

**École South Pointe School Parent Advisory Council
AGM**

Date: November 1st 6:30pm
École South Pointe School

1. **Call meeting to order (6:35)**
 - a) Attendance – Shannon, Diane, Lauren, Bonnie, Elise, Xiaoxiao, Melanie, Phil, Baba, Kavy, Christa, Stephanie, Crystal
 - b) Regrets – Heather, Tanya
2. **Review open positions (with names currently submitted)**
 - a) Chair or Co-chair (Kavitha, Christa) All in favor, passed
 - b) Treasurer (Baba) All in favor, passed
 - c) Secretary (Stephanie) All in favor, passed
 - d) Fun lunch lead (Lauren, Bonnie) All in favor, passed
 - e) Fundraising lead - open
 - f) Communications lead - open
 - g) Playground and projects lead - open
 - h) Membership and recruitment lead -open
 - i) Grant applications lead - open
 - j) Movie nights lead (Crystal) All in favor, passed
 - k) Multi-cultural events lead - open
 - l) Staff appreciation lead (Crystal) All in favor, passed
 - m) Member at large (Tanya, Xiaoxiao, Melanie, Phil, Elise) All in favor, passed
3. **All other PAC business deferred to regular meeting**

École South Pointe School Parent Advisory Council
November meeting
Date: November 1st 7:00pm
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1. Call meeting to order 7:03

- a) Attendance – Shannon, Diane, Ruthanne, Bonnie, Elise, Xiaoxiao, Melanie, Phil, Baba, Kavy, Christa, Stephanie, Laura, Yunusa, Tolulope
- b) Regrets – Tanya

2. Minutes and Agenda

- a) Motion to approve the agenda as presented (Elise, Lauren) carried
- b) Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting (Lauren, Xiaoxiao) carried

3. Principal's and Vice Principals' report

- a) Great wellness week with divisional clinicians and families – great turn out, clinicians worked in grade 7 and 8 classes that week around mental wellness, health strategies, etc.
- b) Field trips – lots of learning opportunities
- c) Musical auditions – 40 students who are trying out
- d) New staff members – 1 new teacher for student services to best accommodate a variety of classes, Mme Strand to work with Mme McGuffin's maternity leave
- e) Newcomers evening – information to come, PAC to attend - Nov 22nd, doors open at 6:30, formal presentation from 7:00-7:40
- f) Babysitting course – 20 student cap, first come first served Grade 7s and 8s Nov 24th, June 14th for grade 6 and 7. \$40 per child. Request from PAC to facilitate communication of potential babysitters in community. Request from admin for \$100 to support each session.
- g) School PD – grade 1 teachers working on phonological awareness learning, Learning is carrying through to older grades as well. Phonological awareness is about breaking down words into sounds and learning to represent sounds with letters. Intentional work and explicit teaching around sounds and how sounds work. This supports their decoding of words and tackle words that are unknown.

- h) Values assembly – October 3rd PD, afternoon session. Teachers reflected on own personal values and values that teachers are wanting to impart on students. (Kindness, respect, inclusion). Grade level assemblies this Friday to include students in on this initiative. Patrols and crossing guards will be involved and will be thanked publicly.
- i) School division is working on Anti-racism policy. School is excited to do this work with our SP students. Students are encouraged to involve adult support whenever there are concerns with language or actions.
- j) Question from PAC – how do students hear about clubs? Announcements, word of mouth, posters in hallways. Parents are welcome to email classroom teacher to find out which clubs are available. Ruthanne mentioned maybe a monthly email could be sent. PAC members wonders about including some mini-presentations about things like ‘Subscribing to calendar’ or ‘Edsby’ in future PAC meetings. PAC to send Shannon a list of possible topics.
- k) Student population is similar to last year, but less staff were budgeted by school division. New school was a contributing factor to this change. Current class sizes are large. New student services teacher will help with this. One third French immersion, two thirds English programming.
- l) Question from member regarding school track and field event. Admin will look into this with Phys Ed team. Admin reminded members that parents and community members are welcome to coach, along with a teacher rep.

4. Finance Update

- a) Report (Baba) Access to PAC account is delayed. Transfer of account is underway. Update to come at next meeting. Baba, Christa and Kavy will be signees.
- b) \$10211.36 in account.

5. Priorities for the year

- a) Open discussion about short and long term goals for PAC – Reinstating Fun Lunch is 1st priority.

6. Committee updates

- a) Fun Lunch
 - i) Proposed date and format – November 21st and 23rd for Boston Pizza lunch. Plan for 1 per month. Looking for teacher and student support for distributing.
 - ii) Reinstate Munch a lunch account – VOTE on spending \$300 for school year fee (Lauren, Xiaoxiao) Approved.
 - iii) Set up google drive with PAC email address, or Whatsapp
- b) Fundraising – deferred to a later date
- c) Events – Criterion includes 20,000 titles, Vote to not pay for additional licensing (Lauren, Baba) Passed. To reassess in the new year.
- d) Others

7. Business and comments from the attendees

- a) Other goals for PAC this year – open discussions and brainstorming, 6:30 start time for networking, snacks, meeting with PAC prior to 7:00 official start time.

8. Date of next meeting

- a) December 6th, 7:00pm (6:30 networking and community time)
- a) **Close meeting** 8:22pm