

Parents' Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Lord Nelson Elementary School - Multi-Purpose Room

Child-minding available

PAC Executive

Jennifer Hickey (JH), Co-Chair; Leah Kimura (LK), Co-Chair; Angela Wong-Moon (JH) - absent, Vice-Chair;

Bonnie Leong (BL), Treasurer; Courtney Hall (CH), Secretary

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal, Lisa Pathyil (LP), Vice Principal, Steve Snyder (PM)

Members at Large: Terence, Millie, Dave, Lillian, Jill, Helen

1. Welcome and Introductions (LK and JH)

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: (Jen motioned; Dave seconded)

3. Build/Tear Down Update (DK/LP)

Finished the hazardous material removal of inside the building, evaluating how to remove the hazardous material from the outside of the building. It is more hazardous than originally thought but is tightly monitored. The hazardous material is black tar on the bricks. Demolition will most likely not be until 2020 and will take approximately 2 months. Materials will have to be stripped and sorted, and then most is recycled.

Track and landscaping will most likely not be until the spring (usually once the rainy season stops or else it will be a mud pit). The funding for the track will potentially have to be rolled-back, depending on timeline, so that the funding is not lost. The fitness nodes will need to be from VSB approved source so need to investigate what the options would be. Steve to follow up with architect and forward information to Dan.

4. Financial Report (BL)

Approx \$230,000

VSB account \$14,000

Movie night took place, was very successful. Door \$970, Total \$1,480

Will have to minus licence from that total over the 3 movies.

Gaming Grant approval is in process. Teacher stipend was \$10/student last year, to a max of \$5,000, as well as a portion to non-enrolling staff. PAC executive will approve

the final amount, but initial approval made at meeting. Leah made motion; Helen first, Terence seconded. Maximal up to \$6,000.

Primary teachers have requested money for books. KG to Grade 3. Last year approx. \$2,000 was fundraised at the Silent Auction, and teachers are requesting approximately \$2,000 again this year. Discussion regarding where the money could come from. Leah made a motion to give \$2,000 for books; Dave first, Terence seconded.

Although the PAC does not need to cover the furniture for the common areas in the school, it's still a balance of ensuring that the \$200,000 raised by the PAC still goes towards the new school, as that's what the intent was when people donated funds. Operating cost of the PAC is approximately \$12,000-\$14,000 per year.

Brief discussion regarding spending plans for PAC funds.

Bonnie is always open to share information regarding the finances, safeguards in place (i.e. no online, two signatures required), etc. as the information is open to anyone.

5. New Business

Movie night: as above. Concession was in the foyer. Lots of last minute volunteers; however, some did not show up. Christine has agreed to continue to the tech aspect of movie night. Pizza was all for \$14/each from Ragatzzi's. Concession sold out. Need to be more specific regarding chairs used in the gym and general gym set-up. Some children (mostly Gr 7s) showed up without parents so need to be more firm on that aspect. Future movie nights would be Jan. 31st and May 1st. Also, discussion regarding how to make the movie nights minimal/no waste (i.e. bring own water bottles, increase recycling, etc.). Also, discussion about having one movie have a climate change/environmental focus.

Card Project - Kids art will be online Nov. 1st so parents will be able to order cards, etc. Teachers will get gift cards for participating and supporting the project. Each child will get one free card to bring home.

After-School-Care Social Media Page on Facebook to help facilitate the Lord Nelson parenting community. Already has approximately 50 participants. Also will be amassing ideas of Pro-D Day activities, camps, etc. **Name:** Lord Nelson Families

Frog Hollow has taken over the childcare/after-school-care program. It is slightly complicated how it all ended up happening as there were two waitlists, so the waitlist has been consolidated and it has mostly been sorted out.

Parent Social on November 22nd at the Croatian Cultural Centre (booked). Licence and DJ booked. Have not made a call for volunteers yet or not a push for ticket sales. Will be 7pm to late.

Seismic Spending Committee has had a few parents sign up and will be having a meeting soon to start the discussion.

\$1000 education grant for RESP for 6-8-year olds.

Upcoming Dates

Parent Social Nov. 22, 2019

Purdy's Fundraiser coming out soon as orders due end of November

Pancake Breakfast Dec. 13th

6. Admin Report

Gym Update: Holes that were put in for volleyball nets are in the wrong spots. Two new holes must be put in, but the other holes have to be filled due to concern of damage to the floor via water. Being fixed this coming Pro-D Day and the Saturday.

Small additions are being completed. White boards, bike racks, etc.

Frog Hollow is officially in.

Requesting new signage and crosswalks being put in place. School Constable has also been in place (trains all the crossing guards). Crossing guards can only monitor marked cross walks.

FSA for Gr. 4s and 7s taking place now and should be done Nov. 8th.

Walkathon is tomorrow (Oct. 23) at 1:15pm. Rescheduled due

Staff will be wearing vests when they are outside doing before and after school care monitoring. Staff monitor from 8:40-8:55am in the morning and 3:00-3:15pm. Teacher supervision will be focused on the front of the school, with SSAs being more the side of the school/playground. Usually one teacher and 2-3 SSAs.

Recess/Lunch currently have approximately 3 areas where children are playing. Currently have 3 support staff outside and are discussing with VSB to put the 4th support staff back in place. Ensure children are dressed for all weather, as children will be going outside regardless of the weather and children ALWAYS have the option to go outside. Indoor days are dependent on staffing. Children will ALWAYS be going outside for the 15 mins recess break.

Non-gender specific washrooms discussion has been put forward to VSB. There are 2 universal washrooms available to all children. Further discussion will take place as needed with VSB and DPAC.

Staff Wish List discussion - Ms. Zerbe has request for 4 more ukuleles as only has 26 and needs 30 for some intermediate class sizes. Request is for approximately \$500. Leah made motion; Rebecca first, Jill seconded it.

Further requests will need to wait until the Seismic Spending Committee

85 kids at the Cross-Country Meet. Grades 2-7.

Vancouver Theater Sports production was in.

Terry Fox run went well.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony went well.

Currently doing GymSense.

Pro-D Day on Friday. **DON'T BRING KIDS TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY.**

Volleyball begins - Senior Girls and Boys with coaches being Janet Liernman, Ms. Fung, Mr. Landreth, Rob and Niz helping out

Upcoming:

Kindergarten Registration Nov. 1st

How the Raven Stole the Sun: An Indigenous Production - Nov. 9th

Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 7th

Pro-D Day on Nov. 8th

Grade 6 immunization on Nov. 6

Lots of people touring school as Lord Nelson is one of the newest schools in the district.

Other Items:

Redevelopment on Nanaimo and Charles. Some concerns were raised, such as:

1. Increased traffic in front of a school's main entrance with 470 children in attendance.
2. The entrance to the complex is through the alley that opens onto the entrance of the school.
3. 64 residential units with 53 provided parking stalls.

a) Too many units: how are 64+ residents going to come in and out of the building in their cars without negatively affecting kids coming and going from school?

b) There's a shortfall of 11 parking spots. Where will they park?

4. Commercial trucks/vehicles coming in and out of the alley making it more dangerous for kids walking and biking to school.

If anyone would like to provide feedback, you can do so via this link:

<https://rezoning.vancouver.ca/applications/2336-2366charles/index.htm>

Next PAC meetings:

Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019

Meeting ajorned.