

Parents' Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019

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) - absent, Vice-Chair;

Laura McGowan (LM) - absent, Treasurer; , Co-Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

Gail Marlow(GM), Interim Principal, Lisa Pathyil (RT), Vice Principal

Members at Large: Mike Zonneveld, Jen Hickey, Terry Smith, Bonnie Leong

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (LK and AWM)
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** (Mike Zonneveld approved, Angela seconded)
3. **Build Report**

Not ready yet, and they haven't provided an update on timing. Getting some items in place. No flooring in place yet; will be rubber-ish, carpeted in some areas. Ceiling looks gorgeous in common areas. Lots of natural light. Walls are all cement, painted white and blue in one area. Will look beautiful, yellow/gold tile outside of the washrooms. Will be great for collaborative teaching, lots of open space and different learning environments. Staff room is quite small, won't be able to have all the teachers in the staff room at one time. Staff have not been able to go through the new build yet, as it has to be VSB property before they can. GM and LP have gone through the school (mid-January). Discussion re: donated laptops to the school; however, VSB will not allow technology to be donated. Will hopefully know more for April meeting.

4. **Allocation of seismic funds** (LK)

Made a motion of how to allocate the funds for the school. Would like to set aside \$75,000 for interior items for the new school; however, PAC requests that \$65,000 go towards common spaces and \$10,000 towards technology, with the intermediate classes being prioritized as may not have enough for all the classrooms at the start. PAC would like to hold back on \$25,000 until after everyone is in the new school and have experienced the space, determine needs, etc. LO is looking into other funding sources related to non-essential furnishing in common areas vs. common areas being essential for the new learning model. Hoping we may find new funding sources. PAC also proposes to set aside \$75,000 for exterior items- approx. \$15,000 for four fitness nodes on the track, approx. \$50,000 for the track itself and \$10,000 towards items for a kindergarten play area (but will need to be VSB grounds approved). Plan to hold back \$25,000 for the exterior to see if anything is missed or needs to be put in place.

Summary: Initially \$150,000 towards new school purchases (interior & exterior), with a hold-back of \$50,000 in case any incidentals come up that are unexpected, plus leave money for regular PAC programs. Motion passed.

5. Financial Report (LM)

Bonnie has been helping Laura as Laura is having to step down from the treasurer position. We have finally reached \$204, 949.49! Some of which is gaming grant but we should be very, very proud.

General account \$37,384.78

Gaming account \$30,237.11

GICs/term deposit \$115,000

“VSB” account \$22,327.60

Total: \$204, 949.49

6. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates

Upcoming Movie Night: The Iron Giant will be Apr. 5th and will be the last movie night of the year.

Discussion last meeting regarding sustainability and having talks be more “green” focused”. No updates available at this meeting.

Carnival will be May 31st. Planning seems to be going well; big items are booked; \$4,500 in cash donations at this time, currently in a no-mans land of waiting. Still need: point-person to meet the ponies, need a new person for music, etc. Have a meeting on Tuesday and will start making a timeline. There will most likely be help, and lots of people know what to go. Craig will be doing some builds for games, Jolly Jars will be continued on, etc. Next meeting in April will be a call-out for volunteers for carnival.

Need to set up baby-sitting course and home alone course for this year.

Boys locker room needs to be cleaned out as well.

Thank you for everyone that helped with the Art Fair, it was a great success and thanks again to all of our volunteers.

7. Admin Report

Dan will be returning Apr. 1st to Lord Nelson. Pink shirt tomorrow, assembly at 1pm. Next Wednesday is performance “Dancers of Damelahamid” (First Nations Dancers) and will be the last performance of the year.

Next Friday, Grades 1-3 will be going to VSO “Peter and the Wolf”.

The school is working on spending money from the Wish List from the Social. i.e. keyboards are already purchased and at home readers ordered. Apple TVs in use in some classes too. Teachers are appreciative of everything.

Discussion with drumming program with Mrs. Conley and Alice Glass about narrative storytelling, history of Vancouver, animals, aboriginal paintings, etc. with music, there will be two sessions of storytelling and then will be making drums (6" drums) and every student will be making a drum. There will be a celebration in April.

Rock the Salish tickets are on sale, and ticket sales are going well. March 14th is the performance. Spring Break 18th to the 29th.

Tennis program starts when students come back for the month of April from Tennis BC.

Kindergarten offers have gone out, and currently levelling off the numbers as choice offers have gone out. Discussion regarding parent talks for Grade 6 students for options for high school programs that are available in the area. Discussion about staffing, preps for next year, etc. Also about Play First Lunch model, and no plans yet, but lunch will look different in the new school.

Next PAC meetings:

Monday, Apr. 8th at 6:30-8pm

Meeting adjourned.