

**South Pointe Parent Advisory Council**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**  
École South Pointe School

**Call meeting to order – 7:48**

a) Attendance – Kavi, Christa, Stephanie, Shannon P., Jon, Shannon T., Merertu, Phil, Bonnie, Melanie, Kerensa, Lauren, Ashlyn, Kathleen, Mike, Adewunmi, Angela, Tanya, Baba  
Regrets – none

**Minutes and Agenda**

- a) Motion to approve the agenda as presented (Bonnie, Ashlyn)
- b) Review and adoption of minutes from previous meeting (Baba, Lauren)

**Principal’s and Vice Principals’ report – See attached**

Questions – How are clubs advertised? Can parents have access to list of clubs so that they can help children gauge interest? Is there a plan to do a school track meet this year?  
Admin to take this back.

**Chair update**

- A) Picnic tables are planned for this year.
- B) One focus for SPPAC is to keep our meetings enjoyable and welcoming. It’s a great chance to connect with community members and we would love to have even more people out.
- C) Classroom support – SPPAC would like to offer \$150 to classroom materials for lunch time or recess (recess supplies, sports, clubs). **HOLD ON THIS IDEA UNTIL JANUARY – ADMIN TO INFORM TEACHERS.**
- D) Fun lunch leads – Bonnie and Melanie, daytime helpers – Phil and Ashlyn
- E) Fundraising leads – Ashlyn and Kavi
- F) Playgrounds and projects, grants – Lauren, Tanya, Mike, Angela
- G) Membership and recruitment – Kerensa
- H) Coordinator of school community events – Lauren
- I) Movie nights lead – TBD at October meeting \*\*
- J) Communication lead – TBD at October meeting \*\*
- K) Staff appreciation lead – TBD at October meeting \*\*

(\*\* - suggestions brought forward by new members at large on how to expand these events and roles. Items deferred to next meeting to further discuss)

**Finance update – See AGM minutes**

**Fun Lunch update – First fun lunch is October 4<sup>th</sup> – Boston Pizza. More info to come.**

**Business and comments from the attendees – postponed to next meeting**

**Date of next meeting**

a) Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 – 7 :00-8 :00

**Close meeting – 8:40pm**

## SSPAC Administrative Team Report

September 11, 2024

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year!

### **Great start to the year:**

- We had our Open house on September 3 that was well attended. It was so nice to see many families. Thank you to the SPPAC members who participated in the event.
- We organized assemblies with all grade levels on September 4 to remind students of expectations around the school, on the playground and going to/from school. We highlighted the importance of leadership with the older grades, as well as reviewed the no cell phone policy.

### **New Staff and Teacher Candidates:**

- **Admin Team:** Shannon Tipping and Jon Manness
- **Specialists:** Sean Barkwell, Jordana Dunk, Kevin Jones, Eleni Kreouzi, Errin Schur
- **Classroom: EY:** Brenda Gooch, Chris Howell, Renelda Dueck, Rajneet Gill
- **MY:** Sarah Taleb, Andrea Nelson, Jock MacGillivray, Haley Joseph, Brett Geisel, Cameron McKenzie-Roche, Elizaveta Larionova
- **Educational Assistants:** Ziad Elahwal, Kristen Scharfenberg, Eric Higham, Abinbola Akinpade
- **Support Staff:** Brienna Swanson
- **Teacher Candidates:** Natalie Edwards (Phys. Ed w/ Cathy Cullen), Anmol Ghuman (1 Duncan), Nada Hajin (6 Sopka), Ashley Puchniak (5 O'Neill), Brooke Van Wynsberghe (2 Baker), Andrea Warzel (4 Swar), Madison Wood (8 Rufo)

**Number of students registered:** We have approximately 950 students registered.

**Activities:**

- Students in Grades 4-8 have already started their participation in Cross Country with their first meet coming up on September 18.
- Activities such as safety patrols, volleyball and choir have already started to share information with students.
- Grade 8 lunch monitors have also had information sent home to ask who would be interested in this opportunity.
- In the near future, there will also be an opportunity for students to be a student-secretary over the lunch hour.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Strong Beginnings – September 19 and 20
- Orange Shirt Day – September 26
- Terry Fox Run – September 27
- School Photo Day for Grade 6-8 will be on October 2
- School Photo Day for Grades K-5 will be on October 3
- Professional Development – October 7 (no classes)
- Mr. Thiessen and Mr. Dvorak are organizing a mental wellness week the week of October 8.
- Tri-conferences will be on October 16/17.
- We have had a change in report card writing from November to December. We will be having a PD on December 6.