

Parents' Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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), Vice-Chair;

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

Representatives

Daniel Knibbs (DK), Principal, Lisa Pathyil (RT), Vice Principal

Members at Large:

1. Welcome and Introductions (LK and AWM)

Played crowdfunding video at start

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: (no objects, did not review June minutes)

3. Build Report (DK)

School was supposed to be finished in the spring but obviously not. Hoping to be in school this school year. Not realistic for it happening over Christmas break, but hopefully in the spring. Roof going on, inside structures (i.e. plumbing, electrical). Delays throughout project BUT positives is that we stayed on site as a whole school and making progress in the right direction.

4. Financial Report (LM)

Finished the year with \$185 000

Biggest fundraising events: crowdfunding \$20 000, carnival \$25 000,

Laura is always open to share information regarding the finances, safe guards in place, etc.

Garibaldi PAC has approx. \$2000 to give to Lord Nelson PAC

5. Recap of 2017/2018, Goal of 2018/2019

Monster Mash on Halloween Day: primary and intermediate dance with parent support through PAC and school

Pancake breakfast around Christmas, joint with the Lions club

Science Fair: PAC-led, children followed their curiosity with parental support, plan to do an Art Fair for 2018/2019 (occurring in February), will have more support from school but children will be able to showcase any art they have created. Plan to release info in December.

Sports Day Snack

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Card Project Fundraiser \$1200

Purdy's Chocolate and Poinsettias around Christmas

Family Portraits (Nov. 3rd) was \$75 last year per sitting, stay tuned for sign up

Movie Nights – have 4 a year, good fundraiser, pizza and snacks, good family event

Carnival – big fundraiser, will be different this year as may not have access to certain areas, requires a lot of support of volunteers, in June

Continental Coffee – fundraiser, need volunteer for this

Mabel's Labels – fundraiser

Donald's Market Gift Cards – great fundraiser as purchasers get full amount, and Lord Nelson PAC gets 10% of GCs purchased

Babysitting Course, offered yearly, and Home Alone Course, offered last year

Discussion regarding how to bridge the communication between baby-sitters and parents, potential for a closed Facebook group to help disseminate that information. Discussion about how to ensure that list is circulated or appropriate ways to share that information, etc. Discussions re: having it at Parent Teacher Conferences, parents submitting their information, social event re: babysitting speed dating.

Parent Education Night – need volunteer for this, Selema Noon with Body Science coming this year, topics being discussed: anxiety, resilience, physical literacy, etc. Do charge for this event; however, only to cover the cost of the speaker

Committees, Fundraisers and Events plan, 2018/2019

Onyx containers, sorting out this fundraiser for the year

Parent Social, did a silent auction 2016/2017 and it was well-received, aiming to do a similar event but with potential for it to be off-site

Hot Lunch Program – would have to be PAC led, thinking of doing “fun” lunches several times a year, also need a person with a food safe certificate

Teacher Stipend from PAC – need motion to do that, approx. \$4500
(Jen made motion, Leah seconded it)

Templeton Scholarship \$500, tends to occur on a yearly basis but unfortunately missed it last year

Regarding fundraising → have enough money for furnishing for new build, technology, landscaping, track, etc. Due to timeline, will have time to fundraise continually for landscaping, track, etc. as the old school will need to be remediated, torn down, etc. before building landscaping

Discussion regarding what all the fundraising is for and how it can enhance children's learning and overall experience at the school. If anyone has any special skill sets, ideas to share or put forward, please send the PAC a message.

Upcoming Dates

Halloween Monster Mash – Oct. 31st during the day
Family Portraits – Nov. 3rd
Movie Night – Oct. 26th

Communication is mainly by email. There is no shared calendar on the PAC website.

6. Admin Report

Welcome back. All staffing in place.

20 divisions, 450 students. 45 ESL, 28 with special needs, still some space in some areas.
40 kindergarten students, with concern that we may lose a kindergarten class, but 40 students are in 3 classes.

Staffing changes have settled. Last year had big changes, but less so this year.

Ms. Cook Gr. 5/6 as Ms. Conley has taken over the prep position as she is covering for Mrs. Backart (due back in February 2019)

Mr. Landreth is now on staff

Ms. Wendy Wong in a job share with Ms. Rossati for Gr.1

Ms. Eva Ng for Gr. 1

Ms. Lori Fraser for Gr. 4

Ms. Nicole Seah for Gr. 4

Mr. Nicholas Beck for SSSW

Cross-country has started up (Mrs. Tanaka, Ms. Conley are running it)

4 mini-meets and builds up to bigger meets

Grade 3 and up

Volleyball will be next, Basketball will be after Christmas, Badminton, Track and Field in the spring,
Kilometer Club in the spring (Mrs. Watkins to run it)

Most sports are usually Grade 4-7

Parents can support extracurricular activities, but a teacher needs to sponsor an activity

Will be a choir this year, Ms. Conley with Ms. Seah

Package to students went out. School fees, media release form, acceptable use of technology form,
neighbourhood outings form, school fruit/vegetable program, etc. Please return ASAP.

Open House/Meet the Teacher Night Sept. 20th at 6pm. Community partners (out of school care, Strong Start, VPL, PAC, etc.) will also be present. Teachers will be in their classrooms to inform parents of their classroom expectations, curriculum, tour of classroom, etc.

Terry Fox Run Sept. 27th Primary Students at 9:15am, Intermediate Students at 11:00am
Showed a movie regarding Terry Fox at the welcome back assembly, raising Toonies for Terry.

Pro D Day on Sept. 21st

Teachers and staff are going to Norma Rose Elementary to look at their new build, look at furniture options, what they have/use, etc.

Architect has put through furniture options based on areas of the school. Goal is to have an interactive projector in every room.

Walk-a-thon is a big fundraiser for the school. Used funds to put projectors in every classroom. Would also like to have a projector and screen put into the gym. Also would like to have that in the multi-purpose room. Cost is approximately \$10 000 plus installation charge. Would like to get it in sooner as it is helpful for the build to have it done at this point rather than after the build is complete. Build comes with a sound system in those rooms. (Laura moves to support, Lisa seconds it).

Furniture does come up to approximately \$100 000 for the new build. Furniture will be for the shared spaces and existing furniture in the classrooms will be moved over.

Next PAC meetings:

Monday, Oct. 15, 2018

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018

Monday, Jan. 21, 2019

Meeting adjourned.