



SOUTHPOINTE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Order	Item	Discussion Leader
1	Call the Meeting to Order Additions and Acceptance of Agenda	Monica Fenton
2	Principal Updates	Carol Brown
3	Elk Island Trustee Update	Heather Wall
4	School Council Updates	
	a: Sign Paint Night Fundraiser ~ Event details	Heather Bassett
	b: Present election ammendment ~ read	Monica Fenton
	c: Read Code of Ethics and Executive Duties ~ Vote	Heather Bassett Monica Fenton
5	Meeting Wrap up and Adjournment ~ Any future agenda items? ~ Next meeting: Wednesday October 17,2018	Heather Bassett

1. Meeting to Order: 7:05
 - a. Additions: Amanda and April will include a road update after Heather Wall update.
2. Principal Updates:
 - a. Enrollment has grown by about 100 students. Last year, we had 320 students, this year it is 422 total students.
 - b. Staff are excited to have Grade 7's at the school and the students are so happy to have the playground done!
 - c. School fee sheets will be sent out soon-can pay on parent portal. Contact office if assistance is needed.
 - d. Please sign up for email notifications on the EIPS website-school will send out emails for Early Out, bus cancellations, important dates, etc. You won't be inundated with lots of emails.
 - e. Picture Day: Sept 24th (school wide), Sept 25th (Tues/Fri kinders). Sibling pictures will take place during lunch-a form will be sent home.

- f. School is purchasing team uniforms. There are Home/Away jerseys-same colours but different collars for Boys and Girls just to keep track of them. Shorts have different shark logo. Uniforms for volleyball, basketball, badminton, handball, etc.
 - g. You can order spirit wear online soon-email will be sent out with when. You can purchase throughout the year, but orders will go month at a time (order time frame, process orders, send them out, new order time frame, etc.) All spirit wear is navy blue and grey, adult and youth sizes. Hoping to be live by next week, 1st order to be closed end of October, then about a 3-week processing time and orders will be sent to the school to be distributed.
 - h. During October Meeting, we will talk about the Education Plan-it's the same as last year as we have lots to continue to work on with regards to literacy and numeracy. We will also talk about PAT results next month.
3. Elk Island Trustee Update:
- a. On Friday, Alberta Government will be coming to evaluate our space available in Fort Saskatchewan since we are such a growing community. This is an Alberta Infrastructure thing, not EIPS. This will help us see where we need to go next, what our priorities are, and what we plan on putting in next.
 - b. Road update: EIPS received a letter on July 12 from city of Fort Saskatchewan saying it was a developer issue and there's nothing they can do. It is out of EIPS control at this point and seems to be a fight between the city and the developers.
 - c. Not much to update as Board will meet in October for their first big meeting. More updates next month.
4. Road Update from April and Amanda:
- a. April and Amanda have been calling and writing letters and going door to door to have petitions signed. They have spoken to both the city and the developer and are getting contradictory information. They know that the developer won't build the road until the next phase of their development has been approved by the city. They brought it to School Council to see how they can reach the community to get people upset over the road so things can get done. They would like people writing letters but lots of people aren't on social media so how do we get the word out?
 - b. Get an email sent out by the school, telling parents about the issues and asking them to write letters?
 - c. Can we create a Form letter so parents don't have to think about it? (Heather Wall says a Form letter will not be received well and we should not go this route)
 - d. Get the media involved?
 - e. After discussion, people agreed to put it in the October newsletter first and then go from there.
5. School Council Updates:
- a. Sign Night: October 19th, 3 hours to complete, so you can paint as many as you'd like, it is at Roustabouts (attached to Lakeview Inn and Suites), there will be a Food/Drink menu, there is a cap of 75 participants, must be 18 or over and we can invite anyone, not just parents and community members of SouthPointe. Our school will receive \$20 from every sign created! There is a Facebook page with a registration link and we will be

putting up a link to all the Facebook groups, it will be in the next newsletter, and we will put a link on the school website.

- b. A procedure amendment was read to the School Council (see attached) regarding how elections are held.
 - c. Executive roles and responsibilities was read aloud (see attached). Can nominate yourself and put in the cup. A 2 minute break was issued for people to nominate themselves.
 - i. Ariane Taylor Brzoza was only name in Chair/Co-Chair cup. Vote issued, unanimous vote to elect. It's possible that Jamie Nelson will nominate herself as co-chair (was not present at meeting) but in the meantime, one of the current Co-Chairs will continue on until a second Co-Chair can be found.
 - ii. Steph Vandermeulen nominated herself to be secretary. Vote issued, unanimous vote to elect.
6. Meeting Wrap-Up and Adjournment:
- a. Any future agenda items:
 - i. Child care for meetings
 - ii. Steph Vandermeulen brought up the free Cobb's Bread that is donated every second Friday and passed out to students. She voiced concerns over Cobb's Breads not meeting the standard of "Choose Most Often" foods that schools should be following with regards to food given to students.
 - 1. Carol Brown addresses concerns: Cobb's business plan states that they will not sell bread that is a day old, so they team up with schools and other businesses around town to donate. SPS teamed up with another school so we receive these donations once every 2 weeks, instead of once a week. She is aware of many students coming to school without breakfast, or without sufficient breakfast and giving the bread to the students was supposed to help alleviate it. They are given enough bread that they can freeze some and give to students as needed, not just on second Friday. It is a choice for parents and students and students don't have to eat it. Carol was forthright in stating that they may not have looked into the nutritional information before going ahead with it.
 - 2. We will revisit the topic at the October meeting, but in the meantime 2 volunteers offered to do some research to potentially start a breakfast club if there are really kids coming to school hungry. Steph Vandermeulen and Jocelyn Soontiens volunteered to start a committee and will present their findings at Oct. meeting.
 - iii. Can we implement a "Fun Day" for kids at the end of the year?

Next meeting is pushed to October 24th (the 3rd Wednesday falls on Parent/Teacher Interviews)

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 p.m.