

Parents' Meeting Notes

Monday, May 14th, 2018

6:15 pm Snacks and Greetings

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School – Library

Child-minding available

PAC Executive

Kate Newstead (KN) - absent, Co-Chair; Angela Wong-Moon (AWM), Co-Chair; Lisa Osoba (LO) - absent, Vice-Chair; Laura McGowan (LM) - absent, Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal; Lisa Pathyil (LP), Vice Principal

Members at Large: Amanda Fergusson, Dave Fleming, Sandra Heusel

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (AWM)**
- 2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (AWM approved; CH seconded)**
- 3. New Build Report (DK)**

Keeps progressing, poured the upper floor last week, and are continuing with upper walls. Kate, Angela, Kelly and Cynthia (with Dan and Steve) met to discuss timelines, funding needs, etc. VSB should have access to building late December (tentative), so either move over the holiday break or in the beginning of January (weather-dependent). Discussion re: funding for furniture for common areas (from PAC funds). Steve will provide a timeline regarding those needs. Landscaping from VSB will be minimal – looking into what PAC wants to do with planning (i.e. all-weather track). Playgrounds will also be PAC funded but can see what contractors can do while they are still on site. Steve will be attending next PAC meeting in June to discuss. Have also discussed interactive projectors and screens in every classroom (as well as in gym and multipurpose room). Looking into contributing partners (i.e. after-school care). Sounds system and speakers will be provided as part of the build. After salvaging from the old school building, striping of the materials will occur, and then building will be taken down (whole process is approximately 4-6 months) hopefully over the course of summer 2019 (timeline dependent).

- 4. Financial Report (LM)**

No update from last report. If anyone has any questions, Laura is always happy to answer.

- 5. Baby-Sitters List (from PAC sponsored Baby-Sitting Course)**

Retroactively, a list was created from last year's Baby-Sitting Course. Not sure what went out for the most recent form as Anna ended up booking the course, etc. Need to firm up the process in order to create the list. Will need to do it retroactively again for this year. Discussion re: baby-sitting bulletin board where parents can obtain individual baby-sitters' information as not sure where the responsibility lies for safety of the students, etc. Having students advertising their own baby-sitting services builds responsibility, encourages eager students, etc.

6. Home Alone Course

For children ages 10 years + to teach skills to stay safe, and what to do if something happens. Elvi Calbrone (a parent from Lord Nelson) will be doing the course on June 4th and June 11th (totally 2.5 hours) after school for 20 students. Asking \$10 for the course, which includes material from course. Topics covered: Establishing a routine, strangers don't have to look strange, feeling scared, emergencies and calling 9-1-1, etc. COURSE IS NOW FULL

7. Fundraising/Upcoming Dates (KM/AWM)

Crowdfunding – Was successful but closed now. Not able to get tax receipts through VSB/crowdfunding platforms, so are redirected to PAC website where donations can be made. Can send postcards home for new students/Kindergarten entry but need to put a sticker over the gofund account.

Movie Night – Done for the year. Last one made approximately \$850. Some comments related to the change in pizza.

Donald's Fundraiser – will run again in June

Coffee Orders – keeps going along, orders due on last Tuesday of the month.

Mabel's Labels – Pamphlets are being sent to the school. Can send them home with Kindergarten students, as well as with current students (along with picture of current lost and found situation). Follow up to see if the pamphlets have arrived.

Carnival –June 8th – On target. Looking for volunteers at this point and NEED MORE PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Parent/Student Education – May 23rd Social Media awareness for intermediate classes

8. Admin Report (DK/LP)

Just finished badminton season. Track and Field has started (Mondays and Thursdays). Mini-meets have started. June 5th is the meet at Van Tech.

Dance in school until May 22nd, which is when the performance will be happening, at approximately 2pm. Space will be limited and will be standing room only.

Sports Day on Friday June 1st. Did primary and intermediate sports day last year but have decided to do it combined this year. Sports Day will be in morning, will wrap up just before lunch, and will have the tug-of-wars at approximately 1:30pm. PAC will do snack (granola bars and juice boxes). Will do participation wrist bands in the four house colours (i.e. red, orange, blue and green) with ROAR on the band. Will be approximately \$1.70 per band and asking PAC to contribute a portion towards that. Discussion re: multi-age teams for the future and having a house colour for other activities.

Going to have another Play Day on June 12. Primary students love the Play Day concept; however, intermediate students have had mixed reviews (last time had poor weather and not enough staff to allow for outside play). Will do more frontloading with students regarding Play Day, appropriate play activities, with assembly and teachers discussing what they used to play with.

Staffing: Decrease in 1.4 in staffing this year, which caused a reduction in non-enrolling staff. Mrs. Sullivan is back. Will have 20 divisions going forward next year. Primary Autism Program is going to Trudeau Elementary (64th and Fraser/Main). Mrs. Mould is leaving to another school for 2018/2019 school year. Garibaldi Elementary is closing, and Lord Nelson is taking in their 15 students as well as their 8 kindergarten students for 2018/2019 school year. VSB does not allow K/Gr. 1 splits, with minimum of 15 for a 20 student KG class. MacDonald catchment lines have been redrawn as it is a district program. Currently have 456 students, with target usually being 450.

Welcome to Kindergarten Day May 25th, having 2 sessions in the morning. Parents will have information provided to them about which session they will be in soon.

Process for fee schedule for 2018/2019: \$25 per student for supplies, etc; Performance Fee (usually \$10 per student); Activity Fee \$TBD (Gym Sense, Dance Program, etc.); Workbook Fee \$TBD for intermediate students (need to determine usage); Agendas Fee for intermediate students

Approximately: K-1 \$50, 1-3 \$60, 4-7 \$75

Performance this Thursday, the Blues Berries and the history of blues

Grade 7s going to Templeton for an intro to high school

Volunteer Tea - May 29th

RSVP with classroom teacher

Big One at 2pm – Happened a few weeks ago, had one parent pick up per class and was fairly-well organized. District wanted approximately 20 students picked up so worked out well.

Dates to Know:

School Calendar for 2018

Oct. 16/17th (Tuesday/Wednesday) Goal Setting Conferences (2:00pm early dismissal)

Feb 20/21st (Wednesday/Thursday) Goal Setting Conferences (2:00pm early dismissal)

Classes participating in pilot project are tying in their reporting with the goal setting conferences

Pro-D Days for 2018/2019

Sept. 21, 2018

Oct. 19, 2018

Nov. 9, 2018

Jan. 25, 2019

Feb. 15, 2019

Apr. 29, 2019

May 17, 2019

Next PAC meeting dates:

June 18, 2018

Meeting adjourned.