

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC Executive Meeting
February 28th, 2022
via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

Attendees: Tai Scott, Julia Lemieux, Mike McEwan, Lisa Seriosa, Kateryna McNicol, Mandana Namazi, Brenna Fraser, Barbara Arenson, Maria Montano, Sonia Kainth, Yazmin Vazquez, Trish Mahoney, Jaqueline Crummey

Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent

Previous meeting minutes (January 17th, 2022) approved by unanimous consent

Principal's Update

- Interim principal Mike McEwan has felt very welcomed by Tennyson students and staff
- Construction Update
 - Timelines are weather dependant
 - Parking lot and basketball courts, end of March
 - Area between school and playing field, end of April
 - Long Jump pit needs asphalt under long jump run up, then 30 days for it to cure before rubberized surface can be installed
 - Seeding field- early April, trucks will deliver 80 loads of sand needed for base layer of field, flaggers will be provided
 - Truck schedule- there isn't anywhere for trucks to line up to access field, can't block the street and getting to school with Broadway line construction is challenging right now
 - Once field is seeded grounds will determine how long until it's cured, anticipating October-November
 - Rubberizing big kids' playground, end of March due to weather
 - Surplus in PEP grant-grounds has collaborated with Dave from Habitat (playground construction company) to see what accessible equipment can be added, funding needs to be spent by end of March so equipment has been ordered, will be installed by end of the year, photos have been sent

- Comment from parents about checking weather and planning ahead for construction delays, closing the playground later until cold weather has passed, reminder that we are an active school not just a construction site, the kids need the space
- PAC would like to have a conversation with Micheal Rossi (Project Office) about what could affect closures of playground area that is currently available, try to avoid unnecessary work to avoid closures, get detailed updates on regular basis

Treasurer's Report

- Kickstart- campaign takes place throughout the year with big push at beginning of year,
 - \$7,867.24 rolled over from last year
 - \$15,415 total donations this year
 - \$23,282.24 towards operating budget of \$39,125
 - The same families donate each year, would like to see 100% participation from parent community either in money or time
 - PAC currently has surplus of funds but would be good to continue Kickstarter to keep it on the radar
- Spring Math/Spell A thon- (alternating years) this is usually a big PAC fundraiser, do we want to do it this year and where should the raised funds go? Possibility to donate raised funds to a charity, opportunity to teach kids about helping others and there is less pressure to raise funds
- Book Fair will go ahead pending teacher approval
- Teachers have option to participate in A Thon or not, they will be consulted ahead of time before giving green light

Budget

- \$60,000 surplus projected for 2022/2023 school year
- It has been challenging to spend PAC budget during covid, programs are not running, Quebec trips have been canceled
- Included in this total is \$36,000 from Quebec 2021 which has not come back into account yet
- Quebec 2021 would like to see money go towards an outdoor classroom, PAC looking at costs for this, other ideas include sports training, professional coaches, outdoor covered area, arts programming, survey to be sent out to PAC to see what people would be most interested, discussion around having an event that welcomes back kids from 2021, 2022, 2023 to acknowledge challenges of covid (BBQ, mixer), invite Quebec classes who contributed to legacy projects to come back to an event at the school

- Further discussion to take place on how will this be allocated moving forward, budget will be presented in May and voted on in June

Tennyson Legacy Fund

- Any money that we are giving over to the school, i.e teachers' funds, arts funding, will go back into school cash online if unspent

Motion to return any unused funds that PAC has given to school back into PAC account and not hold these funds at the school, approved by unanimous consent.

Motion to hand over the \$4000 in the PAC budget that is allocated for arts supplies to the school, approved by unanimous consent. These funds are to be used for arts and music supplies and are to be allocated at the admin's discretion.

Funding Requests

Mr. Carrier and his class upgraded the "mud pit" when the wood chips were removed from the big kids' playground, suggestion to thank them for their work with a pizza party, \$100 would be taken from the community initiatives greening line, there is currently \$700 in this budget line item that is unspent, suggestion to add a sign thanking other students who helped so that no one feels left out

Motion to use \$100 from the community initiatives and greening line item for a thank you pizza party for M. Carrier and his class for the work on the mud pit improvements, approved by majority vote.

Accessibility Toys

A request was submitted to purchase toys to support the student in the wheelchair in playing with other children (outdoor toys, frisbee, balls), this would come from the school equipment line which currently has \$12,000

Motion to spend up to \$500 for accessible and inclusive outdoor toys from the school equipment line approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Carrier submitted a receipt for \$161.00 in gardening supplies that can come out of the greening line

Motion to reimburse M. Carrier \$161.00 from greening budget line for gardening supplies, approved by unanimous consent.

Request to the school community for small pop up tents, these could be used by students who need breaks, this would help the entire class so they wouldn't be disrupted, would go into pods.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02