

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC Executive Meeting
October 18th, 2021
via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent

Previous meeting minutes (September 27th) approved by unanimous consent

Principal's Report

- Thank you to parents for sending their kids to school rain ready
- Construction update- temporary fence on northwest side to keep balls in has been installed
- Vancouver project office has said we are on time for playground install, scheduled for weekend of Nov 20/21
- Staffing update- staffing remains stable, Mme Fatima (div 11) has left, student teacher Mme. Tara has taken her place, Mme Renee will be returning from mat leave, thank you to M. Alain Thibault for filling in, Malka Strauss EA doing job share
- Failure to fill situation (more absences of staff than TOC) has improved this year, recruitment of SSA's continues to be a challenge
- Athletics- the school has been slowly reintroducing athletics, cross country is wrapping up, volleyball starting soon but there wasn't a huge response so there will be a girl's team only, drop in basketball will take place on thursdays and fridays
- Grade 7 students will be going to Kitsilano Community Centre to use the gym and youth lounge, waiting for confirmation from community centre
- Security in school- Staff are encouraged to wear badges, people who seem unfamiliar with the school will be asked where they are going and be assisted to find their way, staff are determining where parents that are accessing daycare are entering
- Schoolyard fighting and current space restrictions- stress and "energy" around covid may be affecting some students, split recess helps with this, intermediate students will benefit from big playground, currently using the small structure and conflict can occur because it too small for them, field will also help (soccer), younger kids are having more challenges than intermediate (routine, new

school), soccer game issues for intermediates because younger and intermediate both want to play, there isn't room to space kids out during conflict

- It was brought up that there is less focus on programs for kids who don't want to play sports during recess and would prefer music and arts programs, suggestion to open gym for quiet activities (drawing, board games)
- Noon hour (PAC sponsored) programs (art, chess, story writing, guitar) were suspended because of covid, these can slowly start again with a January anticipated start date, volunteers can come into school with approvals and following covid protocols, primary and intermediate grades will need to be separated for these programs for this year due to pacing issues/scheduling
- Split recess will likely remain until field can be used

Vice Principal's Report

- Some students have asked to use gym to play soccer once a week
- More volunteers for Connaught Park recess trips are needed
- Lequipe leadership has put together an assembly and an every child counts mural
- Grade 7 students are tutoring grade 1 students who are new to french immersion

Treasurer's Report

- Account summary from last year's gaming grant to be submitted by November 30th
- Close to closing 2020-2021 books, waiting for info from grad, Quebec, scoreboard quotes (scoreboard cost will be approx \$6000, carpentry came in to do estimate, max \$1000 for install)
- PST rebate request- need to get final playground install cost, scoreboard cost, and determine whether we will be paying for fencing needed during playground install
- \$10,000 has been set aside for playground volunteer install, any required tools etc. will come out of this amount, Quebec 2022 will be managing the volunteer install and these funds will go to them if Quebec exchange happens, if exchange doesn't happen, these funds will go back to PAC
- Budget finance committee- \$15,000 approx estimated for more ipads to augment what school currently has, staff to come back with needs and wish list, PAC will discuss further, there has also been an ask for bikes (4 more), fundraising goal has not been met yet (currently raised \$17,000 out of \$39,000 needed, with fundraising currently underway)

Request for \$200 from Halloween Howl coordinators for 2 Blenz gift cards per class to be given as prizes for in class Halloween costume contest and pumpkin carving contest. Request was approved by unanimous consent.

*currently \$350 in community initiatives that the \$200 will be paid out from

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm