

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School**  
**PAC AGM**  
**June 20th, 2022**  
**via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

**Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent**

**Previous meeting minutes (May 16th, 2022) approved by unanimous consent**

**Principal's Report**

- Bruce is away on medical leave and will not be returning, Mike is here until Friday June 24th, Marion Broadbent will be at the school until the end of the school year
- Construction Update
  - Old fence around field has been removed, field was seeded on June 14th, poor weather has been good for germinating seed
  - Basketball court and parking lot are finished, waiting on occupancy permit for liability insurance
  - Courtyard gate has been painted
  - Earthquake shed has been roofed and painted
  - Outdoor classroom has been finished, waiting on occupancy permit
  - Blacktop has been power washed, waiting on final inspections from city for occupancy permit, liability insurance comes after occupancy permit
  - When occupancy permit for the parking lot comes through, this area could be blocked off and used by students until/if someone complains
  - Fencing pushed back to where field begins, allowing a bit more space
- Preparing for next year- 400 students, staffed for 17 divisions (one less than last year) 2 K, 2 gr 1, gr 1-2, gr 2, gr 2-3, 2 x grade 3 , gr 3-4 , 4, 3-5, 5, 6, 2 x 6/7, gr 7, this will not be finalized until the first week of school
- Posting for resource teacher- district initiative for schools to post for a music specialist in the school, Tennyson didn't have opportunity to create a posting that would work for a dedicated music specialist, Bruce decided to this to put out a posting for resource, a little over 2 days of resource will be added

- Volleyball nets- currently only have a single full sized volleyball net, project office will be providing a new net and cart
- Permits won't likely be approved until before next school year, not a problem for people to use basketball courts outside of school hours, some complaints from neighbors about noise of basketball courts, backboard is metal so is noisy, possibility to have basketball hoop removed for the summer, people will have to play at other court
- Construction plans- workarounds for Tennyson will be communicated to incoming principal

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

- Sports Day was a great event, good weather, former Tennyson students volunteered, freezies from grade 5 families were provided
- Grad ceremony- thank you to all the parents who helped organize, this year parents can attend
- Quebec 2023- waiting for the go ahead from the district, revising guidelines about inter provincial trips, specifically those with billeting involved, organizing committee will be updated
- Bake sale- was off school grounds because of nut allergies, it is the school policy that can't sell anything that may contain nuts
- Pride table and flag hanging by Diversity and Inclusion committee, flags were hung, these were ripped down over the weekend, looking at how to repair and re-hang
- Tiger tail assembly- there will be a small assembly for kindergarten and students who haven't received their tiger tails yet, grade 7's will teach tiger dance and Tennyson song

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Call out for any outstanding expenses from 2021-2022
- Call out for any future treasurers, looking for someone to shadow Brenna and Maria during their last year in the position before taking over
- Question about amount in PAC budget- Reduction in costs (presentations, arts) due to covid, previous PACs accumulated resources for playground and were careful to not overspend, Quebec money 2020-2021 (approx \$70,000) returned
- PAC currently has 3 active Vancity accounts (general account, e transfers account without fees, capital account), also have casino account (for BC gaming grant, needs to go into its own account), donations from school cash online are not held in our account but we do get reconciliation from Veronica

- This year starting to put away some funds for capital expenditures, either planned or surprise expenditures
- Quebec Fund- Quebec Futures Fund, each active year of Quebec fundraising has their own account and 2 signing officers, Quebec Futures Fund (QFF) is approximately \$80,000, Q22 and Q23 are active and open right now, QFF to fund up to 2 years of Quebec trips if they are unable to get the grant, this was created due to concern about not getting grant and parents needing to come up with extra funds, created to create equity year on year
- \$19,860 is the total that has been fundraised by Quebec 2022
- Question about why we need to keep fundraising- when looking and QFF we need to think about how many generations of Tennyson families have contributed to that, intention of the funds is not in lieu of fundraising, it is to be used if you don't get your grant, there are bylaws and rules around how QFF is set up, QFF is a legacy fund not an alternative to fundraising
- Quebec 2017 still has an open account- Barbara was working on closing it, there is a \$5 balance

### **Chair Report**

- Budget- has been hard to spend, have needed to pivot due to covid
- This year PAC:
  - Purchased 3 additional stationary bikes
  - Purchased set of 30 new iPads
  - \$4000 in fine art supplies (music and visual)
  - \$5750 to directly fund materials in the classroom
  - Parent speaker series
  - Built and enhanced our outdoor play spaces
  - Saw the return of hot lunches
  - Almost saw the return of Noon Hour Programs
  - Bike (and some walk) to School Week
  - Provided inclusivity materials and education
  - Advocated for our children at the district level
  - Greening materials
  - Supported the class of 2022 grad celebrations
  - Holiday Hampers and staff appreciation

### **8th and Arbutus**

Supportive housing at 8th and Arbutus- group from neighborhood want to share information about their group and their concerns, discussion about if and how to share their links and contact

## **Funding Requests**

\$6900 was approved at the February PAC meeting to put towards 3x grade 7 field trips in lieu of Quebec 2022, only one field trip was able to be scheduled, leaving unspent funds of \$3578

**Motion to redirect the unspent amount of \$3578 to grade 7 grad events this year, approved by majority vote**

## **Diversity and Inclusion**

- Hosted a Pride table with rainbow Tenny stickers, rainbow goldfish, resources and a collaborative community activity, thank you to everyone who helped organize and took part
- Every Child Matters and Pride Flags were hung and then vandalized the next weekend

## **DPAC Update**

- DPAC AGM on Thursday, voting on executive positions, voting on excess funds that will be redistributed to schools, decision to distribute to schools who have less fundraising capabilities and are more in need, two options:
  - (Preferred option) Distribution to all tiered schools, ~20 or so schools would receive \$1500 each
  - Distribution to tier 1 (most need) schools only, ~7 schools, about \$5100 each
- District music working program approved
- Queen Elizabeth Annex school closure

## **Budget**

- Thank you to everyone who completed the budget survey
  - Based on the survey, seems PAC budget is in line with community priorities
  - Comment- 2 questions was not enough (PAC wanted to keep it simple if anyone has expertise in creating surveys please reach out)
  - Bursaries and scholarships, lack of awareness about these, need to increase promotion, anyone can go to the school admin, who will then go to PAC for anonymous funding, the scholarship is for any Tennyson alumni in french immersion graduating from grade 12 and moving on to post secondary
  - Request for covering for bike racks
  - A lot of support for spending PAC money on music programming (looking at bringing choir next school year) and athletic programming

- Budget reviewed at beginning of year rather than at end
- Request for projector
- Ipads come at request of teachers
- Staff support for emotional needs and counseling (PAC can fund workshops and speakers)
- Survey didn't mention that there has been close communication with staff and their input has been included in this budget
- Budget surplus- the budget shows one time vs year over year expenses to show what a typical year would look like
- \$35,000 starting balance so that we aren't starting at zero in Sept, \$25,000 loan to Munchalunch to start ordering food, these amounts have existed but weren't reflecting in budget
- Shortfall of \$11,147, typically this is the amount to fundraise for if we don't have it in the account, this will be covered by unspent amounts from previous year and Quebec 22 funds
- Kickstart is run at the beginning of the year, this could be done for charity or not at all, TDB by incoming PAC
- Create sports and arts programming line rather than listing them individually in case some programs are not available
  - i.e Sports Programming lump sum with options 1,2,3 and their costs so that it demonstrates that the amount will not be used for only one program

**Motion to change the budget wording and collapse sports and arts line items into one category, with alternate options and examples of programs, approved by unanimous consent**

**Motion to approve the 2022/2023 budget passed by majority vote**

**PAC Executive Voting for 2022/2023 School Year**

- Vote was led by Jo Gromodzki, past PAC chair

Co-Chairs- Peter Bayliss and Sunita Sinha by majority vote

Vice-chair- Michelle Plotkin, by majority vote

Secretary- Julia Lemieux, by majority vote

Treasurer- Brenna Fraser and Maria Montano, by majority vote

DPAC rep- Trish Mahoney, by majority vote

Unelected positions- email blast, Munchalunch, Kits high rep, primary and intermediate reps

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm**