

**South Poplar Traditional Elementary
PAC Meeting
October 17th 2023
(Hybrid In-Person and Zoom)
Prepared by Angela Manetti - Secretary**

Attendees: In person - Adam H, Jared M, Angela M, Kim H, Reena A, Rani P, Sukhi B, Sukhi C, Sunita S, Pinkey B, Grant M, Sonia M, as well as Principal - Shannon Manky and Guest - Tanya Coghill
Virtual - Kerry C, Amandeep S, Radhika, Munni B, Satvir B, Sukhjt, Marlee, Karn Gill.

Start time 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: Adam H

Acknowledgment: Jared M

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes: Adam **Second:** Jared **None Opposed**

Principal's Report: Shannon Manky

-“Meet the teacher” was very well attended!

-Terry Fox run raised about \$300!

-Students have practiced already: fire drill, lock down drill, shelter in place drill. Tomorrow they will practice the earthquake drill. Children are learning how to not overreact in case of emergency, but moving operationally to safety.

-The first Wednesday in October was the first Wildcat assembly: students talked about thankfulness, respect and celebrated birthdays of the month. Finally the new Wildcat logo was revealed!

-The first Wednesday of every month at 1.45 they will be having the assembly. Parents are welcome to join!

-Oct. 18th and 19th is early dismissal at 11.50 a.m. and teacher conferences. 250 people have registered. This is a great opportunity to talk directly with the teachers and ask questions about your child. Thank you for finding the time!

-Book fair is happening in November. **Volunteers needed.** Especially we need someone willing to help Mrs. Smith and learn about the process to organize the fair.

-Teachers are looking for books for their classroom: second hand books in good conditions, especially intermediate level, are really appreciated.

-Able Cresting is waiting to have a green light from the School District for the Wildcat logo.

Principal question: Is the PAC considering donating to the classroom teachers again this year? Some of the staff have been asking.

After discussion: **Motion to spend \$250 per class (12 classes, so \$3000) from general acct:**

Adam **Second:** Pinkey. All in favour except for 1 virtual abstention (couldn't get an indication from them as to what their vote was).

New Business

Hot lunch and other fundraising.

- We have decided to switch from Hotlunches.net to Munchalunch.com for our hot lunch fundraising.
REASONS:
 - Munchalunch is more user friendly and easier.
 - For hot lunch the price we currently pay, only includes the standard version (no Mail or calendar options).
 - Munchalunch includes all features for \$300: **a system payment reminder, payment required feature (only paid orders appear on reports),**

automated auto-cancel of any unpaid accounts, automated daily lunch reminders (which lists the specific child's order coming the next day), ability to upload banner and item images for fundraising events, automatic rollover of parents accounts from year to year.

They also offer 2 months free to any new school and prorate their fee for any school Starting October or later.

-Munchalunch gives a full 'reconciliation' report which breaks down each lunch date and fundraising event by revenue, vendor cost, stripe fees (credit card payment processor) and resulting profit.

- Halloween cookies fundraising: ordering is open.
- We discussed the possibility of organizing a MOVIE NIGHT. The school needs to have a movie license. The PAC will further discuss with Shannon the possibility of having the license...the school should have one for teachers to show movies in school.
- Request from the floor to update the playground, especially the soccer nets to replace. Answer: We can look at adding to our playground, but the cost is very high...we would have to plan and fundraise for years to achieve that. Executive will discuss expenditures at the next exec mtg.
- We decided the dates for the next meetings according to the availability of Zoom. The DPAC (who we borrow the Zoom from) currently has only one Zoom license.
- The Christmas Concert will be on December 14th from 6:00 am to 7:00. The teachers are already at work to plan it.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 21st at 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn: Jared M, **Second:** Adam H 8:45pm