

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, Feb. 24, 2020

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School – Multi-Purpose Room

Child-minding available

PAC Executive

Jennifer Hickey (JH), Co-Chair; Leah Kimura (LK), Co-Chair; Angela Wong-Moon (JH), Vice-Chair;
Bonnie Leong (BL) -absent, Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal, Lisa Pathyil (LP), Vice Principal

Members at Large: John, Smiley, Terrance, Karl, Michelle, Rachelle

1. Welcome and Introductions (LK and JH)

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: (Angela motioned; John seconded)

3. Build/Tear Down Update (DK/LP)

Destruction continues, building will come down at the end of May, remediation for summer (end of July) and the prepping of the track for October. Should hopefully be done all of the excavation before the rainier season starts. There has been more asbestos than was expected, which has caused the destruction to take longer than needed. Getting caught up on the deficiencies of the new school, and there are fewer of them at present (i.e. folding doors for classrooms).

4. Financial Report (LK)

End of January: \$334, 525 (approx. \$80,000 is gaming, \$160,000 is in GICs)

\$865 was made at the last movie night

\$106,000 came from LNOSC, also am working out some challenges re: gaming grants and have a bit more admin to work out regarding those funds. Gaming grants need to be spent on something that all of the children at the school will benefit from and should be spent in the year it is received (have approx. 36 months in which to spend it).

Bonnie is always open to share information regarding the finances, safeguards in place (i.e. no online, two signatures required), etc. as the information is open to anyone.

5. iPads – school could benefit from a new iPad cart, could at least add it to the wish list. Technology does have a shorted lifespan and so these items will need to be updated. VSB does

have a plan, but it is a bit ambiguous across the district as some iPad carts are PAC purchased and some are VSB purchased.

6. **Grad Committee** – Will be having a facilitated/graphical recorder, have 12 people on the committee, will need some fundraising as well as some money from the PAC, thinking about doing a raffle, Freezie Fridays (TBD), etc.

PAC will be purchasing tablecloths for \$50 to use for events.

7. **New Business/Upcoming Events**

Movie Night: May 1st – Movie Up! – new Movie Night committee is starting to take place as Helen will be stepping down

Spring Elections: looking for new executives for Co-Chairs, Secretary, etc.

All members will continue to be involved with the PAC in some way but a few positions will

Donald's Gift Card Fundraiser will be happening after Spring Break.

June 12: Family Picnic Fun Day

Games, picnic, sporting match, etc.

Will occur right after school until approx. 7pm

Will be taking the place of the Spring Carnival this year, as with the way the school is spread out, it will be very challenging to have the carnival

Other events will be happening in June: Sports Day snack (June 5th), Teachers Appreciation Lunch

8. **New School Spending Committee Update:** Approximately 10 parents are part of the committee, getting quotes for equipment, in touch with VSB grounds, will have enough funds for equipment outside of the KG area as well as along the longer stretch of the side of the school. With extra funds, it will be exciting to see what can be done.

9. **Additional Agenda Items:**

Concern re: amount of time children are given to eat lunch, given approximately 15 mins to eat, children are allowed to take their food outside to eat if they are not done. Topic brought up regarding Play First Lunch model. With recess being slightly later, this may be why some student lunches are not eaten to completion. Some teachers may be open to having children eat the remainder of their lunch in their class, but need to ask the classroom teacher.

10. **Admin Report**

Letter for Build2Learn: VSB asking parents/stakeholders feedback regarding how the school spaces are working to meet the needs at large. Was sent out from VSB Communications via email.

Had a group of people from the Yukon, including the superintendent, as building a new school up there.

Busy month with Report Cards, Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, Climate Fair, Ice Skating, Book Fair, WE-Day fair, Lion Dance, Play Day in the new building, as well as other in-class and off-site field trips.

Basketball season is wrapping up. Boys team is hosting a tournament.

KG Registration – 90 catchment students registered; spots were offered to 57. Waiting to see what happens with the choice programs to see if all children are accounted for. VSB will find placements for all children but may not be in the catchment school.

First set of report cards went home, next set will be at the end of June. There will be a point of contact between parents and your class teacher between now and the end of the school year.

March is a short month. There will be a dance program here the week before Spring Break, but unfortunately with space, there will not be enough room for parents to watch.

Pink Day assembly on Wednesday at 11:15am.

Calendar for 2020/2021 is being approved right now via VSB, for Pro-D Day, etc. so will be sending it out once we know.

Next PAC meetings:

Monday, Apr. 7th, 2020

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