

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, November 20, 2017

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 Osaba (LO), Vice-Chair;

Laura McGowan (LM), Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal, Rosemary Thomas (RT), Vice Principal

Members at Large: Yvonne, Caitlin, Megan, Sandra, Kelly, Matt

1. Welcome and Introductions (KN)
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: (AWM approved; LM second for both)
3. New Build Report (DK)

Oct. 26th did a site walk of the build and the spaces, great music room with lots of windows, upstairs views will be incredible, great to see the space

No big news, the build continues but the rain makes it challenging and so need to put up tarps, but the build has been going fairly well with minimal disruptions to the ongoing activity at the school. No real update on completion date – it is too early to say. Demo will occur after full-move to new school is done, and then land will have to sit before landscaping can be done.

4. Financial Report (LM)

September \$112 000 with gaming account \$10 191.58

To date \$127 943

Highlights: Donald's \$2 145, Gaming grant \$8 800, Costume sale \$2 166, Movie Night \$600, Family Pic \$2 340

Looking into grant options for school and playground, AVIVA community fund (annual cycle), RBC grant, matching fundraisers, etc.

5. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates (KM/AWM)

Current fundraisers are lagging (Purdy's and Poinsettias) but not closed yet, approximately a third of where they were last year

But card project has done really well, making \$1 475

Pancake breakfast Dec. 8th, Friday, volunteers needed and need to be here at 8am to 11am

Not sure about running Donald's fundraiser now or wait until 2018, but thinking about putting it on hold until then

Struggling with not wanting to overload families with information but wanting to get the information out to families

Parent Information Night - 21 signed up online and usually at least 10 come to the door, have paid for the speakers so any extra will go to profit

Christmas concert on Dec. 19/20th, odd divisions one night/even divisions the other night, the choir will perform both nights though, requests that the grades vs. divisions are listed in the program

Science Fair – Angela made a motion to ask the PAC for money (\$500-600) to help set up the Science Fair and to make it a bit more exciting. Mad Science – does birthday parties, after school programs, corporate events. Having two presentations (an hour in length) or four stations (15 mins each). Although making it more of a Science Week as science projects will be done at home and parent-driven but the presentation will allow kids that may not have that opportunity at home still have the science exposure. Potential for connecting with other resources such as UBC education program, AquaVan through the Aquarium, STEM program at Templeton, etc. Teachers and 4 parents on the committee. First year, so more of a pilot project, but hoping that it will build in the years to come. All were in favour of allowing money to go to Science Fair.

Movie Night – Polar Express Dec. 8th at 6:30pm

6. Admin Report (DK/RT)

Volleyball season underway, girls and boys (Gr. 6/7) – Niz, Mrs. Fung / Mrs. Dalla-Zanna, Mrs. Jung

Basketball season starts in January

Hired last resource staff – Ms. Mudaliar

Turn over in building engineering staff – new position just hired as well as the assistant (who does the cleaning at night) as well as a custodial position of 6-10pm nightly

Kindergarten registration has begun, added two blocks to the catchment area due to MacDonald catchment area, 22-23 registered so far, had 58 registered last year, considering

Garibaldi/Lord Nelson together and can make your preference known; however, may come down to a draw. Closes Jan. 31, 2018 for catchment registration. Usually looks at Gr 7s leaving (which is 57/58), but depends on the year. Last year there were 4 families out-of-catchment with a sibling in the school that did not get in.

Christmas concert - Dec. 19th(odd divisions)/20th (even divisions) but can also attend afternoon performances and the evening performances. Will still run into issues with number of people that can attend due to the fire code and will have to sell tickets. Choir is both nights. May have to put a limit on number of tickets sold to each family. More information in the news letter to come.

Goh Ballet Performance – performances from the Nutcracker and some modern dancing. Well received and very positive feedback.

Remembrance Day assembly – all children did a wonderful job. Garibaldi attended as well.

Gr. 4/7s completed the FSAs and will go home to parents once results are received.

Division 4 is working with an artist in residence and school will be able to view on Friday. Program is related to Making of Cantastoria

Nov. 28th – First of two lockdown drills, school goes through the procedure, out of sight lines of windows and quiet during the drill. Police liaison usually invited to the school. Students given frontloading to drill and discuss it afterwards in an age-appropriate fashion.

Dec. 1st – Pro-D Day - have spent \$5000 on robotics equipment with encoding at Carnarvan Elementary

Dec. 8th – Pancake breakfast - children to bring their own plates and cutlery

Dec. 18th – Report cards go home except for VSB pilot (Divison 9, 10, 11) which will be in January

No PAC meeting in December, so next meeting in January. Next PAC meeting dates to be determined and announced.

Meeting adjourned.