

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, Jan. 13, 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), Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

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

Members at Large: Terence, John, Connor

1. Welcome and Introductions (LK and JH)

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: (Jen motioned; Bonnie/Angela seconded)

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

Not much to report. Building is wrapped. Site superintendent is trying to figure out a way to most efficiently remove the asbestos from one area. South stairwell is being finished up, weather dependent. Access from outside fine, but then will be working on stairwells from 2nd to 3rd floors. Potential for spring break for when the old school may come down. Waiting to hear from Steve regarding the track funding, as will need to break ground by the end of July.

4. Financial Report (BL)

Approx \$331,847 related to contribution from OSC of \$106,000 (money to go towards something that all the kids will benefit from and that after-school care children would benefit from - such as a playground)

Parent Social, Purdy's and Card Project totalled \$5909

Also, a family donation and a workplace donation

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. New Business/Upcoming Events

January Movie Night: Jan. 31st, Inside Out, always looking for volunteers so if you are able to, the help is always appreciated; ensure that your chair is protected for it to go on the gym floor. Helen has done a great job and is stepping down after this year. There will be one more movie night this year. New movie provider has been very good.

Climate Change Fair: Feb. 12th from 6-7:30pm, about 46 participants registered but do get last minute registrants, will have same format as previous fair. Another email reminder will go out to parents. There will be a few prizes. Connor was asking if there can be a table regarding Climate Change and Climate Action at the fair. Counsellor Christine Boyle may be a good resource. Also had some suggestions regarding positive messaging. May need a cash box regarding a concession/snacks.

Spring Elections: If anybody is interested in stepping up and taking on a position, there will be a few changes next year. Courtney, Jen and Leah will be stepping down from their executive roles. It helps to talk with the current executives to discuss roles so that people interested know what the role entails.

Spring Family Event: Possibly a family picnic with a sporting/activity event of parents vs. kids. But still early with the thought process regarding it. June 12th is the date set for it. Will be cancelled if it rains.

New School Spending Committee Update: No update; hoping for a meeting at the end of the month. Only one quote so far but met with someone else today and waiting on a quote from them. Have a quote regarding fitness nodes already. Fitness nodes will have to be installed with the track; the other items can be installed at another date. VSB grounds will also have to oversee as well, as they will be responsible for upkeep, code adherence, etc. Need to have an idea by May for install to occur during the summer. School field will need to be updated; however, not until the other areas have been completed so that the children have a place to play.

6. Additional Agenda Items:

Intersection around school: lots of concern regarding the round-about being dangerous. VSB, CoV, police, school trustees so wanting for the next steps. Niz/support staff is currently handling the congestion of vehicles, but more parents need to be aware, education of children regarding appropriate street crossing etiquette. Parents can contact CoV regarding concern and can also contact Cov regarding new development going in on Garden/Nanaimo. May have to involve by-laws or VPD more. Can't have safety patrol out there as there is no marked cross-walks.

Motion re: school lunches: follow up with parent that wanted the motion put forward.

7. Admin Report

Thanks for an awesome pancake breakfast. Went well.

Classes have started going skating.

Pro-D Day on Monday, Jan. 20th - Hosting 140 teachers

Lion Dance on Jan. 27th at 2pm

Gr. 4 and 7th parents. FSA results going home soon. Feedback will occur as well for students and parents.

KG Registration - 78 registered at this point. Usually lose 12-15 for choice programs. May have to have a lottery with a waitlist should space become available. Have space for 60 children. Will have siblings have first priority. May not be possible to take children cross

boundary for Sept 2020. Choice registration has opened (Jan. 13-Feb. 4th). Cross Boundary applications open Feb. 1 to Feb. 28th.

Feb. 20th placement at catchment school and choice programs will be offered and families will have 48 hours to respond. Enrollment is currently above VSB predictions

Sr Girls and Sr Boys, Jr Girls and Jr Boys Basketball has started (generally Gr. 6s and 7s, but sometimes Gr. 5s) - teacher sponsor needs to be a part of the team but can have a parent coach assist. Britannia is hosting a tournament. Thank you to the teacher coaches that our teams have.

Next PAC meetings:

Monday, Feb. 24th, 2020

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