

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, June 17, 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), Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

School Representatives

Dan Knibbs (DK), Lisa Pathyil (RT), Vice Principal

District Representatives

Michael Rossi (District Principal of Educational Planning), Steve Snyder (Project Manager)

Members at Large: Jeff, Janice, Bonnie, Terry, Amanda, Jen, Mike, Cynthia

1. **Welcome and Introductions (LK)**
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** (to be followed up)
3. **Build Report/Seismic Funds (DN)**

School will be finished, and children will be in new school for September. Old school area will be fenced off (mid-July) to start hazardous remediation (takes approx 6 weeks and school will be bagged during process), then demolition. Mosaic will most likely be moved, but it depends how it stays together. Site entry will continue to be Kitchener St and then area will slowly be landscaped and turned into play area, track, etc. Children will have to access field from sidewalks as the old school will be blocked off. There will be an out-building near Kindergarten area as well as a small Kindergarten playground. Covered areas for bike storage/ bike racks, etc.

Next summer (2020), the grass field will be re-done, with new irrigation system.

Projector is set up in the gym, with sound system, so movie nights should be good for the new school year.

Summer programming (i.e. OSC Camps) will be moved over 2nd/3rd week of July before hazardous remediation begins.

4. New School Fund Committee (LK)

There will be a new committee in the fall, regarding how to spend our money from PAC fundraising.

5. Financial Report (LM)

Will need to determine budget for the PAC moving forward to ensure that we are spending money on what we want, as well as are spending within our limits given that we may not be fundraising as aggressively moving forward and may concentrate more on FUN-raisers 😊

Money will need to come from the VSB/school account initially, as this is the account that provides tax receipts from and is a PAC account, but also the school's account. Then money will need to come from the Gaming Account (approx. \$30,000).

Carnival raised \$38,000 and total income was \$29,000.

May 31, 2019 → \$200,489.00 but anticipate it being \$231,283.52 by end of June 2019.

Need to sort out a way that record of treasurer account can also be accessed by Co-chair, etc. via a cloud or something like that. Other discussions needed regarding receipts (i.e. separate receipts, etc.).

6. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates/Elections (AWM, LK)

Carnival went well, all came together and really appreciated all of the hard work that everyone The weather also was great, which helped make the day run smoothly.

Teacher appreciation lunch was last week, and the food was great and well appreciated. Thank you to the parents that helped to organize that lunch.

Sports Day snack support went well, was easier this year due to poor weather so was just delivered to the classrooms.

School Celebration is this Thursday (June 20th), PAC is providing coffee and tea as well as supporting at a table regarding items being sold by donation. May need a few volunteers to help at the event.

Wondering if teachers are willing to do the Card Project again next year, would like to start earlier in the school year.

Discussion regarding still sending the letter that the PAC had written, but reformatting the letter to be more of a thank you.

Elections:

Nominations given, seconded the nominations, and then additional nominations called. Elections results were as followed:

Co-chair/Co-chair: Leah Kimura/Jen Hickey

Vice-chair: Angela Wong-Moon

Treasurer: Bonnie Leong

Secretary: Courtney Hall

Executive Members at Large: Terry Smith

(Discussion regarding this is a helpful way to be more involved with the PAC, attend PAC meetings when possible, be involved with decision making that occurs behind the scenes, etc. and will look to fill a few more spots)

7. Admin Report

Two weeks left of school but still a very busy time. Lots of packing and purging, getting everyone ready to be moved during the summer. School needs to be ready to be moved by July 3rd.

“Goodbye Nelson” School Celebration will start at 4pm, is an open house, but also has a timeline to the event as will be a video, performances from kids, etc. There will be Gr. 6/7s being room hosts to answer questions about the school. There will be some heritage boards, also pictures of class photos from the archives, also will be able to sign the wall in the library. Great committee heading it up. Not sure the numbers that we will be getting. Some dignitaries, politicians, etc. will be there as well.

Fee schedule for next year will be the same. Agendas \$10, Performances \$10 (3-4 a year), Activity/Program fee \$10 (gymnastics, hip-hop, tennis), Camp for Grade 7s approx. \$300, Supply fee \$35 (increase of \$10 from last year) and this will be coming home next week but don't have to pay until September and hopefully most will pay online (approx. 50% of students are registered). Paying for fieldtrips will

School calendar is set, was emailed out and is now tied to the website. Two weeks at Christmas, two weeks at Spring Break, 4 early dismissal days and 5 Pro-D days. Recess time is now 10:30-10:50pm, but will be 10:50-11:05. Lunch is now 12:10-12:57 and is changing to 12:00-12:47pm.

School growth plan was submitted to board and was passed. Plans are now on 3-year cycles, with next year being the 3rd year. Resiliency is a big topic, as children seem to be more frustrated, giving up more easily on tasks, etc. Interviewed majority of students and are looking through the answers to find themes. Also moving towards an inquiry model of teaching. Also 15 of 20 members of staff did an inquiry project this year which leads to more understanding regarding that concept. Will be re-interviewing children next year as part of the project. The growth plan is on the website if anyone is interested.

Three staff are leaving: Mrs. Durrieu, Mrs. DiLasser, Mrs. Seah

Hiring for those positions, as well as a resource teacher. No other known staff changes at this point.

Also hiring a music teacher, which was hired today. Will be teaching dance, music and drama, and seems very excited and keen about the position.

Will be holding drum circles throughout the day tomorrow as the drums are all done now and are celebrating the process.

Grade 7 leaving ceremony is June 25th, school year end assembly is June 27th.

New school will need new volleyball nets, requested from PAC to fund for items. The nets will be \$3,031. Put a threshold on the amount of \$5,000 to come from the VSB account.

Staff room is not being furnished, so admin is still trying to sort that out.

Thank you for an amazing carnival. Thank you for the Staff Appreciation Lunch. And thank you for the snacks for the Sports Day.

Next PAC meeting will be decided at a later date.