

SMS PAC Meeting Minutes – September 18th, 2017

- Pat Wellings, President called the meeting to order at 6:15
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Nicole Garcia, 2nd by Bonnie Lee Gorda, motion carried.
- **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** No formal minutes were presented from June 2017 (previous school year) as a quorum was not present at this meeting.
- **President's Report:** Presented by Pat Wellings, PAC President
 - Requested help with the Terry Fox Run. Asked parents to help hand out water and pizza.
 - Noted that PAC Executive will have a budget ready for the November 2017 meeting after funding requests are received from teachers on October 13, 2017.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Pauline Murray, PAC Treasurer
 - Presented June, July and August statements for both Gaming and General.
 - Gaming transactions were all June 2017 year-end approved funding requests.
 - General account transactions were all hot lunch related.
- **COPAC Report:** Presented by Nicole Garcia, COPAC Representative
 - A COPAC meeting for the 2017/2018 school year has not taken place as of yet.
- **Hot Lunch:** Presented by Amber Miner, Hot Lunch Coordinator
 - Is going well so far with October – December open for ordering.
 - 80 registered users for September with more accounts opening daily.
 - Looking for volunteers to help on Hot Lunch Monday's. Approx. timings are from 11:45-12:15
- **Administration Report:** Presented by Rod Baruta, Principal
 - This year has been a bit of a complex start as the school had to adhere to smaller class sizes with respect to the teacher's collective agreement, based on old language with respect to smaller classes. This added 4 new teachers to SMS staff.
 - Enrollment is up with 438 students but we do still have room for more.
 - Enrichment to begin Wednesday of next week. (Sept. 27th)

- Reminder that School District 23 does have a “No Hardship Policy” and should you require financial assistance please speak with Mrs. Radi, head secretary, in the office.
 - Bike Rack changes, planting of trees and installation of parallel bars are all requests that have been sent to Operations.
- **Guest Speaker:** Karen Angle, Music Teacher @ SMS
 - Mrs. Angle began the garden at SMS. She currently runs and maintains it with help from numerous teachers and students. She is extremely passionate about the sustainability and is interested in ways of getting the community and students involved in the garden. She is interested in a permaculture project and garden sustainability project which is linked directly to the new curriculum and the 1st principals of learning. Mrs. Angle sees this as an alternative style of learning for some students.
 - She would like the PAC to help her with ideas around a family feast night in order to get the community together to share cultures. Sharing though food, dance, stories etc... She sees this as a way to bring parents, teachers, students and community together to share a sense of belonging and create awareness to our SMS garden and its multicultural aspects though a Feast/Fair evening.
- **Old Business:**
 - Tree Hugger Bench Project is COMPLETE! And looks amazing!
 - Parallel Bars are still incomplete. The installation request still remains with School District Operations.
- **New Business:**
 - PAC meeting dates for 2017/2018 school year are the third Monday of each month with a start time of 6:15.
 - Funding requests are in the process of being sent to all teachers with a return deadline of Friday October 13th.
- **Meeting Adjourned** at 7:25
 - **Next Meeting:** Monday October 16th @ 6:15