



SouthPointe School Parent Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Order	Item	Discussion lead
1	1.1 Call the Meeting to Order 6:05 p.m. 1.2 Additions and Acceptance of Agenda- Katrina added an agenda item on bullying 1.3 Introductions	Jamie Nelson/ Whitney Nerbas
2	Principal Updates -Returning Registration is open until Feb 29. It is a closed-boundary school which means only those who reside in the school boundaries can enroll. -The electives survey will be sent home with grades 7-9 students. Parents will receive the same survey to ensure parents and students agree on electives held. This is done every year. It will be out within the next 2 weeks. -Junior High info night- March 24 at 6 p.m. Students/parents can have conversations with teachers about electives. It is essentially an elective fair so kids can get to know the curriculum before they sign up for an elective they may not like. -Parent fee survey-only 28 responses. It closes Friday, Feb 21. Please share about the survey to all parents you know. -In March, Carol will come back with the results from the survey, propose fees, ask for input and then Jamie/Whitney will need to sign off saying fees have been shared with parents and input was gathered. -Budget will be released next Thursday, so we will know how budgets impact EIPS and SouthPointe. Corey Update: -For dance, 3 students have volunteered. One made mention of a mascot so Corey inquired what that was about. Jamie responded that Jenny Polischuk (parent) asked someone to be a shark mascot using a Halloween costume at the dance.	Carol Brown
3	Elk Island Trustee Updates-Heather Wall not in attendance	Heather Wall

School Council Update:

4.1) **Teacher Appreciation**

A- **February 19th (today)**

100 Day!

Donated by Jenn Fairhurst Re/Max Real Estate. Thank you to her for her generosity.

B- If anyone knows of a business who would like to sponsor a future TA day, please let us know. **Jamie was in the teacher's lounge today and overheard that forks might be needed for the staff room.**

C-Teachers really appreciated and loved the cookies!

4.2) **Family Dance** - February 21st

- Huge shout out to all who have helped so far, the posters look amazing, as well as the Social Media posts have been awesome.
 - **Staples donated the copying and Jocelyn (parent) made posters.**
- We are always in need of more volunteers, so please spread the word.
- We are adding a quiet area in front of the concession, we received a donation of crayons to add to this area with the large shark coloring pages.
- **Door Prizes- shark chocolate, \$15 gift cards to kid related stores, shark lego, shark journals, shark colouring pad. Jodie Robertshaw (parent) donated gift cards for spot dances or they can be held back for another time.**
- **Will send a message on the school messenger to remind parents. Joanne already has pdf of flyer.**
- **Concession: ring pops, glow sticks, popcorn donated by movie theater, water, etc.**

4.3) **Concession at basketball mini tournament.**

- Mini tournament at SPS (grade 5/ 6 teams) Wednesday Feb 26th **from 5-7 p.m.**
- Serving Gatorade, water and a packaged snack (energy bar or chips **at a profit**)
- Leftovers from the dance can be added to this event. **Can start with leftovers and add more. Jamie is willing to be there .**
- Proceeds can be given to.....? **Jamie will work with FASS to determine profit.**

4.3) **Sports/Spirit Day and Family Fun Night-will talk about at future meeting**

- Planning to have both of these events in June. Dates?
- We will need committees to pull these events off.
- Would you like to head a committee for one of these events?

Jamie
Nelson/
Whitney
Nerbas

5.1 Bullying

a) Katrina's discussion:

- i) Everyone is touched by bullying at the school. It is a silent problem at the school and children bullied are more likely to attempt to take their life. Carol/Corey are aware. Bully and victim are similar. Bully is learning the behavior from somewhere. Katrina and Jodie Robertshaw (parent) have brainstormed some ideas for solutions.
- ii) Biker dudes to come to a rally-it brought awareness to OLA. Do we want to look into that? Don't know exactly what it will look like.
- iii) Utilize the school dance? Can have photo booth with a pledge to show respect to other students?
- iv) Buddy bench-understand there are cost, permits, and lots to look into but we would like to get it rolling.
- v) SouthPointe is already a buddy school. Grade 5's work with grade 1's etc. If we open up the buddy system, have buddies talk with each other about their days, look out for their buddies at recess, etc.
- vi) Impact statements- everyone in classroom writes worst thing someone has ever said about them, written anonymously and then it is shared with the class.

b) Carol's response:

- i) What is being done: every student is part of the Health curriculum which talks about being a friend, being kind, etc. November we have bully week-conversations happen. In February, it's random acts of kindness month. There's a WITS program for k-3 students (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk about it and Seek help). There is 4R in Junior high. Grade 4 has a restorative justice peace keeping circle.

c) Group discussion

- i) We could use the T.V. to have a constant loop of photos with students' pledges to respect others but it needs to have an intentional teaching opportunity-something imbedded into teaching. The ones who need it, might not be the ones who sign up for it. Need a buy in. (parents and Corey conversation)
- ii) Katrina brought up putting "What if" questions on the library wall that students could answer throughout the week. Katrina and Jodie will brainstorm some questions and send them to Carol/Corey for review.
- iii) How can we help the victim deal with it because a lot of times we can't change the bully. Discipline alone doesn't change behavior.

Katrina
Berkenbosch
(parent)

	<p>iv) A goal for 1 in school, 1 out of school solution to be brought up at next meeting. Add to March 18th meeting. Before it is added to meeting, please talk to Carol/Corey first so they can work with the parents to move forward.</p>	
6	<p>Meeting Wrap up and Adjournment 5.1 Future agenda items: 5.2 Next Meeting date/time:</p>	<p>Jamie Nelson/ Whitney Nerbus</p>