

## **Parents' Meeting Notes**

**Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Vice-Chair; Laura McGowan (LM), Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

### **Representatives**

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

**Members at Large:** Leah Kimura, Kelly

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (AWM)**
- 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (KN approved; AWM seconded)**
- 3. New Build Report (DK)**

Won't be opening for September, and officially it will be January 2019 and working hard to keep on time for that date. Weather (snow/wind from two harder winters) has caused delays as well as contractor's organizational challenges (site access, schedule, etc.). 75% done the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (i.e. daycare), and approximately 55-60% done entire building. Have set specific milestones to achieve by the end of summer, and this will dictate how the fall build goes. Panelling will have to go on the block façade outside. Should be a lot of diffused light in the new building, but west side will have minimal windows so temperature should be maintained at a constant temperature. Move does not have to coincide with a break. Movers are efficient and can do it over the weekend; however, do have to allow teachers time to set up, organize, etc. If teachers have to come in over the weekends/time off to set up, then it's time owed to them, which can complicate matters.

In terms of supplies/furniture from the PAC, will meet in the early fall to determine timelines, needs, etc.

- 4. Financial Report (LM)**

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 \$122 000

May 31<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Report: Made a net of \$39 000 prior to carnival of total of \$161 000

Approximately \$24 000 from carnival

Approximately \$185 000 is current total

Fundraising Sources: Carnival, Donald's GC, Purdy's, Movie nights, Coffee, Costume Sale

Important to remember that some activities are Fun-raisers vs Fundraisers

Discussed opportunities for fundraising for next year: Silent Auction at different location than school, tapping into ways that work better for people to give (to give art, space...), direct donation (eg/ Lord Tennyson – ask Kate as well worded), ensuring that there are opportunities for everyone to donate by either direct donation or by purchasing items (i.e. Donald's GCs, coffee, purdy's, etc.)

RBC Volunteers: discussion on how to utilize them better next year at the carnival

## 5. Review of 2017/2018: Key Events/Volunteers

**Will add list of events that PAC does as well as where the funds go from fundraising on the website.** Allows families, parents, contributors, etc. to know where the money goes from fundraising activities. Will also need to have a conversation about what the PAC's new "normal" will look like once the main fundraising for the new build is done. Examples: assemblies, presentations, fieldtrips, being more cultural and arts focused.

Thanked everyone for volunteering for the carnival and for supporting the fundraising opportunities from this year.

Notes for next year: craft from carnival was amazing; however, was under utilized. Could look at it to re-do it throughout next year as the stamp was a stamp of the school (which would be torn down). May do it as part of the Card Project for next year.

## 6. Discussion of priorities for 2018/2019

PAC Executives to meet in late August to discuss priorities for next year. There will be a grand opening of the new school at some point as well as a wrap-up from the old school. Could pair the carnival with an open house of the new school as there is some interest from past alumni. No one specifically collects from school from VSB; however, Dan and Lisa are looking into what they want to collect from the school to have in the new school.

Bayview Elementary has gotten in touch with PAC to connect via new build as they will be going through a seismic upgrade soon.

Jen Hickey is heading up carnival for next year and has some ideas of what to move forward with

Education Nights: Street Drugs and Kids; Children and their Resilience/EQ; Physical Literacy; Anxiety; Body Science (Selema Noon)

1. Body Science
2. May do a poll for other option

As school is focusing on Resilience, may be good to align with that.

## **7. Administration Report**

Track and field season ended strong – lots of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as well behaved and well represented at Van Tech. At Swan guard, more limited as more structure, only can participate in 2 races, etc. At Secord, was more about participation/inclusivity.

Sports Day will the whole school together on the grass field as well as for the tug o' war. Thanks to PAC for snack.

Welcome to Kindergarten was well attended, had 2 sessions and went over really well. Parents had a chance to talk with teachers, admin, other parents, etc. Community Health Nurse, Librarian from VSB, PAC Co-Chair, etc all attended as well.

Volunteer Tea was also well attended. Thank you to teachers for organizing that!

Play Day went really well from last week. Reflected on last Play Day about what didn't work. Had a committee with feedback from children and put a video together about what students could do to play on Play Day. Mrs. Lloyd interviewed teachers about what they did as children and presented to children. Gym was managed differently with just Mr. Knibbs running the gym. Less "high-energy" from children related to Play Day, and letting children know that they will be in charge of their own plan. More front-loading tended to be more successful. Looking into how to share video with parents as will be great for prior to summer.

Staff Appreciation Lunch this Thursday.

School Plan (year 1 of a 3-year cycle) Have a hunch that children are less resilient, with the idea that the more comfortable children feel at school, the better they will learn, understand their learning, why their learning is important, why are we teaching what we are teaching, etc. Coupled with the new curriculum of being more student-direct/student-centred learning.

Have been interviewing all of the children about their resilience, and the value of their learning. 10-12% of the children cannot identify two adults that feel they can succeed, which is interesting, and why teachers need to be engaged in their learning. More important is to look at why those 10-12% are not connecting with teachers, and move forward with that.

Ms. Mould, Ms. Cook, Mr. Steve Asdrubale, Mrs. Hoang, Ms. Matlock, Cynthia C (support staff) are leaving

Gavin Landreth, Lori Fraser are hired; will have to hire a primary position and a coverage for the Gr. 6/7 position that is currently being filled as Ms. Conley covering the spare.

Will have 3 KG classes, as have only 42 students

Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Year End Assembly June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am – can accommodate parents if possible

June 28<sup>th</sup> is the Last Day of School; admin and teachers still in on June 29<sup>th</sup>

September 4<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school, only for an hour, PAC will hold a Welcome Tea

Had one bike stolen from Lord Nelson, and one was stolen but it was recovered, and have attempted to steal another. Have had a discussion with community liaison about the U-locks as being the biggest deterrent. Will be more visible in the new school.

Tennis Program (Nash Voltek) is a possibility for school programming for next year. Will need funding from PAC to have that next year.

## **8. Election of Executive Committer for 2018/2019**

Co-chair: Angela Wong-Moon

Co-chair: Leah Kimura

TBD: Helen Gabour

Vice-chair: Lisa Osoba

Treasurer: Laura McGowan

Secretary: Courtney Hall

Website/Communication (need to firm up position role): Dalal Kawas

## **9. Informal Discussion**

Big thank you to Kate for all of her amazing effort, tenacity, drive and focus she has put into the PAC, the carnival and fundraising for the new build and other activities that the Lord Nelson Elementary PAC participates in. We are so thankful for all the work you do, as well as all the behind-the-scenes magic that you pull. THANK YOU from all of us!

**Dates to Know:**

School Calendar for 2018/2019

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sites/default/files/VSBSchoolCalendar2018-19.pdf>

Oct. 16/17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday/Wednesday) Goal Setting Conferences (2:00pm early dismissal)

Feb 20/21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday/Thursday) Goal Setting Conferences (2:00pm early dismissal)

Classes participating in pilot project are tying in their reporting with the goal setting conferences

Pro-D Days for 2018/2019

Sept. 21, 2018

Oct. 19, 2018

Nov. 9, 2018

Jan. 25, 2019

Feb. 15, 2019

Apr. 29, 2019

May 17, 2019

**Next PAC meeting dates:**

TBD for September 2018. PAC will sponsor Welcome Tea on the first day of school, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.