



LORD NELSON ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Parents' Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2017

5:45 pm Snacks and Greetings

6:00 pm – 8.00pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School – Library

PAC Executive

Cynthia Farnsworth (CF), *Co-Chair*; Kate Newstead (KN), *Co-Chair*; Kelly Carter (KC), *Vice-Chair*; Laura McGowan (LM), *Treasurer*; Ken Eliuk (KE) absent /Theresa Gibbons (TG) absent, *Fundraising*; Jane Tilley (JT), *Secretary*

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), *Principal*; Rosemary Thomas (RT), *Vice-Principal*

Members at Large

Courtney, Amy, Rachel, Sandra, Helen

1. Welcome and Introductions (CF):

Approval of Minutes and Agenda (Helen, seconded by Kelly)

2. Committee Updates:

Movies (Helen Gabor):

- Last movie night, Trolls, took \$840 at the door. Average in the fall was about \$620. Concession sales yet to be counted. Great to have a newer movie as it gave everyone something that Netflix cannot offer. April 2nd is the next movie night: looking for a new release since no-one seems to be set on Star Wars, to be determined before spring break, ideally. Regarding advertising: it would be good to have a couple of weeks. Environmental question about the vinyl poster: better to have a generic poster (more streamlined, less materials) that can be updated with dates and movie title. Helen will talk to Brad. Also could use the Marquee inside the school - "Coming Soon". Facebook and email in advance probably hits the most people. Also good to have a poster outside to encourage the neighbours to attend. Make sure that Garibaldi is included in the group movie email.

Parent Information night (Sandra Heusel):

- Wed April 5th in the gym - parent presentation on Body Image by Renae Regehr (<http://freetobetalks.com/>) all set - just need to advertise. We will offer childcare to Lord Nelson families only (maximum 15 kids). Sandra will add the childcare option to Eventbrite: parents

effectively need to pay for a second ticket to cover the childcare cost. \$5 for childcare. Tickets are \$5. Kelly will organize babysitters. Dan/Rose will forward to other schools. Rose - chairs for 200. AV will be set up. Talk will be of interest to parents with kids of all ages. Grades 4-5 group is a new group for her. Any issues that parents would like to discuss?

- Mon May 1st - in the library - Cath Blythe from Salem Noon will give a parent session informing about the Body Science sessions she will be conducting with the kids. Kids sessions run between recess and lunch. School will send out a letter to parents in advance.

Carnival (KN):

- Carnival set for June 9th. Fraser Amusements have not committed due to sickness in the family. Ken will try one more time to get commitment. If this doesn't work out: Party works are available and could provide climbing wall, bouncy castle, inflatable slide, variety of games etc. They would man the climbing wall and castle. We would have to provide volunteers for the games etc. Grades 6 and 7s could help with that.
- Hard to tell whether this would be a better deal or not as the terms are different. Should be about the same. We may need to rally more volunteers. It was noted that at Queen Vic - all games are run by kids. Perhaps the Leos at Temp could come back - or other Nelson alumni. The Rockwall is booked in any case. There will be a Carnival committee meeting next week.
- Volunteers needed for the committee

Upcoming events (KC):

- Thank you for the bursary at Temp; Invitation to go to the graduation ceremony
- Laura will write cheque Kate will respond.
- May 19th Sports day - need to line up people a couple of weeks in advance. Add to agenda for April meeting
- Babysitting course - Cynthia (possibility of running it May 5th Pro-D day - instructors usually supervise lunch break); May 29th/15th or April 24th week of spring concert. Usually grades 5,6,7 11 and up. Not everyone takes it.
- Home Alone course would be great - Helen.
- Grade 7 grad: have traditionally given money for music. Graduation is June 27th. Kristen has offered to help coordinate with grad committee and staff.
- Lunar new year: Jenny Kwan donated red envelopes. Turns out there was a calendar with her name and picture inside which was not well received.

Fundraiser gift cards (KN):

- Donalds are totally willing to support a gift card fundraiser - we get 10%. Rod will do a poster. April campaign - get volunteers to take order at front/back of school, with credit card sales possible. (Should allow parents to indicate whether cards can be sent home with kids).
- Cynthia has researched Shopfunds. also Fundsript. (percentage depends on the store - 235 retailers). Will revisit in April with a view to perhaps pursuing this in the fall.

Seismic (DK/RT)

- Footings poured. Forms laid etc. kids monitoring. Rachel: some classrooms get more noise. Would rather be here than be moved elsewhere. Kids are interested in the construction. They are doing a project about it. Mrs Fung's class are doing something too. Main disturbance has been impact of the compacter and roller compressing the soil. Snow delayed a little. Just one

complaint regarding parking on Kitchener - RT has spoken to the site manager. Info courtesy Steve Snyder was distributed to the neighbourhood - leafleted with help of Ms Jang's class. Moving forward on millwork. Taking Anna to different sites so she can have a look at other recent builds. Doing a clean-out in the school, so there are big bins around the place being taken away by the VSB. DK received an interesting email from an alumnus: was here in the 70s. There is a time capsule in the North West corner.

Admin (DK/RT):

- RT: proposing a "Playday" in accordance with Stuart Brown's theories on unconstructed play. Previously ran at General Wolfe: took a little while for everyone to settle, but a great success. Teachers are present, but do not intervene (unless really necessary) allow kids to problem solve etc. Supervised but unstructured play. Kids can bring things from home - no devices.
- Rose will check with the staff and pick a day mid week. This is not a day off!
- Basketball complete. Senior girls accepted into district tournament at Grandview on Thursday.
- Mrs Fung will be running badminton after spring break
- April: track and field will start for grades 4-7. Already have some people interested in training. Niz, Laura Mould, Christie Jang have all offered to help, giving their own time.
- After Spring break Gym sense will run to mid-April.
- "Dance in school" will come May 8th to May 12th and provide instruction for all age groups. Culminates on the Friday with a performance from every grade group. DK will shoot some video. There will be some space for parents, but this is not a public event. Since there is a fee for this, DK requested a donation of \$1000 from the PAC. All in favour.
- FSA completed information will be coming home after March break
- Assembly on Wednesday as part of the Random Acts of Kindness week. There have been lots of events. including the mannequin challenge - tableaux on the theme of kindness. DK will be video-ing this and will post
- Choir going to the choral festival at JO secondary. Each choir will perform individually and as a group. Thanks to Ms Bachert for running this extra-curricular activity.
- Mandated to do 6 fire drills and 2 code reds a year. Will be running soon now weather has improved.
- Friday Feb 24th Pro-D day Staff going to an Aboriginal workshop at JO.
- Report cards home Weds March 7th time to ask questions before spring break.
- Diversity workshops with parents offered by the VSB - DK send information to Sandra.

- The Supreme court ruling on class size and composition will have an impact for the upcoming year. New guidance means that the school has to draw names for all KG placements, including those with siblings and in catchment. This takes place March 1st. There will be guidance from the district in terms of what our numbers will be. We have 20 teaching spaces, 19 classes. DK is waiting on further information as to how many kids the school will accommodate.

Meeting Adjourned. Next General PAC meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017.

Action Points and Priorities	Volunteer
Helen to coordinate with Brad regarding Movie poster	HG
parent info night: Kelly will organize babysitters.	KC
parent info night: chairs for 200	RT
parent info night: forward info to other schools	DK/RT
Carnival committee volunteers needed	All
Sports Day volunteers needed: add to Agenda for April	CF/JT/KC
Babysitting course	CF
Home Alone course	HG
Grade 7 Grad	Kristen
Donald's fundraiser poster	Rod