

SOOKE ELEMENTARY PAC MEETING: 14 March 2017

Approved

Attendees: Candice N. (President), Lisa N (Events Coord), Danielle D (VP), Maki M (Food Coord), Dan N (EP Coord), Kerry A (Principal), Mandi B (VPrin), Lorna E (parent)

Special Guest (6:30 pm): Dave Bennett, Sooke Emergency Support Services, "Be Prepared"

Sooke Emergency Support Services is a volunteer group under the auspices of Sooke Fire Services. ESS volunteers are on call 24 hours a day and are certified. In event of a major event, they coordinate and assist with emergency response. The Sooke Community Hall is the main reception centre in an event and was used most recently in the fires at the Grant Rd. apartments and the Westcoast Rd. fire. In fact, the biggest emergency concern is a wildfire. Learning from events such as the fires in Fort McMurray, people should keep their gas above half a tank. You need to be prepared to go quickly in the event of an evacuation alert.

People in Sooke need to be prepared for a minimum of three days but ideally for a week because in a major disaster, Sooke will not be on the radar for a while until after Victoria is online again. The key thing is to be prepared, not scared. It's important that people realize that 911 is not the place to call for what to do. In Sooke, bridges in either direction may not be useable. Each family member should have grab and go bags or one for the whole family that's on wheels. It should have clothing, water, snacks, spare meds, cash, and photocopies of ID. Plan for your pets as well. Make sure to refresh the food etc at regular intervals like at the time change. It's also important to have an out of province contact who acts like a central contact point. If both parents work outside Sooke, put contingency plans in place. For elderly or special needs neighbours, it's a good idea to put a plan in place as a neighbourhood or at the very least, check on people. Listen to the media, including social media, so you know what is going on. The more prepared you are, the more resilient you will be.

ESS is always looking for volunteers and they meet every 4th Tuesday at the firehall.

Call to Order (7:00 pm)

- Territorial acknowledgement (7:00)
- Adoption of Agenda as amended (7:00) CARRIED
 - Moving Staples update to April meeting
 - Moving Hotlunches renewal motion to April
- Approval of Feb 2017 minutes as amended (7:05) CARRIED
 - Change month at the top of the page
- MOTION to adjourn by 7:40

Reports (7:05 – 7:20)

Teacher – No Representative

Admin Reports – Mrs. Arnot: Sooke Football demo went well. 100 Day & Math day also went well with most classes coming through the stations. Basketball Jamboree was great. Kids did amazing. Teachers want to keep doing it. Sing Out at EMCS went fabulous. The Jumprope for Heart demo team is coming though the actual campaign won't be until May. Mad Science has been rescheduled for April. Report cards come home Thursday. PAC will post a reminder on Facebook about sending the envelopes back on Friday. For the upcoming school year, we continue to grow. Currently we have 45 Kindergartners, with a total of 309 students so far. This is the first time in eight years we've had more registered than the previous year. We are likely getting 2 portables though the configuration is still in the works. Classes sizes will be

reduced by roughly 2 students which will result in an additional 2 divisions. We continue to be the overflow school due to our central location and ease of bussing. At this time, the school board doesn't see enough growth for future school builds.

PAC reports

President: SES Bursary applications have gone out to EMCS and to Westshore Community School. Held off sending them to Belmont & Royal Bay to see what response we get from these two schools first. SPEAC Meeting is tomorrow and they will be discussing facilities' wait times, school safety. Hotlunches.net early bird renewal is \$50 off the cost. Upon discussion, it was agreed that we would move to renew, but will motion it in April. PAC election is coming up and we need to encourage parents and think about how to remove barriers and facilitate participation.

Coordinator updates: Sign is full for April with some space in May and June. Dan will move forward with the inventory of the kiosk.

Business (7:20-7:40)

Book Fair update (April 10-13th): Candice W. to act as coordinator with Kerry again. This time we do have debit and will advertise the book fair on the sign. Will post the sign up sheet like last for volunteers.

April Hot Lunch (April 19th): Pizza day. Order cut off is Wed, April 12th by noon (early dismissal day). Maki will add E-check text to the site.

Spring Fling, May 11th: We currently have 4 stations, the obstacle course and face painting. Currently have cups for the seed station and posters for the colouring station. Will need to buy supplies in April. Need to begin finding station coordinators and inviting classrooms to prepare raffle baskets. Kerry will put the idea of classroom basket fundraisers in the Monday memo for the teachers and we can send an invitation via autodialler and on FB for station leaders. Maki will price out whole pizzas and bring that to April meeting. Based on pricing, we may need to motion for an increase in budget.

- Should we add another games and/or crafting station? *Garden games might be fun. Ask Par-T-Perfect and parents to see if we can find some.*
- What will the raffle ticket cost be (do we need raffle tickets)? *25 -50 cents; there are raffle tickets in the office by the PAC box I think.*
- Would the POL classes be interested in putting together some poster presentations on local edible plants? *Kerry will check with them.*

Meeting Adjourned (7:43)

Next PAC Mtg: April. 11, 2017