



**SouthPointe School Parent Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

Order	Item	Discussion lead
1	1.1 Call the Meeting to Order @ 6:05pm 1.2 Additions and Acceptance of Agenda <i>All in favour of accepting agenda</i> 1.3 Introductions	Jamie Nelson/ Whitney Nerbas
2	<p>Principal Updates            2.1) Discussion about upcoming school fees.</p> <p><i>New legislation mandating a discussion with administrators and parents to discuss fee structure and invite feedback from parents. Carol Brown has been discussing this with parents the past two years, but it now mandated to do so.</i></p> <p><b>SCHOOL FEE Information</b></p> <p>Student Generated Funds (SGF) are fees that families are charged. These fees include noon hour supervision, extracurricular sports fees, jr. high elective fees and activity fees (field trips and co-curricular activities). These fees are to be charged at a rate of cost recovery. We are not allowed to charge more for a fee that what we will actually spend to provide the service.</p> <p><b>Fees</b></p> <p>Current Field trip fee - \$40.00 for each K-8 class. Currently we do not hold students back from a trip or experience if fees have not been paid. <i>This may be challenging moving forward and therefore may have to change.</i></p> <p><i>2018 - 2019 - Unpaid Field Trips - 4.7% of fees were not collected.</i></p> <p><i>2018 - 2019 - Unpaid Noon Supervision - 5.6% of fees were not collected.</i></p> <p><i>2018-2019- Unpaid Elective Fees-13.3% of fees were not collected.</i></p> <p><i>2018-2019- Unpaid Extra-curricular Fees- 9.6% of fees were not collected.</i></p> <p><i>Last year's total of unpaid fees was \$4305.77</i></p> <p>Any unpaid fees are taken from the school budget. This impacts the operation of the school as this money must come from already</p>	Carol Brown

	<p>allocated funds for such things as textbooks, library books, technology and furniture (student desks and chairs).</p> <p><i>For the current school year, the following fees have not been paid:</i></p> <p><i>2019-20 - 25% of field trip fees have not been paid.</i></p> <p><i>2019-20 - 26% of noon supervision fees have not paid.</i></p> <p><i>2019-20 - 27% of Jr. High Elective fees have not been paid.</i></p> <p><i>2019-20 - 26% of extra curricular sports fees have not been paid.</i></p> <p><i>Currently the total outstanding fees owing are \$19 524.70 (25%)</i></p> <p>Bus fees -For trips taken during school hours we get charged \$94.00 for Fort Saskatchewan trips and \$241.16 for outside Fort Saskatchewan. After hour trips are substantially more money</p> <p>E.g., \$305 to Lamont, \$410 to Mundare for sports teams to play league games.</p> <p>Our Noon supervision fee is \$84.00 for every class, and \$44.00 for Kindergarten and junior high. We currently have 1 noon supervisor for every 2 to 3 classes, and 1 per class in Kindergarten full time.</p> <p>We are looking to collect information from parents regarding school fees. If you could please answer the short survey below it would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p><i>More details and the survey can be found here:</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.southpointeschool.ca/home/news/post/school-fee-information">https://www.southpointeschool.ca/home/news/post/school-fee-information</a></p> <p><i>EIPS does have a process to assist parents with managing and paying feeds, for example they offer payment plans. There are other available options to assist parents, such as Kids sport to fund sports.</i></p> <p><i>Carol to share survey results and feedback from parents at March school council meeting. Fee structure will be submitted to EIPS in April/May.</i></p>	
3	<p>Elk Island Trustee Updates</p> <p>December board meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021/22 Calendar approved – Christmas Break is new in format – split the week prior to break and returning – both are short weeks. Pre-Christmas, kids will attend school Mon/Tues with break beginning on the 21st (Wednesday) and return to school on the 5th (also Wednesday).</li> </ul>	Heather Wall

#### January 2020 Board meeting

- Coming forward - That the Board of Trustees approve the sponsorship of one school council member per school, to a maximum of 12 to attend the Alberta School Councils Conference & Annual General Meeting, April 24 - 26, 2020, and that the deadline for submission align with the ASCA Conference registration time frame.
- Coming forward - Transportation Fees: a new fee structure is coming to the Board Jan 23, 2020
  - Effective the 2019-20 school year, changes by the Minister of Education to the School Transportation Regulation allows school boards to charge eligible students for transportation services.
  - If approved all students accessing transportation will be assessed a fee. This is a change from current practice.
  - The Board is considering a more equitable solution for families while maintaining the current service levels provided.
  - The ability to maintain service at the grant levels is no longer possible without a fee structure change. The costs are increasing, and the funding has not kept up no will it. Therefore, we need to reassess the structure of the fees. The rural ridership doesn't pay for itself and we can no longer find efficiencies to compensate.
  - Proposed changes: All riders will be assessed a fee on a two-tiered system (eligible and noneligible). Hazard allowance discontinued. Removal of family rate.
- Choice in Education = increases to private and charter education. How does that translate for us? The pieces of the pie for public education will get smaller.
- Budget 2020 – anticipating a new funding formula for education. We do not know how it will look. We were hoping to receive information prior to budget 2020 re: formula, however we have been made aware that this is not the case.

School Council Update:

Jamie Nelson/  
Whitney  
Nerbas

**4.1) Teacher Appreciation**

A- **December** TA went well. No donation, but we will learn from this year and approach businesses earlier next year.

B- **February 19th** (around 100 Day)

Donated by Jenn Fairhurst Re/Max Real Estate. Looking into cookies, will be a mailbox type treat.

C- **April**- Spring idea

**June**- Stationary fun idea

**4.2) Sign Night**- Lower attendance, though we had a great time. Silent auction was excellent. We are looking into changing this event up a bit for next year. Details to come.

*Suggestion for a paint night instead of a sign night, to do something different. Proposed date will be in October 2020.*

*Council welcomes any new ideas brought forward to help make it a success.*

**4.3) Cookies and Milk**- Wonderful feedback from this event, students thought it was great. We will look into donations for the cookies next year.

*All students received a cookie.*

**4.4) Cobs Bread**- Cobs has closed as of last week, they are looking for a new owner. We are grateful to them for their generous donations.

*Cobbs did submit a cheque to FASS for the amount that they raised when customers mentioned SPS at time of purchase, approximate value of donation was \$30.*

**4.5) Family Dance** - February 21st.

**\* 30 - 40 Volunteers are needed.**

*Kathryn, Whitney and Jamie are coordinating volunteers. Please contact them directly if you are able to help plan, prepare or volunteer at the dance. Volunteer sheet presented at meeting and people in attendance asked to sign up.*

*\*Theme change- SPS SHARKS!!*

*Co-chairs would like to promote school spirit, sharks theme will be used for the family dance.*

*\*Budget presented.*

*Budget approved by FASS*

*\* We are not charging for entrance. Trying donation buckets.*

*No entry fee for the dance, there will be a donation bucket at the door and families are welcome to donate if they can.*

	<p>* Looking to have Door Prizes, and Silent Auction items. If anyone is able to help collect donations. Letters available.  <i>Letters requesting donations for the dance were presented, if parents would like a copy of the letter, or if anyone is able to donate please contact Whitney or Jamie.</i></p> <p><b>4.5) Sports/Spirit Day and Family Fun Night</b></p> <p>*Planning to have both of these events in June. Dates?  <i>Co-chairs inquired about track and field date, planning to have school council support a sports/spirit day to be held the same day. Corey Kropp unable to confirm date, but will get back to them when date is confirmed.</i></p> <p>*Spirit Wear  <i>Going forward orders will be submitted twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Spring ordering will be open on February 1 and closing March 31 with items arriving early in May. Please go to the school website for updated information as February 1 approaches.</i></p> <p>*We will need committees to pull these events off.  <i>To be discussed in future</i></p> <p>*Any volunteers for the committees?  <i>Call for volunteers to be sent out closer to these dates.</i></p> <p><b>4.6) September-</b> last meeting there was mention of possibly doing a grade of the month, teachers can chat to see what could be purchased to help that grade.  <i>To be discussed with teachers and administrators to see what items are wanted/needed for each grade.</i></p>	
5	<p>Meeting Wrap up and Adjournment</p> <p>5.1 Future agenda items:</p> <p>5.2 Next Meeting date/time: <i>February 19, 2020 at 6:00pm</i></p>	<p>Jamie Nelson/  Whitney  Nerbus</p>