

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, April 9th, 2018

6:15 pm Snacks and Greetings

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School – Library

Child-minding available

PAC Executive

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

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal; Lisa Pathyil (LP), Vice Principal; Kirsten Mendonca (KM), Templeton After School Programming; Rachel Llyod (RL), Teacher Representative

Members at Large: Helen, Sandra, Smiley

1. Welcome and Introductions (AWM)
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (KN approved; AWM seconded)
3. Templeton After School Programming (KM)
 - a. Plans for schools in the community, 2 programs at Nelson (one arts/crafts for primary – 10 spots, crafts based on stories; one theater/drama for intermediate – 15 spots, targeting different aspects of theater). Registration is this Thursday, and programs start next week. Programs are from 3-4:30pm on Thursdays. Delay with programming related to delay in having someone hired for the position.
 - b. Will be emailed to Anna and will have it distributed via email as well as notices being sent home. Another parent/caregiver can register a child if a parent is not able to be present to register.
4. New Build Report (DK)

Test fitting windows frames, so can get an idea of what that will look like. Walls of the gym are up, as to complete the 3rd floor (daycare floor), the gym had to be complete. Walls/rooms are starting to take shape of the new build (i.e. office). Kate, Dan and Steve will be meeting to discuss furniture needs, etc. Build includes a sound system for gym and multi-purpose room.

Crane is out on the street now, Garden St is currently closed, but not sure of information regarding how long that crane will be on site. Once third floor is in, Dan and Lisa will have the opportunity to do a walk through to look at site. Can start to get an idea of what the school will look like at this point.

5. Financial Report (LM)

Very little activity (besides the go fund me account, which is not yet in the account)

TOTAL TO DATE = \$136 000

Some money has been put into GICs to earn more interest while it is sitting there. If anyone has any questions, Laura is always happy to answer.

6. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates (KM/AWM)

Need to sell the cotton candy as it is approaching the expiry date.

Crowdfunding – \$21 690 and so goal was reached (73 people contributed). No plans to close the account at this time, and have raised the goal to \$30 000. Will run it again near end of school as well as in September. There will be raised interest again, which is what tends to happen.

Movie Night – \$601.14 The amount made seems to be going down; however, there was the snow storm and pizza slices were smaller and therefore charged less. Dan is still willing to help with the technology for movie night. Next movie night is Apr. 20th and doing Ferdinand. Should be ok for volunteers for this movie night.

Donald's Fundraiser – will run again in June

Coffee Orders – keeps going along, orders due on last Tuesday of the month.

Mabel's Labels – keeps going along – talk about including that information in the Welcome to Kindergarten bags (May 25th is the Kindergarten Session). Looking into pamphlets. Lord Nelson gets approximately 20% of purchases.

Baby-Sitting Course/Home Alone Course – have touched in with Cynthia and need to see if she is able to do for this year. Need to set up a time for babysitting course in May. PAC will pay for the course, and Anna tends to help organize.

Carnival –June 8th – Had another meeting last week and had a good attendance. Collected info for equipment needs (i.e. tables, chairs). Have determined areas covered and what needs to be done. \$3 600 cash donations have come in so far as well as additional donations. Call for volunteers for Carnival at the beginning of May (giving about 5 weeks).

Parent/Student Education – social media/use of technology, iGirl/iGuy workshops, drugs and alcohol, vaping, anxiety, etc. Lots of ideas put forward about topics. Will have another student session this year, but looking into ideas for next year.

Discussion regarding how to get more support for current parent volunteers.

Have put in a grant for Technology/STEM through Dan as well as for BCAA Play Here grant through Kate.

7. Admin Report (DK/LP)

Climbing structure potentially in need of repair and requisition for repair has been put in and Dan will follow up. May need funds for repair or replacement as potentially out of warranty.

Badminton (Mrs. Fung) 21 Grade 7 students – lots of interest in that activity so doing more of an intermural set up.

Track and Field will begin later on in May and will run for May/June. Need to have an organizational meeting and determine interest.

Steve will be attending the May PAC Meeting to discuss build.

Staff Changes: Mrs. Sullivan will be returning at the end of the month, and Ms. Dredge has already been placed elsewhere. Two supervision aids positions – one has been filled and the other is still vacant.

Autism Program will be moving to Trudeau Elementary. Will get 2 classrooms and a sensory room, so more space in that location. Will be moving so that they start the new school year in Trudeau Elementary.

Staffing will be discussed in May/June to determine needs for the 2018/2019 school year.

Kindergarten – 44 students registered – will have 3 classrooms for next year.

Student Learning Survey - Grade 4 and 7 students – students have completed but still open for parents.

Ready Set Learn – for 3-5 years of age - Hastings Community Centre on April 11th

Play Day – Teachers collected information from students – younger students were very excited about it, may need more coaching for older students regarding activities to bring that would be appropriate. Poor weather and lack of staffing made outside time not possible during school hours. Discussion regarding having another one this year.

Lock Down Drill this Thursday

Big Earthquake Drill in May

Fieldtrips and presentations are ramping up. Bike safety presentations, etc.

Dates to Know:

Calendar – VSB for 2018/2019 – link for VSB Website:

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VSB_School_Calendar_2018-19.pdf

7 non-instructional days

Sept. 4th – First Day Back

Sept. 21st – non-instructional day

Oct. 8th - Thanksgiving

Oct. 19th – district wide non-instructional day

Nov. 9th – curriculum implementation day

Nov. 12th – Remembrance Day

Dec. 21st – last day prior to Christmas holidays

Jan. 7th – school reopens

Jan. 25th – non-instructional day

Feb. 15th – district wide non-instructional day

Feb. 18th – family day

March/Spring Break – 18th to 29th

Apr. 19th - Easter Friday

Apr. 22nd – Easter Monday

Apr. 29th – district wide non-instructional day

May 17th – district wide non-instructional day

May 20th – Victoria day

June 27th – last day of school

Next PAC meeting dates:

May 14, 2018

June 18, 2018

Meeting adjourned.