

New acct opened for lunch program - \$2000 grant money in the acct

**Secretary's report:** Melissa

Any correspondence?

**Old business:**

Water bottle refill station - [Sheri to explore if last year's motion is ok to still use this year given the circumstances of the fountain install are different than last year.](#)

**New Business:**

**Committee updates:**

**Bylaws:**

Melissa made them into a pdf - they are now an editable document

**Lunch program:**

Progress update

Munch a lunch is set up

New bank acct holds grant money

[Need to resolve hiring obstacles](#)

Next committee meeting to set budgets etc.

**Playground:**

Sensory walk proposal - idea approved - [Sheri will send to Dawn to discuss with staff.](#)

Playground expansion proposal - including primary additions and picnic table placements - idea approved - Sheri to include replacing swings, highlight the desire for natural elements and need for shade in the proposal before sending to Dawn

### **Fundraising:**

Significant losses in revenue this year - Brainstorm ideas

Raffle - approved for early spring (march) - Dawn to discuss with staff - will they sponsor a basket per class or set up drop off boxes at the office

Online auction - idea approved for late spring (may/june) - look for local donations, specifically fire wood.

BC Coffee company, Level Ground fundraiser - Dawn will go ahead with this directly - money will go towards gym equipment

- Need to hold a committee meeting to assign tasks and move forward

Propose purchase of two collapsible wagons - approved - \$200 for each wagon

- Motion made by Selina and Seconded by Danielle

Propose redirecting money approved last year to general use purchase of outdoor items - chalk, shovels, utensils, trucks etc -

- motion re-written to state money remaining from past motion will purchase the same items to be used for general purposes.

Request to provide hotdogs on Wednesday Feb 10, 2021

- Motion made to purchase hot dogs and buns for the intermediate students in the even they have their outdoor survival day on Wednesday Feb 10th
- \$200 approved. School to pay anything above

Zoom license: Danielle - bring forward

### **Announcements**

Pro-d day Friday Feb 12, 2021

Holiday Monday Feb 15, 2021

Facilities review zoom meeting Thursday Feb 18, 2021

Next meeting: March 8th at 6pm

Adjourned: 8:09pm