

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School  
PAC General Meeting  
May 16th, 2022  
via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

**Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent**

**Previous meeting minutes (April 11th, 2022) approved by unanimous consent**

**DPAC Music Working Group**

- Presented by Robert Ford, former hudson PAC member
- Hoping to run the program next year at Tennyson
- Extracurricular choral program, group has the talent and experience to put together a choral program modeled after noon hour programs but offered to the district
- Choral is flexible and cost effective
- There is a DPAC general meeting on May 26th, group is looking for approval to start the program for September, asking PAC to vote for the program whether or not we use it
- Tennyson is hoping to have noon hour programs again starting in the fall, incumbent Ms. Catherine schools can run their program the same way they have been
- Ms. Catherine will be organizing conductors, pianists for these programs
- District model- district wide bursary for schools who need extra support, district program is designed to put some funds per child into bursary and then apply this evenly across the district, PACs will not be asked for money
  
- For the upcoming year Tennyson will stick with the choir program as is, can pivot if suitable
- Need to confirm there is a place and time for program to take place at Tennyson, confirm with rentals
- Question about benefit of district program in terms of organization

**Motion for Tennyson PAC to support the DPAC Music Working Group and choral program, approved in unanimous consent**

### **Principal's Report**

- Enrollment- 17 instead of 18 divisions, there will be one spare room, Mme. Saffi will likely use this room for Art, the multi purpose room would then be available
- Enrollment has declined
- 8 more students joining in grade 1, which will bring enrollment over 400
- If enrollment goes below 400, there is a year grace period and after that the vice principal will be removed
- Class placement hasn't started
- Teachers are working on report cards, these have a self evaluation component to them
- Direction for district- if there is a change in prep situation, they will look at music prep
- Front doorbell- will be removed as covid situation has changed, parents can come into the school and check in at the office
- Thank you to grade 7 committee for all their work on grade 7 celebration, kids came up with a lounge theme including music, games, rentals of wii/ pinball, the gym will be turned into a multi purpose lounge area
- Lunchroom- teachers are supportive of not having a lunchroom, could use multi purpose room for this but it is less dysregulating to eat in the classroom

### **Construction Update**

- Fencing going around the field, will take a week to complete
- Paving to be completed, delayed because of weather
- Seeding is imminent, sand is down, waiting on topsoil, ETA in the next week and a half
- Planning for if field isn't open- school will stick to one bell schedule and cope for the few weeks until field is open, decision would come from the district, bell schedule is standardized across schools so TOCs can get from one school to the next, hard to plan prep schedule with split breaks, Bruce and Kateryna would advocate for split recess and lunch if field is not available for an extended time
- Parking area could be used as extra space once fencing goes up
- Connaught is still an option but grades 6 and 7 are losing interest

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

- Parents and caregivers are asked to check with Veronica at front desk if their child is late
- Sports Day- Friday June 10th, hasn't happened since 2019, kindergarten classes booked VanDusen field trip on this day so they will do something else in lieu of

Sports Day, primaries will be at the school, intermediates at Connaught, Kits High grade 8 students are volunteering to help, looking at the schedule, parents can serve lunch or students can bring their own

- Tiger tail ceremony- grade 7s will give to kindergartens
- School goal of learning and re-learning of Indigenous issues, Amanda White presented to K-7 on social justice and the Cedar Story, Tracy Healey taught weaving for intermediate students, primary session upcoming
- Choir would need to work around sports program schedule, sports practices happen before and after school

### **Parent Speaker**

May 30th at 6:30pm, Katherine Martinez, Parenting Through Anxiety, info has been sent out in newsletter

### **Quebec 2023**

- Pizza fundraiser taking place right now
- Quebec 2024- Sports Day concession is the first fundraiser for students at end of their grade 5 year, suggestion to engage with parents to see if they want to go forward with Quebec program and related fundraising, current communication around Quebec considers how exchange experience can be reimagined
- Comment about amount of fundraising that goes towards this one program and about students who are being left out if they are unable to participate in Quebec

### **Treasurer's Report**

- 2021-2022 approved budget (on PAC website), just over \$39,000, current spending is \$18,500 for bikes, school equipment, arts
- Gaming grant- funds for every school, based on enrollment, \$20 per student, fund are used for non curricular programs
- Brenna's last year is upcoming, incoming treasurer to work with Brenna next year to help with transition when her term is up

### **Budget Discussion**

- Vote on budget in June at AGM
- \$165,900 is the current amount in all of accounts (not including Quebec futures and fundraising which are held separately), \$18,400 in unspent budget from this year, \$90,000 available for next school year
- Haven't been able to spend PAC budget due to covid and surplus from previous years
- 2020 budget had the operating budget but did not include "ghost amounts" that are being held, now showing everything that PAC holds

- Quebec 2021 requested that their fundraising be allocated to an outdoor classroom
  - Doug had worked with VSB to design an outdoor classroom using existing materials, this is likely not what was envisioned, if we decide to change this it could cost up to \$30,000 to build something new
  - School garden- a plan has been put forward to VSB, they will approve and come back with cost
- Suggestion for one line item for both outdoor classroom/ garden of \$35,000 to allow flexibility
- Ideas for spending:
  - Teachers have supported outdoor play equipment (connect 4, bowling)
  - Volleyball nets for gym- VSB will be providing these
  - Sports clinics, dance, yoga, meditation, media arts (need to look at costs for these and how they would fit into school day, if these benefit most students)
  - Weather cover- VSB does not support having cover that people might sleep under
  - Welcome back BBQ/meet the teacher, enhance this celebration
- Items that are typically in annual operating budget- these should be sustainable year after year as opposed to the above items that are one off, could reduce some budget items in order to maintain the budget
- Budget minus one offs and operating budget- fundraising goal for next year is \$16,147, good to continue fundraising so that school community is aware that fundraising needs to happen

**Motion to approve up to \$7500 (from Quebec 2021 funds held outside of PAC budget) to augment the purchase a set of 30 ipads, approved by unanimous consent**

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

- On May 6th the committee hosted a mental health resource table with coffee, muffins and printed resources
- Collaborative activity where people were asked to share their ideas for managing their mental health was very successful, photos are on the blog
- Planning for another resource table in June

### **DPAC Update**

- DPAC covid discussions are ongoing, Mondays at 7pm on zoom
- DPAC General Meeting on May 26th

- Committees looking for members- food framework committee, facilities planning, anti racism, childcare, music working group, see DPAC website for more info

**Next PAC Meeting AGM June 20th, 7:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm**