

Parents' Advisory Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Jan 26th, 2021

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Via Zoom

PAC Executive

Jennifer Hickey (JH), Co-Chair; Leah Kimura (LK), Co-Chair; Taryn Hayes (TH), Co-Chair '21; Bonnie Leong (BL), Treasurer; Joanna Gyurkovics (JG), Secretary,

School Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal, Dana Aweida (LP), Vice Principal

Members at Large

Rachelle, Terry, Tiffany (present), Matthew (regrets), Rebecca (regrets)

Social Media Rep

Jennica (JH),

Other attendees Approximately 10 additional parents - Caitlin, Vince, Tiffany, Matt, Mike, Allison, Brandee, Rebecca.

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcomes, land acknowledgement and Introductions, including new Co-Chair, reminder two positions remain open: Vice Chair and DPAC rep, we will have new elections June 2021 (5 mins)	JH/LK	6:30 - 6:35
Taryn is new co-chair. Welcome Taryn! Leah and Jen not going anywhere for the next little while. Vice chair position and DPAC rep still open.		
2. Additions and approval of agenda (1 min)	JH/LK	6:35 - 6:36
Approval of agenda and minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taryn 1st• Jo 2nd		
3. Intro Taryn- new Co-Chair, liaising with Queen Vic re: anti-racism speaker (3 mins)	TH	6:36 - 6:39
Taryn Introduction Urban planner with 2 young kids. 1 in Grade K at Lord Nelson. Possible Queen Vic Collaboration Taryn has been approached by PAC at Queen Vic annex. Interest in partnering financially to bring a 2 x presentation series on anti-racism to the 2 x schools. Content: History of and current anti-racism activities in Canada. Queen Vic currently in research stages. Will bring more info to next PAC meeting.		
4. Playground update (2 mins)	LK	6:39 - 6:41

Playground update

Playground has been manufactured. Now needs to be shipped to Canada from the US. Will remain in VSB storage until ready to be installed. Waiting on update for rubber surfacing quote. Current track quote is over 2 years old. Question marks surrounding potential additional costs and what they might be. VSB has decided to provide correct drainage and have changed the plan to accommodate surfacing and structures. Leah & Kate staying on the case with VSB so as not to hamper progress or cause delays. *Note missed at meeting* KN going to apply for Kaltire grant

5. Treasurer update: totals final purdys funds raised GST update \$50 donation (7 mins)	BL	6:41 - 6:48
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Finance Update

Account levels haven't changed much. All funds have been removed from the VSB account into a general account so we can use the money without bothering Anna. A few outstanding deposits. Thank-you Peter Friedel for your generous donation of \$50 direct to PAC. Total funds balance = \$339,000. \$12978 available to claim back for the playground (GST & PST).

**Thank you to Bonnie for looking into this and facilitating these rebates so that the money can come back into the school.

DPAC will be putting out some information for other schools going through seismic upgrades and playground builds so that they can also claim rebates.

Lord Nelson PAC Funds

Balances as of:	Oct 31, 2020	Dec 31, 2020
General account	8,018.21	8,122.42
GIC's	98,749.14	98,749.14
Gaming account	68,706.33	73,851.33
VSB "account"	5,100.21	0.00
VSB Trust	155,824.06	155,824.06
Total	\$336,397.95	\$336,546.95

November / December Activity

GENERAL ACCT	IN	OUT
Weebly		-462.21
BCCPAC 2020/2021 Membership Fee		-75.00
GST Rebate (Purchases from the last 2 years)	863.69	
Reimburse Gaming Acct		-5,395.00
Transfer from VSB Acct	5,100.21	
GAMING ACCT		
Reimburse Gaming Acct	5,395.00	0.00
Templeton Bursary 2 of 2		-250.00
VSB ACCT		
Transfer to General Acct		-5,100.21
Net Activity	11,358.90	-11,282.42

GST & PST Rebates on Purchases

- ▶ GST 68% rebate
- ▶ PST 100% rebate
- ▶ Purchases from the past 2 years
 - ▶ Projector
 - ▶ Screen
 - ▶ Readers
 - ▶ Ukuleles
 - ▶ Natura Pod Furniture
- ▶ GST Rebate Received \$863.69
- ▶ Expect PST Rebate \$1,527.16

Outstanding Deposits

- ▶ Donation - \$50
- ▶ Purdy's Fundraiser Revenue- **\$2706.64**
- ▶ Brings our Total Funds Balance to \$339,303.59
 - ▶ (Includes 155k held in trust with VSB for Playground)

6. Westcoast seed fundraiser (7 mins)	RS	6:48 - 6:55
<p>Westcoast Seeds Fundraiser (Rachelle Siemens) Application has been picked up. Lord Nelson will be given a 40% return on purchases. Minimum spend of \$10. Money from this fundraiser will be ear-marked for gardening type projects within the school.</p> <p>Send email / text for to Anna Hayes so she can distribute fundraising offer to staff.</p> <p>Orders can be made 1st - 19th Feb. Should be ready to collect early March.</p> <p>Distribution Perhaps set up tables out front during the day? Perhaps drop off packages for divisions that teachers can distribute? Maybe a runner from each division collects and returns to division? Dan and Rachelle to discuss.</p> <p>Gardening tool storage DK - maybe looking at purchasing a box / shed. Some storage available in out building. Not sure at this stage what this will look like. Let's think about this as we move forward.</p>		
7. Saleema Noon (4 mins)	LK	6:55 - 6:59
<p>DK Re: Staff Survey Surveyed staff and received 17 responses. Majority Interested in option 2 ('Body science online'. Watch videos with teacher in class followed by online Q&A session) Looking into, can we zoom? Or do we have to use Teams? DK checking it out with IT about best way for group coming in virtually, hopefully on zoom and if that's an option. Once confirmed, a schedule will be set up for classes.</p> <p>LK Re: Motion Proposal If we do parent workshop and 2 x days of teacher workshops & Q&A, will likely cost around \$1550.</p> <p>LK proposes motion: Can PAC spend up to \$1800 for Saleema Noon workshop? 1st: Taryn Hayes 2nd Amanda Fergusson</p> <p>Amanda to look into whether there's something additional, specific for Grade 7 group and bring any ideas to the PAC.</p> <p>Dan thinks something around social media and online presence / safety would be of interest to students and school. Please let him know if you find something good. Jen and Amanda will look into this.</p> <p>We won't be offering igirl/iguy workshops see below from Saleema Noon Website: After much deliberation, we at Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators have decided that this school year will be the last in which we offer our iGuy and iGirl Empowerment Workshops during class time at all-genders schools. As experienced educators who value our gender diverse society, we feel increasingly uncomfortable asking students to choose between iGuy and iGirl.</p> <p>While we have no immediate plans to create an all-genders empowerment workshop for 9 to-12-year-olds, we will continue to bring our ever-popular iGirl weekend and summer workshops to several community locations throughout the year. At these community-based iGirl programs,</p>		

participants are enthusiastically opting in to a workshop with other kids who identify as girls as well as non-binary kids.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make this transition. We look forward to seeing you in our travels soon!

<p>8. Communications received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • call for members to join Hack space • COVID e-book geared to 6-8 year olds • YWCA healthy families speaker series • DPAC update, Option 4 learners email (10 mins)</p>	LK	6:59 - 7:09
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some Option 4 families at the school. Parents asking about support teaching from home and having some contact with teachers from home. How can we support our option 4 learners? Leah to contact parent re: sending a letter to our trustee. • DPAC has been quite active the past few weeks re: LRFP. Long range facilities plan has to be provided to the ministry of education. Last plan to come forward didn't get approved. Have been working on a new long range plan but there has been very little consultation with parents. A new plan did get passed last night. DPAC felt disappointed the plan didn't contain the big picture about how we want children to learn, also lack of engagement in the process, lack of content regarding how our children learn, lack of accuracy of some information. Also the vision created by the trustees (in consultation with DPAC) was featured as an appendix. Have assured DPAC this is a living breathing document, DPAC intends to hold them to this. • LINK • LINK to 2020 VSB Long-Range facilities plan 		
<p>9. Art Fair/Science Fair: not an an easy online option available for elementary aged students....this will likely be shelved til 2022 (2 mins)</p>	LK	7:09 - 7:11
<p>LK Searched online for options for junior school science fair resources but found nothing.</p> <p>DK Re: Mass Gatherings These are simply not an option at this stage...yet. Rules are different in high school.</p>		
<p>10. Admin (20 mins)</p>	DK/DA	7:11 - 7:31
<p>New build information Working on drainage. Most drainage is in, working from building to the field. Have graded down to where footings will go for outbuildings. Forms for slides have started. Concrete pour happening this week. Will work around arrival / recess / dismissal times. They plan to be out of there in May, fingers crossed!</p> <p>PU & Drop Off Thank you for your patience. Reminder to stay on side-walks. Let kids walk through the little garden by themselves. Parents can stand in the playground area if they feel the need. Do not try and PU your kids as they walk back to the field from the school. Please speak politely with other parents if you see anyone clogging up the flow. When kids are dismissed, please take kids home to avoid clogging. Goal is to keep everyone safe.</p> <p>Option 4 - At home learning</p>		

March 1st is the next entry point. Expectation is that everyone will be back at this point. 16 kids still on option 4.

Reporting Changes

No letter grades on report cards, this is a district mandate. New report card is strengths based. Emphasizing student capabilities. You will see siding bars with descriptors. "Beginning" to "extending". You will see areas of strength as well as areas where there is potential for growth. NO GRADES on these report cards. This is the first time doing this for the staff at Lord Nelson so it's a learning curve for everyone. Reports coming home on Friday Jan 29th. 2 x reports cards this year. 2nd and final report due on June 29th. Next Parent / teacher conferences March 3rd and 4th. More information to come. On conference days students will be dismissed at 2pm. Let the school know what you think of these new report cards.

Foundation Skills Assessment

Mandated testing from the Ministry of Education. Grade 4 & 7 assessments Feb 15th - March 12th.

Student Learning Survey

Students surveyed, also parents & staff. All being done online. Everything from curriculum to social emotional information. Helps with school growth planning.

Book Clubs (Teacher's Pro D day, self guided)

Teacher's have been keen to get together and create opportunities for community and 'togetherness'. Topics include: racism, reporting/evaluating students

Food Drive

School has been collecting food & donations for food bank. Kids have been really enthusiastic. Services needed all year round, especially after the hype of the holiday season.

ProD Day

ProD coming up in February. All virtual.

Family Day

February 15th - school is closed

Soap Rash

Several kids have been coming home with red-raw hands. May be a combination of the type of soap and increased frequency of washing. Dan will speak with facilities about the type of soap they use, also a reminder to kids to dry their hands.

Jennica Harper: Skin that isn't dried fully can become very raw. Might be helpful.

Talent Show

Staff do not have capacity to take this on as extra. Happy for PAC to put together a proposal.
(Rachelle)

Mask Usage

Board has shifted on their stance. All children of all ages are strongly encouraged to wear masks across the board. Mandate is for 6 & 7. Schools can not mandate other year groups to wear masks. Protocols are shifting and changing. Kids should not be pushing desks together in classrooms. Encouraging kids to wear masks would be a good thing.

Mass Gatherings

These are simply not an option at this stage...yet. Rules are different in high school.

Grade 7 Grad

At this point likely looking a lot like last year, but better! Hopefully some improvements on the tech side of things. Everything last year was virtual. There was a per student budget to create grab bags for students. Parents put together photo slideshows to be played in the BG during the ceremony.

Teacher Stipend

Dan passed along teacher stipend forms to teachers. Dan will remind teachers.

11. Additional Items (10mins)		7:31 - 7:41
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Soap

(See DK above)

Talent show

(See DK above)

Inramurals / track & field

(See DK above)

12. Informal Conversation		7:41 -
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Giant puddle 'Lake Nelson'

VSJ came out to drain it. They came, and the puddle was back almost immediately. It's completely plugged. There is form work happening directly where the puddle is, so it will be dealt with as the ramp is built as part of the build.