



Sunrise Waldorf School PA

21 March 2022

21 March 2022 / 16:00-18:00 / The Hub

ATTENDEES

Name	Email & Consent to Minutes
Leah Winders	
Stephanie Sayers	
Andrew Sawyer	
Helen Wang	
Katherine Lampson	
Andrea Larson	
Katie Huston	
Angela Wang	
Lucien Power	
Jenni Lewis	
Arden Koontz	
Cara Bjornson	
Alexis More (Zoom)	
Lyndon Crossman (Zoom)	
Diana Sharpe (Zoom)	

- b. Gaming Grant – discussed so far
 - i. “All of us Crayons” will be purchased for all of the lower grade classrooms. Sheila getting a tally. Cara suggested perhaps looking at the Stockmar ones instead of using a new company. Stephanie to follow-up
 - ii. Circus equipment – will need a point person to figure out exactly what is needed and where to order from
 - iii. Still have enough funds for Orange shirts for the entire rest of school. Hilary (who designs hoodies) agreed to terms for making shirts. Jenni suggested using an Indigenious printer and ensuring that the shirts are designed by a local Indigenious person.
 - iv. Need to **apply for next year's gaming grant by April ??**
 - v. No request from faculty so far on how money is spent.
 - vi. Will vote on how to use Gaming grant at next PA meeting
- 3. Parent Enrichment – Angela
 - a. Ms Georgia gift has been presented on behalf of PA.
 - i. Sunrise Tea, flowers, card.
 - b. Kendra gift also organized by Sheila and Shannon, and already presented to thank for coaching basketball
 - c. Katia to be provided a gift as well for her support with basketball – Angela to organize and deliver on behalf of PA
 - d. Parent lectures
 - i. Ms Polly was paid
 - 1. 31 participants
 - ii. March we had Ms Hitch (2nd 7 years)
 - 1. 37 participants
 - iii. Feedback**
 - 1. Sound and video checks to be done via Zoom
 - 2. Having a second person to let people into the meeting was very helpful.
 - 3. Some people did not take in much from that talk with Ms Polly, found her style hard to take in over zoom. In person would have suited her better.
 - 4. PA ended up paying \$150 to Ms Polly for the lecture.
 - a. Donations totaled \$495
 - 5. Q&A was the best part of Ms Polly. Lots of good insight.

- 6. Reaching out to Ms Polly for a in person presentation in September.
 - iv. April lecture is Mima and Dorota
 - 1. ECE focused
 - 2. PA placing Advertisement again in Valley Voice for the ECE lecture.
 - v. Advertisement for Ms. Hitch lecture in the Valley Voice for the March issue
 - 1. At least 3 requests to attend the lecture came from people in the community as a result.
 - vi. Ms. Katia has been confirmed to do the lecture in May
 - vii. For June the plan is to do a Eurythmy class instead of a lecture - Helen says only indoors, the Hall was suggested
- 4. Garden - Jasmine
 - a. No Attendance
- 5. Faculty Update - Alexis
 - a. ECE Zoom workshops hosted by Mima and Dorota are going so well.
 - i. Topic: Simplicity Parenting with Kim John Payne. Going really well and is really fun.
 - ii. Having regular faculty meetings (in person)
 - 1. Focused on digging down into envisions
 - 2. Governance processes
 - 3. Who we are
 - 4. Next few meetings are going to be at theHub
 - a. Helps to have the Owl to have more people participate.
 - b. Faculty Snacks continue as is - set up in school Faculty Lounge and then Faculty can eat first or bring to Hub.
 - iii. Question from Cara
 - 1. Shared that one of her favourite things about the Faculty update was when a tidbit or snapshot was shared about what was going on in the school atmosphere.
 - 2. Alexis answered: I think we are feeling the Spring break reality of people on it now but not us. We are ready for Spring break as teachers, and are feeling

ready for a break. Envy perhaps of others being on spring break and having to wait for our spring break.

iv. Question from Angela re: policy change no masks needed. How do the teachers feel?

1. Alexis answered: It's mixed, a lot of us are trying to figure out when we want to wear our mask. Some are finding it hard to know when to put it on and take it off.

6. Administration Update - Katherine

- a. Feeling good!
- b. Busy working together as a team which is great, lots of registration things going on.
- c. Communication and attention to detail has been really forefront.
- d. Regular check-ins with Linda and Rachel, but have been very busy.
- e. New roles on websites and new positions.
 - i. Adding to the website all the time and making sure all functionality is working.

Question:

When does the communication happen to parents on what teachers are staying, going or moving on? No answer provided

Request:

Some parents have sent money for re-registration to the PA.

1. A reminder will be added in the newsletter that parents send funds to correct address.
- 2.

7. SES Board Report - Andrea, Diana

- a. Andrea
 - i. Concerns and discussion around the plan going forward for leadership and current model of leadership
 - ii. Lack of communication has been acknowledged by the Board.
 1. Going to be talked about in a retreat/workshop, to be able to develop processes for how the Board will communicate and acknowledge issues.
 - iii. A retreat/workshop is being set up by the Board
 1. No dates have been set, emails have been sent out to Board members.
 - iv. Lyndon had invited Qwiaqwuthw Robert George to be a guest speaker at the last Board meeting. He shared the Indigenous perspective on leadership, and prayed for our school on our journey.

Questions:

1. Working group: Who is on the working group? How did it come about?

a. Erin, Rachel, Alexis, Will, Katia, Roanne; all members volunteered.

b. Diana

i. Thank you to Angela for your hard work!

ii. A callout to parents for donations for extra parent work.

1. Ex Angela and family donating extra funds from Ms Polly and then using it for other purposes.

iii. Next board meeting Monday, March 28 17:30

c. A suggestion was brought forth for the leadership of the PA, Board, Admin, and Faculty to meet and address the issues of communication, policies, etc.

d. Alexis: Do you think it would be helpful to have something in the newsletter saying something about working group updates even if it is just “We met and we talked but were not sure where we are going, but we are working on it” At least something of what has been discussed and what they are doing.

IV. Questions for the SES Board (15 mins)

Opportunity to ask questions or gain clarity around anything from the Board Report. Anything that isn't resolved in our meeting, will be brought to the Board via Andrea and Diana, our liaisons.

A request has been made to have a policy and governance update on the work that has been going on at the Board level.

V. Funding Motions (5 mins)

2nd Reading “Be it resolved that SWPA will pay the stipend for Ms. Polly to give a Zoom lecture on the topic of The First Seven Years of Childhood on Feb 15, 2022 to the tune of \$150.00”

Mover: Lucien

Seconder: Katheine

Carried

1st Reading “Be it resolved that as a general policy, SWPA will pay a professional guest lecture fee of up to \$150.00 for Parent Enrichment opportunities.”

Mover: Andrea

Seconder: Angela

Carried

VI. Mayfest - Alexis (5 mins)

Overview of the Festival and what is the PA's role?

1. We were able to do it last year but only within the school.
2. May 7 2022 and is open to parents as a goal. Basically we are wanting to open it to parents and the wider community.
 - a. Would like to propose opening beyond parents and use to help enrollment
3. Cara mentioned that her family chose Sunrise because of the May festival.
4. PA does flower crowns
 - a. Grape vine bases
5. Festivals Coordinator - Jenni
 - a. Working in coordination with faculty
 - i. School holds performance part
 - ii. PA holds vendors, games etc.
 1. Can be as big as we want it to be if approved by H&S committee.
6. Sub Meeting for May Festival to be arranged.

End of Meeting

VII. Clarity of Roles - Alexis and Katherine (10 mins)

Provide overview of the Faculty Rep and Administrative Rep/Communications Director roles, and the communication protocol - when should parents direct their questions to you specifically?

VIII. Any other business (15 mins)

- a. Mother's Day - PA provide something?
- b. Gaming Grant - update
- c. PA Socials - propose potluck at Bright Angel April 27?
- d. Basketballs purchased from Dec 1 motion?
- e. Parent Directory - update

Action Items

Item	Key People	Details	Due Date
Allocating Gaming Grant	Fundraising Sheila, Mindy	Finalize Circus Equipment, All of Us crayons, orange shirts	To vote at next PA Meeting
Thanking Basketball Coaches	Angela	To provide thank you gift to Katia (Kendra + Georgia's gift have been given)	Prior to April 1, 2022
Lectures	Angela	Parents and wider community	April: Dorota & Mima - ECE Lecture May: Katia 7-14 years
Streamline Parent Donations	SWSPA	To encourage donations for future lectures	Prior to 2022/2023 School Year
Create Leadership Circle	Katie	Foster a positive and productive circle amongst all levels of leadership (PA, Board, Faculty, Admin) to open active communication channels	Prior to April 1, 2022
Mayfest	Jenni	Proposal to H/S committee for PA involvement (vendors, activities etc.)	Prior to March 30,2022
All of Us Crayons	Stephanie	Follow-up on order of these, potentially look into Stockmar instead.	By April 20, 2022
Circus Equipment	Stephanie, Sheila, Alexis?	Finalize what we need/want to	Before April 20, 2022

		order and from where	
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Closing Of Meeting (1 min)

To wonder at beauty, Stand guard over truth, Look up to the noble,
Resolve on the good, This leads us truly, To purpose in living, To
right in our doing, To peace in our feeling, To light in our thinking,
And teaches us trust, In the workings of god, In all that there is,
In the widths of the world, In the depths of the soul.

(Steiner's At the ringing of the Bells)

