



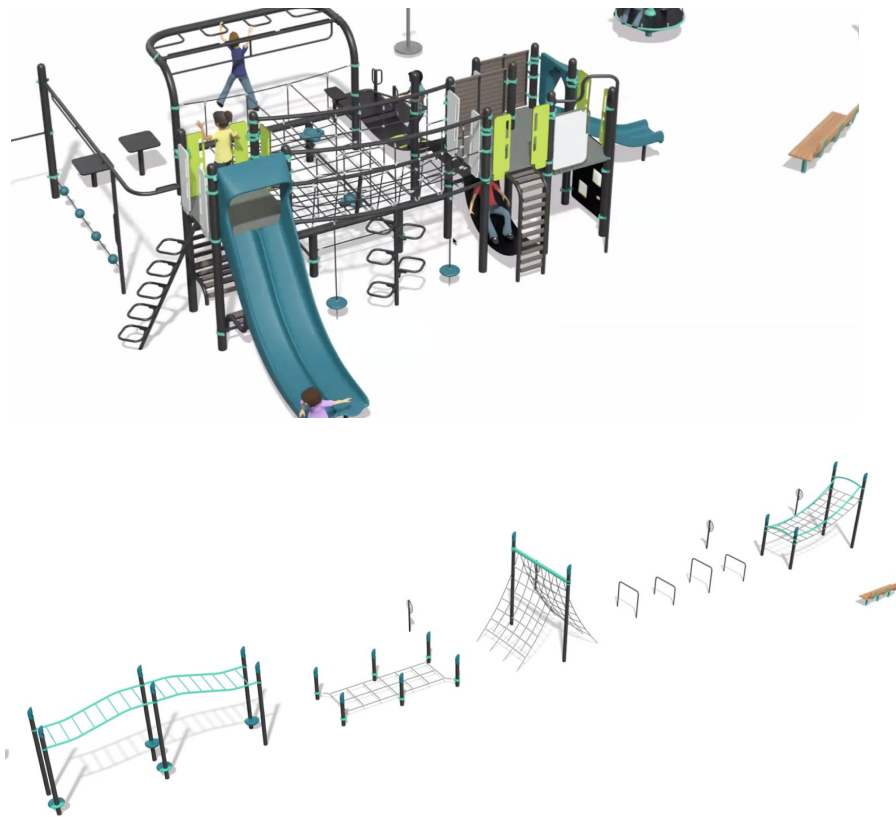
### 3. Purdys

Already looking at \$9000 in sales, looking good. PAC will receive 25% of that. The PAC is not tied to how this money is spent. Fri Dec 4th (sorting crew) still some volunteer spots remaining. Sorting will take place outdoors, under cover. It will be cold, but not wet, plenty of fresh air circulation.

Purdey's PU is 2:30pm - 6pm on Fri Dec 4th. If you can't make this, Annie will arrange PU at her house on Sat, but everyone is encouraged to do PU on Friday.

### 4. Playground Update

Some parents requesting pictures:



Various colour combinations have been requested based on orange being the main colour. These schemes are then rendered by the playground company. Kids are in the middle of voting on a final colour scheme. Teachers will enter division choices into a poll. Due in from teachers on Wednesday 25th.

#### Playground committee:

VSB meeting was held to clarify which items will be covered by VSB and which by PAC. Confirmed that VSB will build a ramp from upper level to playground area and a curb cutout on the Northside. In addition drainage will be covered by VSB in case rubber surfacing can be afforded by the PAC. Still a ways to go, but wheels are in motion, making progress.

Currently the plan is that Playground action will be happening in the Spring.

#### **5. Outdoor learning committee**

Parents met with teachers and Dan. Hard to make decisions before the playground is built. Want to make sure they're following the teachers' lead. Dan applied for a grant for outdoor equipment (\$21000 granted) for outdoor stuff (picnic tables etc) Teachers and parents committee will work together once playground is in to plan and make decisions.

DK: School received \$10 per child from federal government and the additional grant additional money. Grant has to be spent by end of school year. Plan is to make 10 x garden boxes. VSB will store them until they're ready to be used.

LK: PAC was sent VSB garden policies. Lots of info about school's starting a new garden programme, including volunteers working at the garden over the summer. Moving forward learning strategies may be influenced by Covid.

#### **6. Stipend**

Typically offered to teachers. Money with no strings attached for curricular supplies.

This year BL created a form that teacher's could fill in for reimbursement.

BL: Has not received anything from teachers yet. Requests do not have to fall under gaming category, although it would help spend the gaming budget. We can move the hand in date so that the refunds are being processed in one go, not dribs and drabs.

DK: Staff meeting is happening Wed Nov 25th. Will pass along financial information and stipulations for what they can be reimbursed for.

LK: PAC will report back on what fundraising dollars are being used for. Is there an update on a sensory walkway?

DK: Just starting to investigate, on the 'to do' list

#### **7. New fundraiser: Westcoast seeds**

Rachelle Siemens

Westcoast seeds say a really good fundraiser makes a few thousand dollars. Possibly money can go towards something garden related? Company is ready to go ahead if we're interested in doing it. School gets 40% return. Minimum purchase from parents of \$10. Timeline: it would run for about 3 weeks. Maybe start February. Keener gardeners are getting going at this time.

LK: proposes motion. JG seconds. RS will go ahead and initiate Westcoast Seeds fundraiser!

LK: will refresh the Mabel's Labels information for people who may be interested. Perhaps a picture of the lost and found as an advertisement!

Jennica Harper: Has taken over Facebook and Instagram for PAC. She would love to feature these things on social media. Also, call out to anyone who wants to feature content on social media. Please ask!

## 8. Communications Received

**Drop off & PU:** A few concerns in about drop off and PU from members of the community. If you see people dropping off kids in illegal spots, please do give friendly reminders. Keep it light and say something if you comfortable. There may well be compliance officers on site in the coming weeks. If you're in a vehicle, the drop off zone is the 3 minute zone in front of the school on Garden st.

Taryn may be interested in doing co-chair in January. Jen and Leah will start handing things over in January. Another person is encouraged to take on the other co-chair position. PAC chair position is a great position to share. Please reach out if interested.

Ministry and VSB info in general. Vancouver DPAC having a hard time filling positions, always looking for parents. Lord Nelson does not have a DPAC member.

## 9. Dan and Lisa

**Building / playground progress:** No longer a building there!!! Work continues on mashing and sorting material. New site supervisor on site, seems a really great guy. They cleaned up the leaves on Charles St which was nice. Work on building new play area footings and retaining walls will likely start in December. Will start where old building met new building and work their way west.

**Outdoor education money:** Federal government gave money to schools for start-up because of covid. Came to about \$10 per student. We were able to put in a proposal for 6 x benches, picnic tables and garden boxes. An additional \$21,000.

**PU & Drop off:** We recognise this is difficult for parents with children in different divisions. Please parents stay on sidewalk, do not come onto the field. Please also don't block entrances so that students can't pass through. Do not PU students as they walk onto the field at the end of the school day. Must be released from the field to parents.

**Field-v-dogs:** School field is having a big problem with dogs and dog owners. Irresponsible dog owners are letting dogs dig holes and are also not picking up after their dogs. Kids are getting poop on their shoes and tracking it all through the school. It's a really big mess and very frustrating. The school field is not a dog park. The bylaw officers will be checking out the field and writing tickets for people who have their dogs off leash. The field is a VSB area, not a city of Vancouver field.

**Option 4 students:** This relates to kids whos parents elected to keep them home during this first part of Covid. The board has 4 entry points back into learning. Last entry point is after January 4th. At that point all students should be back in school for in-person education. Some parents are talking about returning to in-home learning for their children. If families choose to move their kids back home before Jan 4 date...This can happen, but the parameters have changed, in that their child would no longer be an option 4 student. They would not loose their spot in school, but kids would be marked 'absent'. Parents would need to make their own arrangements with teachers about how school work will be returned and marked. These families will no longer receive check in support from teachers. There was no provision from VSB to move back towards being at home.

**Code of conduct:** Lord Nelson's code of conduct gets reviewed and updated every year. This year, update sentence: racism will not be tolerated (mandated from school board). Fits in with school expectations. Code of conduct can be seen on website. There was also a card sent home at start of year and parents & kids sign off that they have been through it.

**Recess & Lunch:** Reminder. All kids are sitting in classrooms, not in multi purpose room. Recess and lunch are both divided. Evens have recess 1st (eat first), odds have recess 2nd (play first). Pods are supervised. Kids can take food outside.

**Reporting changes: New format report card in Jan.** Parents will not be receiving a report card in Dec. Have moved to 'strength' based reporting. Interim report will come out Jan 29th, then last day of school in June. Grade 4 - 7 no letter grades. Report will emphasize aptitudes, and is more anecdotal. Shift to defining what works best for the student, and then building on those skills. Looking at strengths and areas for growth. Biggest difference will be more personalised and instead of grades, students' competencies will be based on a sliding scale based on "beginning / developing / applying". No letter Grades. Not new, but this is now a mandated report card for the district. Perhaps a learning curve for parents. 2 x conference times will remain. Term 2 in March, likely virtual. Final report card on June 29th.

**Done and coming up:** Virtual goal setting conferences. Virtual Halloween parade. Upcoming events indigenous focus day, kids staying home. Do not bring kids to school Friday 27th Nov ! Pods will be named with indigenous spirit animals. Winter break starts soon, last day of school Dec 18th. Jan 18th - Feb 26th Grades 4 & 7 will be writing FSAs. Nov 30th lockdown drill: doors will be locked, lights will be off. Kids will not gather in a corner. Fire drill this term, the kids and teachers were amazing, and speaks to the importance of the safety drills.

LK: Wondering if there might be something the PAC could help classrooms could do individually in place of the stuff that's off the table. (Pancake breakfasts etc) Will have to wait and see if 'Body Science' has a Covid friendly program.

**News!** Lisa moving to another school in January. Brand new vice principal - Dana Aweida. Good luck Lisa and congratulations! Hopefully Lisa will return to Lord Nelson as principal one day. This is Lisa's last PAC meeting. School will announce to kids in Dec.

## **10. Additional Items**

**Liane Beadon: Group of older kids hanging about outside school after school hours smoking weed etc**

**DK:** Encourages parents to call police. There's also a hotline (in newsletter) if you see vandalism. The 'L' on the school sign has also been vandalised.

**Taryn Hayes: Speaker series**

LK: will look into having a parent taking this on

**Kate Henderson: How to encourage mask wearing**

**DK:** Without a medical directive from Vancouver Coastal health, this is not something the school can mandate. As parents please feel free to encourage your kids to wear masks.

**Jennica Harper: Is photo day definitely cancelled?**

**DK:** This will be revisited. The school takes direction from the district. Super sad not to have class pictures, but will have to wait and see. Kids can group together as cohorts, but the issue is having the adults coming in to take the pictures.

**LK:** Need to recruit some Grade 7 parents to help with some kind of Grad celebration. Kate happy to be point person for handing over.

**Next PAC Meeting Date:**

No meeting in December. Reconvene in January. If anything comes up that needs to be voted on before then, will be put out to exec. Date will be picked in January.