

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

**Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent**

**Previous meeting minutes (September 27th, 2021) approved by unanimous consent**

Currently roles open on PAC executive, see Tennyson PAC website for more information

**Principal's Report**

- Thank you to all parents for their continued involvement, their communication with students and teachers and for completing daily health checks and keeping kids home when they are feeling sick, cooperation regarding reduced space, distancing outside and waiting off the school grounds is appreciated, please follow signage around school when driving and please do not stop in streets or intersections
- Construction update- construction continues, project office anticipates that playground install will take place on time on Nov 20/21
- New higher temporary fence on northwest corner of school where kids play soccer has been installed to help with balls going into the street
- Staffing continues to be stable- welcome to Mme. Tara (grades 2 and 3, taking over for Mme. Fatima), Mme. Renee (grades 6/7) will be returning soon, thank you to M. Alain Thibeault for filing in, Mme. Malka Strauss is sharing an education assistant position
- Failure to fill- when school has more teachers absent than TOCs (Teachers on call) on any given day, this has not been an issue so far this year, still a challenge to fill education assistant roles (get in touch with admin if you are interested in training for this role)
- Athletics-thank you to parents participating in cross country, volleyball is starting, there is a grade 6 and 7 girls team (not enough interest for boys team)

- Grade 7 transition program- once a week students can go to Kitsilano Community Centre to use the gym and youth lounge and connect with youth workers, waiting for confirmation from community centre
- Third floor use- staff are encouraged to ask anyone wandering the building that they don't recognize who they are and where they are going, volunteers can get a visitor badge from the office, admin is working with childcare on addressing the issue of childcare parents in the building and determining which entrances they are using

### **Vice Principal's Report**

- Cross country still ongoing with intermediate grades, last intermediate meet on Wednesday October 20th
- Connaught park community walks- opportunity to use a larger space for outdoor play and sports/games, M-T, volunteers currently being recruited
- Lequipe Leadership- assembly released on Friday, group created an every child matters mural, all classes participated in creating this
- Remembrance Day assembly- is being rehearsed and will be filmed
- Peer tutoring- grade 7 students tutoring grade 1 students who are new to french immersion

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Gaming grant was approved, \$8,680 (based on enrollment, \$20 per child given to any school that applies)
- We are almost halfway towards our fundraising goal for a current total of \$39,125, if you are able to please donate to kickstarter campaign through school cash online
- \$5,750 paid out for teacher's funds

### **Kickstart**

- Thank you to everyone who has already donated
- Hoping to get as close to 100% participation from parents, need to meet funding goal for purchases included technology and bikes

### **Quebec Update**

- VSB still has restrictions on overnight trips
- There is interest from Tennyson but it is yet clear what will happen with Quebec 2022 trip
- Quebec 2023 started their fundraising with an apple sale

### **Playground Update**

- Quebec 2022 is organizing the volunteers for the community install, they will be reaching out to entire school community for volunteers and are in discussions with Habitat to coordinate
- Since the Quebec exchange likely won't happen they won't be able to make use of funds which are being redirected to their fundraising for coordinating the volunteer/ community install, this \$ will then go back to PAC

BC Housing notified that a rezoning application has been submitted for the assisted living project at 8th and Arbutus. This information was sent from BC housing, open houses coming up.

### **Speaker Options for 2021/2022**

- Working from list of speakers from previous years that we might want to bring back or that couldn't be booked last year
- Topics of interest include anti bullying, indigenous learning, social/emotional learning, nutrition, more diverse speakers including BIPOC speakers, first aid training for kids
- Saleema Noon (usually every other year) and Nicola Doughty were well received last year
- Last year there were 5 or 6 speakers, proposing alternating months schedule

### **DPAC Update**

- District PAC- this group is made up of all the VSB PACs, they advocate at the district level and put out a great monthly newsletter
- DPAC rep position- is open, this role liaises and brings information back and forth
- Workshop on IEP (individualized Education Plan) coming up
- DPAC is putting forward motion to VSB to ask to increase transparency regarding planning and projections. The data used to predict how many students will enroll in schools is different from what the city of Vancouver is predicting, without an explanation as to why different data is being used. DPAC is asking for suspension of decisions about planning and school closures until they can be more transparent with their process. The full motion can be reviewed on the DPAC website
- Important for elementary school community to be aware of issues that DPAC is advocating for in preparation for high school years when they might have a more direct impact (for example enrichment and programs for neuro diverse students are being cut or amalgamated)

## **Key Updates**

**Lost and Found-** Please check lost and found if your child has lost something

**Hot Lunch-** Now open, looking 2 for volunteers for each day

**Walk to School-** Tennyson received a \$300 grant for walk to school day, this activity needs to take place before end the of December

**Halloween-** Howl coordinators hoping to do costume and pumpkin carving contest in the week leading up to Halloween

**SOGI update-** School reps, Devon McHugh is the SOGI (sexual orientation gender identity) rep, Emily Perron is the Indigenous Education rep, Doug and Kateryna are the Anti Racism reps

**Diversity and Inclusion-** Outdoor Pride flag and every child matters flags to be hung on patio above basketball hoop, currently looking at pricing for gear for hanging flags, next meeting will be on November 9th at 7pm, new members and ideas are always welcome

**Letter to trustees-** Letter will go out this week, letter will be posted so school community can review

**Next PAC meeting November 22nd, 7pm**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm