

St Andrews Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024 (online)

Attendance: Paula Sowany (Principal), Kasha Korchinski (Vice Principal), Sherry K, Amy H, Crystal H, Dana S, Paula J, Shawn M, Shane F, Jessica R, Bailee K

1. **Call to Order @ 7:01 pm**
2. **Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes** – approved by Paula J, seconded by Bailee
3. **New Business** – none
4. **Principal Report** – presented by Paula Sowany
 - a. February school assembly was held at the beginning of the month to kick off “I Love to Read” month. This month, we have many guest readers who are sharing stories with our students. The “I Love to Read” committee planned fun activities throughout the month with a focus on reading and listening to stories with a theme of “I love to read books by local and Indigenous authors.”
 - b. Grade 5 and 6 skating took place over a few weeks during the lunch hour for those who wished to participate. Staff volunteers went with the students to the community club indoor rink.
 - c. Our grade 6 badminton club participated in a divisional tournament on February 1 and the team represented St. Andrews well!
 - d. February 2 was a divisional PD day. Divisional staff met at the high school in the morning to listen to speaker, Chief Cadmus Delorme, who discussed the importance of relationships and working together towards reconciliation. The afternoon focused on our school planning and work around incorporating Indigenous perspectives into our teaching practice, as per direction from Manitoba Education.
 - e. Teacher and staff appreciation week was February 5-9. School admin. expressed extra appreciation to the amazing team that works here at St. Andrews!
 - f. Grade 5 and 6 basketball club has begun, with practices in the morning and lunch hour. This culminates with a basketball tournament held at St. Andrews, March 12.
 - g. Students and staff enjoyed Valentine’s Day with some special activities.
 - h. Hot lunch continues to be a day that students and staff look forward to. Thank you to our PAC!
 - i. Several classes observed “100 day” (for 100 days of school) on February 16. Many of the primary classes infused their numeracy activities focusing on the number 100 throughout the day.
 - j. Whole school dress up on February 23 was “Read me” (for I Love to Read month).

- k. Pink Shirt Day T-shirts were available for purchase this month (Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, Feb 28).
- l. Teaching staff are working on preparing for report cards (coming home March 11) and student learning conferences (evening of March 14, morning of March 15).
- m. February school newsletter was sent out via email at the beginning of the month and is posted to the school website. March's newsletter will be sent out shortly and will be posted to the website.

5. **Vice Principal Report** – presented by Kasha Korchinski

- a. Grade 5 fieldtrip to the BioLab- Monday, February 26th
- b. Pink Shirt Day- Wednesday, February 28th
- c. Star Dome: Wednesday February 28th, Thursday February 29th
- d. I Love to Read Month: Wrap-up Assembly: March 1st
- e. Purdy's Orders due Monday, March 4th
- f. Grade 2/3 Fieldtrip to see a play at William S Patterson School
- g. Grade 4 Orff Club attends instrument festival at Happy Thought School- March 6th
- h. Pizza Hot Lunch: March 7th
- i. Report Cards Available Online: March 11th
- j. St. Andrew's is hosting the Divisional Grades 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament-March 12th
- k. Student Learning Conferences & book Fair: March 14th in the evening/ March 15th in the morning
- l. PAC meeting-March 18th
- m. Hot Lunch: Chicken Fingers & Chips- March 20th
- n. Parent Information Night: Online Safety-March 20th at 5 pm
- o. Purdy's Order Pickup-March 21st 4:30-6:30
- p. Last Day of classes before Spring Break- March 22nd

6. **Hot Lunch**

- a. January 24: hot dogs – The lunch went well. There were no complaints.
- b. January 31: Pita Pit – We had multiple volunteers sign up but only Crystal and Paula J showed up. Grade 6 volunteers had to help with the distribution. We did also hear some kids got the wrong order, it is unclear if the orders were distributed wrong or it was the way the parents had ordered.
- c. February 8: pizza – The second order was a bit delayed but, the volunteers made it work. Thank you everyone who helped. The extra pieces were put in the second order, so we did not have any extra pieces for the primary students.
- d. February 22: perogies – ordered from Life's a Little Sweeter. We had a wonderful amount of volunteers with some new volunteers joining. We have not heard of any complaints. The perogies were warm. We ordered ketchup for the kids who requested it.

- e. Upcoming lunches –
 - i. March 7: Domino's Pizza, the order is going in tonight. Pam is the new contact person while the other person is on maternity leave
 - ii. March 20: Chicken Strips and Chips (Harry's)

7. **Fundraising** – Bailee gave the update

- a. Current Open Fundraiser - Purdy's Chocolate
 - i. We are past the threshold to receive 25% profit
 - ii. Currently our profit is \$556 on the \$1,985 of orders
 - iii. There are still about 40 orders started and not finished on the Purdy's site
 - iv. Bailee and Amy will send reminders out to families
 - v. Paula S (Principal) approved us sending a reminder email to parents. Bailee and Amy will get back to Paula S with the dates

8. **Library Wall Mural**

- a. Executive vote via email: Motion: "To hire artist Rachel Lancaster to paint a mural in the School Library for the fee of up to \$5,000 plus taxes and provide her with a deposit in advance." Result: 7 in favour, none against
Passed on Feb. 16, 2024
- b. Rachel Lancaster is being hired for our library mural with a \$5,000 dollar budget. The deposit has been issued.
- c. Painting scheduled for week of July 8, 2024.
- d. The group requested to see some mock-ups from Rachel
- e. The theme of the mural will be the magic of reading
- f. Those familiar with Rachel's work said it is amazing

9. **Digi-blocks**

- a. Corrie won't be at the meeting, but she will purchase them when she gets back from her trip.
- b. 5 sets were approved
- c. Bailee will pick up and we should have them by April

10. **Book Fair** – Crystal gave an update

- a. An email to recruit volunteers will be sent out this week

11. **WhatsApp** – Paula gave an update

- a. We started to transition the executive members to the WhatsApp for quick communications. All important decisions made outside of a PAC meeting will be addressed in an email. WhatsApp seems to be working well
- b. The volunteers will be moved to the app as well

12. **Payment Square**

- a. Looking into using this to enable families to purchase 50/50 tickets by card at the Christmas concert next year, in addition to cash.
- b. Dana will have details for the next meeting

13. **Financial Report** – delivered by Crystal

- a. For the month of January, there were 5 deposits by Munch A Lunch and 2 Hot Lunches, for Pita Pit and Hot Dogs from Harry's Foods.

Current Account Balance: \$28,923.27 (as of January 31, 2023)

Deposits: Total - \$1,789.76

- a. Jan. 2: \$74.39 – Munch A Lunch 1
- b. Jan. 9: \$131.50 – Munch A Lunch 2
- c. Jan. 15: \$525.79 – Munch A Lunch 3
- d. Jan. 22: \$757.60 – Munch A Lunch 4
- e. Jan. 29: \$300.48 – Munch A Lunch 5

Debits (withdrawals): Total – \$20.00

- a. Jan. 19: \$20.00 – Cheque 88 – Jessica Bullen – Babysitting for PAC meeting Jan. 15, 2024

14. **New business** – none

15. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:43 pm

Next Meeting March 18 @ 7:00 PM