

PAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

6:30 pm – 8.00 pm

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 897 8332 3904

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PAC Executive

Taryn Hayes (TH), Co-Chair; Sara Hyde (SH), Co-Chair; Julie Cole, Vice-Chair (JC); Bonnie Leong (BL), Treasurer; Caitlin Adam (CA), Co-Secretary; Megan Atkinson (MA), Co-Secretary

School Representatives

Ankie Carswell (AC), Principal, Dana Aweida (DA), Vice Principal

Additional Speakers

Navida Nuraney (NN), Christine Howard Sandoval (CHS), Rachelle Siemens (RS), Rebecca Goulding (RG)

ITEM	LEAD	TIME
1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Introductions (3 mins)	SH	6:30 - 6:33
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda (1 min)  No additions Approve the agenda – Caitlin Second – Sarah & Megan	TH	6:33-6:34
3. Purdy's and Card Project Fundraiser Updates (4 mins)  Purdy's Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Thank you to Annie Clarke for organizing</li><li>● Last day for orders Nov 29th, Dec 8 for pick up</li><li>● \$1375 earned so far</li><li>● Need volunteers – please sign up on the</li></ul>	TH	6:34-6:38

<p>google doc sign up sheet (<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CNDGYq3GlpAOvVMp1RPtFH_c09B95wsWt2eJ9wDrzM/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CNDGYq3GlpAOvVMp1RPtFH_c09B95wsWt2eJ9wDrzM/edit?usp=sharing</a>)</p> <p>Card Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leah Kimura organized - thank you!</li> <li>● Raised over \$3000</li> </ul>		
<p>4. Indoor Spend Update (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No money has been spent yet this year</li> <li>● Ankie held a meeting with the teachers and came up with a new list</li> <li>● Current ask is approximately \$8,000 which is well under the \$40,000 that has been fundraised.</li> <li>● Decided to cap the spend at \$20,000 to put the rest towards other items that have come up</li> </ul>	TH	6:38-6:43
<p>5. Hot Lunch Program (8 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exploring starting a hot lunch program.</li> <li>● C'est Mon Café, Queen Victoria Annex has just started this program</li> <li>● To start with, PAC will organize one day a week to have a hot lunch option</li> <li>● Could add more days in the future</li> <li>● Meals are \$5.25 + GST, could add a fundraiser (\$0.25/meal) to this as well for the PAC (for families that would like to participate but cost is prohibitive)</li> <li>● Need parent volunteers to assist! An email will be circulated to recruit volunteers</li> <li>● To start, we are asking for 20 parents (one per class) and will adjust based on how it goes</li> </ul> <p>Sample Menu: <a href="http://cestmoncafe.com/234/NovDec%20Menu.pdf">http://cestmoncafe.com/234/NovDec%20Menu.pdf</a></p>	TH	6:43 – 6:51
<p>6. Treasurer Report (8 mins) Copy of budget</p>	BL	6:51-6:59

- Inflows - Received gaming grant (approximately \$9,000)
- Outflows- some expenses written out – these include annual expenses the PAC needs to run (Weebly, BCC PAC annual membership, contribution to walking school bus)
- Upcoming inflows – Mabel Labels, donations, Card project funds, Purdy’s fundraiser approximately \$5500
- Upcoming/Outstanding outflows - approximate \$605
- Treasurer Role is open for next year and must be filled by someone new!

**Account Balances As of Oct 31, 2021**

	SEP 30th	OCT 31st
General account	11,065.14	10,188.37
Gaming account	8.83	9,448.83
GICs	64,907.03	64,907.03
VSU Trust	126,599.34	126,599.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202,580.34</b>	<b>\$211,143.57</b>
Available	\$75,981.00	\$84,544.23

**Outstanding and Anticipated Transactions**

<b>Anticipated Deposits</b>	
Mabels Labels	78.80
Donation From Ryan Lucy & Yuval Oren	1,033.00
Card Project Fundraiser	3,061.00
Purdy's Fundraiser	1,375.00
<b>Total Anticipated Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 5,547.80</b>
<b>Outstanding Cheques</b>	
Templeton Bursary-June 2021	500.00
Gill, Kavita	21.56
USD to CAD Currency Conversion Missed on Reimbursement	84.00
<b>Total Outstanding Withdrawals</b>	<b>- \$ 605.56</b>
<b>Available Funds at October 31st</b>	<b>84,544.23</b>
<b>Adjusted Available Funds</b>	<b>\$ 89,486.47</b>

**7. Playground Updates:**

- Primary Playground and Other Updates (2 mins)
  - This structure has not been installed yet. Installation was scheduled for December 13th, but with the latest flooding, this date may slip. To be confirmed by the contractor.
  - There will a rubberized surface under the play structure but this is delayed and the VSB will blow in wood chips as an interim measure if required
  - Grass field will be opened in January

TH & AC

6:59 – 7:05

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Basketball hoops have been repaired (have been broken since Sept)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Track &amp; Soccer Field (2 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supply issues with rubberized track - installation has been delayed.</li> <li>● Inside of the track is a gravel soccer field which will be opened prior to the track installation. An access bridge will be installed.</li> <li>● Question: There is a door in the new chain link fence, is the intention for it to be fully enclosed? Ankie says not that she is aware of but also would stop that if so</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spider Web Climber (2 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Request for the VSB to re-do the duct tape over the fraying wires</li> <li>● The climber needs permanent repair</li> <li>● It's very popular and the PAC wants to save it</li> <li>● The original installer says it can be re-strung, and are preparing a quote (Dynamo)</li> <li>● Other contractors have been approached to replace the structure but have indicated it might be quite expensive (\$50,000)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Slide Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Question: When will the slides be opened?</li> <li>● Meeting at the board level today - details on how to move forward yet</li> <li>● Risk to be mitigated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Height – 2nd storey</li> <li>- Ground beneath – concrete and asphalt</li> <li>- Easily climbable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>Walking School Bus (5 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update – it's going great! The kids who use it are really enjoying this social time and they are interested to know which classmates are also their neighbours!</li> <li>● Happens on Wednesdays, leaves around 840am</li> </ul>	SH	7:05-7:10

- Mostly younger students right now
- Cancelled a few stops due to low participation
- Could use one more parent volunteer for Stop 5
- Each stop gets between 1 to 10 students – on the order of 20 to 30 kids total!



**LORD NELSON**  
WALKING SCHOOL BUS

1. CANCELLED
2. ROSANNA - NAPIER AND KAMLOOPS
3. RACHELLE - PARKER AND PENTICTON
4. LEAH OR JENNIFER - CHARLES AND SLOCAN
5. LILIAN - GRANT AND PENTICTON
6. CANCELLED
7. CANCELLED
8. HAYLEY - GRANT AND SALSBURY
9. SABRINA - NAPIER AND SEMLIN
10. CRAIG - VENABLES AND TEMPLETON

Thank you to all the parent volunteers!

NEW Anti-Oppression Working Group  
(15 mins)

- Navida, Rebecca, Rachelle, Christine introduced the PAC to the work they have done so far and presented their thoughts on the direction for the working group.

Statement of Purpose

*The Anti-Oppression Working Group (AOWG) of the Parent's Association Committee (PAC) at Nelson is a growing group of Nelson parents who recognize the need within our school's structure and*

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RG

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*community for a deeper engagement with anti-racist, decolonial, and inclusive education. Racism, ableism, sexism, LGBTQ+ oppression, patriarchy, classism, and environmental degradation are systemic pressures that are often echoed in our education systems, which has become increasingly visible during the last 2 years of living in a global pandemic.*

*The purpose of the AOWG is two-fold:*

- 1. A network for parents to advocate and receive support for their children's safety, mental health, and equitable access to education. The experience of structural oppression can be isolating, disorienting, and overwhelmingly difficult to find channels for restorative justice. While the AOWG is not trained to legally support members of our community who might be experiencing systemic oppression, we aim towards collectively identifying resources and information to support a path towards more transparent forms of restorative justice in our school.*
- 2. A network for teachers and administrators to bridge their curricular goals and challenges regarding the transition to an anti-oppressive education. We recognize that transitioning our education system to a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive approach is a process that will experience blindspots and mistakes. Our desire is to build on work related to anti-oppression education already started by the Nelson teachers, the VSB and the district PAC. This includes an openness of parents to also educate themselves about anti-oppression practices.*

*As society changes, so should our approach to education, which includes the collective education of families alongside our children.*

*Parents/caregivers will be encouraged by the AOWG to be engaged as active players to reinforce the good work already happening at Nelson and supporting the areas where change is needed.*

*The AOC will be a bridge between the PAC and staff of Nelson. We wish to ensure these efforts are brought to fruition in a sustainable and long-serving way moving forward. We hope to*

<p><i>encourage engagement for our school community to be a part of a more welcoming, inclusive and equitable space.</i></p> <p>To connect - <a href="mailto:tigersaowg@gmail.com">tigersaowg@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Thank you very much to this group for taking up this important work.</p>		
<p>Staff Appreciation Coffee (2 mins)</p> <p>Last year – opened up a tab an Renzullo’s for a week for teachers to get themselves a coffee. Doing this again before Winter Break and again in March.</p>	TH	7:25 – 7:27
<p>8. Principal’s Report (20 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reviewed the fuel reduction message from VSB</li> <li>● Reviewed the events for and activities from the past month</li> <li>● Reviewed past and upcoming field events, leadership opportunities, sport activities</li> </ul> <p>Some highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Walk, Bike and Roll – over 85% participation</li> <li>● Outdoor Equipment available for student to borrow – skipping ropes, balls, frisbees, etc. School will be refreshing this stock too.</li> <li>● Lunching with the Principal for Grade 7s. To make up for the isolation of covid, Ankie gets them together to solidify relationships before the students graduate</li> </ul> <p>School Enrollment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 464 students</li> <li>● Nelson is considered to be a “Full School”</li> <li>● No cross-boundary students registered at either intake (Sept or Jan)</li> <li>● Likely there will be a draw for kindergarten – 74 applicants so far for 58 spots, registration is open until end of January</li> </ul>	AC & DA	7:27 – 7:47

<p>10. Communications / Other items</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Can the PAC add to the wish list the purchase of some flexible seating for the classrooms such as wobble chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PAC will check with teachers and admin if this is desirable</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Can the PAC contribute to the supply of disposable masks? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ankie would prefer that the PAC does not spend money on disposable masks. The school has a good supply and really encourage the use of re-useable masks</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Safety concerns around the new cross-walk and roundabout (Garden and Charles) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These are municipal items, but PAC and admin can take this up with the city.</li> <li>○ School street – hoping to participate in pilot program with city to assess safety for student getting to school</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Sock Drive for Carnegie CC – campaign to donate 5000 pairs of new socks for the residents of DTES by Dec 31, 2021. PAC wants to support this effort and will send out an email once we have a bit more information.</li>   <li>● Social Media – Jennica, who manages the online presence, will approach the teachers for photos to post on the platforms, share with the online community. Obviously will do so in a cyber-safe way. PAC will encourage parents to use a hashtag when posting school related photos to their own feeds. We currently have this hashtag #lordnelsonpac</li>   <li>● Other platforms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Facebook Page</a></li> <li>○ Instagram handle – <a href="#">lordnelsonpac</a></li> <li>○ Facebook group -</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>TH</p>	<p>7:47 -</p>
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