

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, October 15, 2018

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 (in attendance for items 1-4); Laura McGowan (LM), Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary - absent

Representatives

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

Members at Large

Jennifer Day, June Thompson, Tammy Wallis, Terry Smith, Mike Zonneveld, Rachelle Woodman, Amy Gilmore, Bonnie Leong

1. **Welcome and Introductions (LK and AWM)**

2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes; Confirmation of Motions from Sept Meeting**
 - (a) **May 2018 PAC Meeting Minutes:** LK moved to approve, AWM seconded
 - (b) **September 2018 PAC Meeting Minutes:** June Thompson moved to approve with one change- reference should be to May 2018 meetings, not June, under Item #2. AWM seconded.
 - (c) **Agenda for tonight's meeting:** Angela moved to approve.
 - (d) **Confirmation of Motions from September meeting:** Two motions discussed at the September meeting were brought and voted on since they were not voted on at the September meeting.
 - (i) PAC funds to be used for projector in new school: LK moved, AWM seconded that the PAC provide \$10,000 to the school to purchase projector to be used in new school building common area. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - (ii) Teachers' stipends to be paid: June Thompson moved, LM seconded that the PAC provide a maximum of \$5000 for teachers' stipends to be used for supplies and classroom enhancements. Enrolling teachers to receive funds based on \$10 per student and non-enrolling will receive a smaller proportional amount to be determined by administration. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Build Report (DK)**

Roof is going on new building, and windows are being put in. Inside work continues. Hope to be moving in at spring break this school year. Steve will likely attend next meeting to give further update. Architecture is based on a more collaborative teaching style. Parents are interested in receiving more information on the philosophy behind the design. Teachers and admin have done a lot of work already on how the space will be utilized - classrooms are smaller than right now but more common areas to encourage more interaction between a greater number of students and teachers. May be some kind of open house for parents around the time of the spring carnival.

4. Financial Report (LM)

Total at last report was \$184,600. Since then, gaming grant of \$11,000 has been approved, and \$2000 has been made from Donald's gift card sale. Current balance about \$197,000.

Of this amount, approximately \$115,000 has been put into term deposits to earn more interest.

5. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates

Donald's gift cards raised \$2200!

Onyx orders are finished and will be delivered soon.

Garibaldi Annex PAC's funds will pay for visit from the Planetarium.

Poinsettia orders will be due by Nov 24 and will arrive Dec 4.

Purdy's orders will arrive Dec 4 or 5.

PAC will feature a writeup on Continental Coffee in next PAC newsletter.

Upcoming Dates

Movie Night - Oct. 26th - Curse of the Were-Rabbit!

Next movie night - Dec 7 - could use more volunteers

Halloween Monster Mash - Oct. 31st during the day

Family Portraits - sold out! - Nov. 3rd

Parent Social - Nov. 16th

- more information coming soon on this event - ticketing, price etc.
- will have a live band and a wishlist for teachers that parents can contribute to

Pancake breakfast (Lions cooking) - Dec 7

6. Admin Report

Cross-country meet will take place Oct 18.

Volleyball underway for senior boys (Mr. Landreth) and senior girls (Mrs. Fung & Mrs. Lirenman).

Mrs. Delasser collecting socks for Socktober.

New procedure for Kindergarten registration online:

- Step 1: online completion of VSB registration form. Parents use this process for any new K-12 registrations for the remainder of this school year, and to register for 2019-20 school year.
- Step 2: Print out registration form and bring to catchment school with required documentation for verification as in the past.
- Nov 1 to last weekday of Jan is deadline for priority enrolment
- Jan 15 to first week of Feb is Choice Application process
- Feb 1-Feb 28 is period for cross boundary applications

VSB issued notice re water quality at Nelson; Fortis BC asks that students dress warmly at school.

Rob Currie has returned to staff.

Terry Fox run took place Sept 27 and we exceeded our goal and raised just under \$1300.

Walk-a-thon took place Fri Oct 12 and was a great day.

Goal setting conferences and book fair - Oct 16 and 17.

Non-instructional day - Oct 19.

7. Other Business

A new lead is required to head up Parent Information nights. June Thompson offered to look into options. Laura Secord Elementary is offering a 3-session night including topics on neuroplasticity and social emotional learning.

Next PAC meetings:

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018

Monday, Jan. 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned.