



LORD NELSON ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Parents' Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2017

5:45 pm Snacks and Greetings

6:00 pm – 8.00pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School – Library

PAC Executive

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

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), *Principal*

Members at Large

Helen, Claudette, June, Angela

1. Welcome and Introductions (CF)

2. Approval of Agenda and addition to agenda (CF moved, June seconded): Minutes (CF moved, June seconded)

3. Seismic Update (DK)

Project is moving along. Working on perimeter drainage. Trucks seem to be entering and exiting along Kitchener to Nanaimo. The white noise is background at the moment, so no real disturbance. Once the ice has gone, kids will be able to circumnavigate the school and watch progress. Q regarding the change in specs for seismic upgrades: would we have built a different school? CF: the idea would not be to make Nelson bigger and close other schools, rather to redraw catchment if necessary. Increased funding means other projects can go ahead. DK will be meeting with Steve Snyder to look at millwork.

4. Financial report (LM):

Laura provided a forecasting spreadsheet of activity and balances (December bank statements were not in at time of meeting). Total opening balance September 1, 2016 was \$69,666.73, including a \$4,000 contingency fund. Total income to date since September is \$25,745.48, including net income from ongoing coffee

fundraiser; purdeys and poinsettias; movie nights; Family photo day; Bamboletta fundraiser; the Silent Auction and the gaming grant. After the teachers' stipend (\$3,850.00) and other expenses, closing balance (less contingency) is \$91,412.21.

5. Parent Seminars (CF for Sandra Heusel)

There are 2 upcoming Parent talks:

First, Wed April 5th - parent presentation on Body Image by Renae Regehr (<http://freetobetalks.com/>). Usually a "50 minute, Power Point presentation discussing current body image research and connecting how parents can role-model and empower their children to have a positive body image". This will be followed Thurs April 6th or Fri April 7th (time and date to be determined), by Renae speaking to Gr 4/5s and Gr 6/7s separately about body image as it concerns both boys and girls. Discussion leading to a request for a more expansive presentation to include parents of children of all ages (Sandra?). Should there be a charge - agreement that yes, a nominal charge for attendance. Secondly, Saleema Noon's Cath Blyth will be in to speak on Body Science (<http://www.saleemanoon.com/workshops/elementary-program/elementary-outline-a/>). Mon May 1st parents, most likely from 6:30 to 8pm. Kids Thurs/Fri May 4th & 5th)

6. Movie Night (Helen Gabor and Claudette Lauzon)

Last two movie nights have been well attended, bringing in around \$1,580 together. Looking at movie options for February 3rd. Considering paying for a pre-release movie from Criterion, though this runs at about \$175. The night is currently by donation: should there be a set door price or a perhaps a suggested minimum donation? Concession prices considered fair. Need for more volunteers to help with movie nights. CF will post plea closer to the time. April has become a Star Wars tradition: maybe #7 this time? (1,2,and 3 not considered suitable) or another live action movie.

7. Upcoming events (KN):

We have a bit of a lull before the Carnival (to be held June 9th). Decided not to add an additional winter dance. Looking at gift card fundraisers (Donald's, Chapters and some of the other bigger grocery stores. CF/KN/HG to consider options over next couple of weeks. Will reconsider at next meeting. Teachers' lunch: traditionally catered, parent served. Suggestion of a potluck with a signup sheet? Lunar New Year: school arranges the lion dance. PAC has in the past provided red envelopes with chocolate coins. Is there an alternative? Angela offered to look at options. Vote to spend up to \$300 on lunar New Year celebration carried unanimously.

8. Administration report (DK):

Senior basketball is underway: Mrs. Lirenman coaching girls, Niz and Rob coaching boys. Skating program has begun at Britannia. Templeton Community schools programming to begin soon. Information will be sent home soon for the Grade 4 and 7 FSA. The MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) has been postponed by the district. Divisions 1,2,3,4 took part in a UBC Faculty of education study - there is to be some follow up. VSB diversity mentor will be working with Grades 4-

7: they also offer parent presentations. There will be a school wide drumming workshop culminating in a performance involving the whole school. Kindergarten registration is coming to a close: 54 registered at this time, all in catchment. January 30th is a Pro-D day with the theme of Inquiry. Staff: Ms. Mould will be reducing her work week to 4 days, with Mr. McPherson coming in on Wednesdays. Mr. Edwards' replacement will be starting in September; a temporary replacement will be hired soon. We have a new counselor in Mondays and Tuesdays; Ms. Confiss is on leave: Rob will be staying on Thursdays and Fridays, with Cynthia in on Monday to Wednesday. Question regarding the efficacy of the crossing guards – perhaps they need a refresher training course.

Meeting Adjourned. Next PAC meeting: Monday, February 20th.

Action Points and Priorities	Volunteer
Gift card fundraiser options	CF/KN/HG
Revise body image parent presentation	Sandra
Lunar New Year celebration	Angela