

Parents' Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 2019

6:15 pm Snacks and Greetings

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School - Library

Child-minding available

PAC Executive

Leah Kimura (LK), Co-Chair; Angela Wong-Moon (AWM), Co-Chair; Lisa Osoba (LO), Vice-Chair; Laura McGowan (LM) - absent, Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

Gail Marlow(GM), Interim Principal, Lisa Pathyil (RT), Vice Principal, Rachel Lloyd (teacher representative)

Members at Large: Amanda, Helen, Mike

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (LK and AWM)
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** (Jen approved, Angela seconded)

3. Build Report

Not ready yet. Lisa and Dan went in on Friday and it is starting to come together and will be a beautiful school. Common areas are large, the classrooms are smaller, but with the windows and the doors that open up, it will feel a lot larger than it in. The millwork is great. Hoping to take teachers through on May 17th Pro-D Day in groups of 4. Will most likely not be in the new school for this school this year, but barring any unforeseen circumstances, will be in the new school in September.

Will be sitting down and putting the furniture order in together this week, and then will pass it on to purchasing with VSB. Will start taking the old school apart as soon as the school vacates the premise and then mitigate the building. The old school will most likely still be standing in September.

4. Allocation of seismic funds (LO)

Teachers and school will start buying items. Lisa spoke regarding advocacy for furniture of the common areas of the school. A letter has been drafted to be sent to the Minister of Education, a board trustee, etc. to raise the issue that although we have raised \$200,000, this will still not be enough to furnish the new school, that we understand that the build is the priority, but wondering if policy shifts could happen to help fund some portions. Need to know about other schools that are in similar situations. Also going to share with teachers to see if they have any perspectives to share. Need to know how many funds we are short in order to fund the common spaces, even if it is approximate, but it is worth the shot to see if some funds can be

determined. Our PAC needs to make some noise in order to advocate for furniture. Thank you to Lisa for championing this cause.

5. Financial Report (LM)

No financial report. Templeton has requested a scholarship from Lord Nelson. Need to confirm the amount, and then most likely fine to proceed with that and can be approved via the PAC executive.

Yay for \$200,000!

6. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates

Babysitting Course (through Red Cross) will be offered on Apr. 29th on the Pro-D Day. Need to discuss the baby-sitting list and the notice that goes out regarding students (and their parents) being ok with their names going on the list. The legal department of VSB has some points regarding that letter and so some changes will need to be made.

Home Alone will be happening in May, with a cap of 15 students. It will be happening over 2 days from approximately 3:15-4:15pm. If there is lots of interest, she may run it twice. The Home Alone course is approximately \$10.

For baby-sitting and home alone course, looking into having parents email in if they want their children to attend and then bring in the registration form.

Movie Night: The Iron Giant on Apr. 5th made \$340. Not as well attended as in the past but was still good. Looking in to having a second parent help out with the movie night, who would be able to take over the event in the future. Will need to renew the Criterion membership (do it every year), but are looking into other options.

Will be looking for a chair/co-chair for next year as Angela will be stepping down. She will still be involved in the PAC to some extent, but not in the co-chair position.

Carnival planning is well underway. There is more cash donations, approximately \$5,300-\$6,000. Lots of donated items coming in and have seemed to match last years donations. All the carnival leads have been filled. Will be sending a volunteer call out for near the end of April, need approximately 100 volunteers to run the day.

Sports Day is June 7th. Will need two PAC volunteers for snack. Will be a similar set up as last year.

Teachers lunch will be occurring on June 13th - will need volunteers to assist with that.

Mabel's Labels forms here for Welcome to Kindergarten. PAC will also be in attendance at the Welcome to Kindergarten.

Two more coffee orders for this school year, at end of April and May.

7. Admin Report

Tennis program is going well. Worked out a few kinks for the after-school program.

Intermediate teachers are starting drama workshops during classroom sessions.

May 2nd will be the Big One at 2pm. Each classroom will have a pick up parent to practice the process.

Track and Field starts up as well as the Km Club. Badminton has also started up.

June 4th is the Volunteer Tea.

Next PAC meetings:

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019.

Meeting adjourned.

Monday, June 17- elections