

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School  
PAC General Meeting  
September 26th, 2022  
via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

**Meeting agenda, with funding request removed, approved by unanimous consent**

**Previous meeting minutes (June 20th, 2022) approved by unanimous consent**

Meeting chaired by Tam Cummings, as PAC chair role has not yet been filled

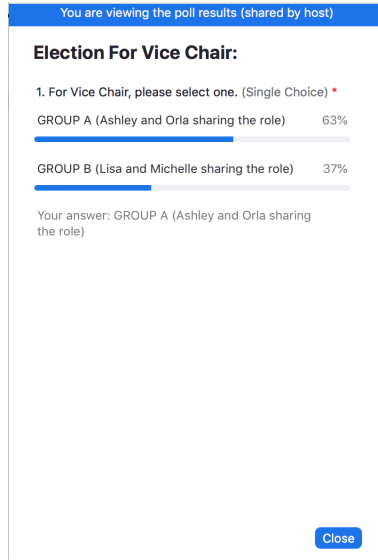
Funding Requests- will be brought to October meeting, Diane will be getting wish lists from staff

All parents and caregivers automatically become PAC members, everyone is welcome to contribute to PAC meetings, PAC executives are elected positions, these provide leadership on initiatives brought forward by the PAC

**Election**

- Run by Karen Tsang, DPAC secretary
- Sunita Sinha and Peter Bayliss have run unopposed as co-chairs, voted in by acclamation
- Vice-chair- two groups of candidates, Group A Orla Sturgess and Ashley Vaughan, Group B Lisa Yeates and Michelle Plotkin
- Vote done by anonymous poll via zoom
- Group A Ashley and Orla 63% of the vote, group B 37% of the vote, co-vice chairs

**Ashley Vaughan and Orla Sturgess will share the position of co-chairs for the 2022-2023 school year, with 63% of votes from the anonymous poll**



## Principal's Report

- Staff and students have been very welcoming
- Diane has worked as a teacher and admin in Vancouver, in dual stream schools, IB, fine arts and in varying stages of school builds, she has worked in many schools with waitlists, worked with many PACs, focus is trying to make the most of academic skills, building resilience, social emotional skills, building these into the curriculum and extracurricular, ensuring the community feels safe
- New district plan - how school runs and is focused, working with staff on new school growth plan, will be getting student and caregiver feedback
- School start up 396 students, 17 divisions, school is full with 50/50 primary and intermediate
- New staff- Carly Corrado is working with Mme. Bailey in kindergarten, Caitlin Feller grade 4 / 5 resource, currently looking for teacher/librarian who can speak French, the current librarian will be at the school into October
- Newsletters go out once a week
- Quebec- have met with committee and district, want grade 7's to be part of the discussion before making an announcement on this
- Construction- it will be a full year until the field is ready, grounds is coming on Thursday to look at what areas need to be reseeded, preventative measures will be taken over the winter
- Basketball hoop in the front area- looking at putting a lower hoop for primary students as this is primarily their area, this would reduce noise as well, full height basketball hoop will remain in the back

- Feedback from parent about the playground being very crowded when all students are out at the same time, discussion about alternatives for play space until the field is ready to add more space (long jump pit, parking lot?), September timeline was given and combined recess was resumed in anticipation of the field being open, what can the parent community do to accelerate field progress?
  - Option to open up the gym at noon and offer other noon hour activities
  - Long jump pit- the grass needs to be maintained and can't be used
  - Grass field- this will require ongoing maintenance, after the field is reopened the area may need to be fenced in over summer to re-seed, particularly in the early stages of field
  - Parking lot- 3rd floor daycare is waiting on spots, this area needs to be accessible for students with mobility issues, staff who are commuting who park off grounds (and then taking pick up and drop off spots) and maintenance crews
  - Connaught park- grade 7's have the option walk around the school, looking at doing this off grounds, in past years we have had more supervision aides, only 3 this year so an aide can't go to Connaught, there was not a lot of interest in this option last year

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

- In-person assemblies will resume in the gym, some technical glitches, holding off on inviting parents until the process can be refined
- Terry Fox run on Wednesday, school premises for primary, at Connaught for intermediate
- Orange Shirt Day- Equipe Leadership/ Creativite working on posters as a team, orange tiger that students will decorate with feathers
- Cross country practices- Tuesday and Thursday, meets taking place next week
- Volleyball- Mme. Stephanie and Adrienne volunteered to be coaches, likely for grades 6-7, more info and program confirmation TBA

### **Treasurer's Report**

- In process of wrapping up 2021-2022 school year budget, current spending is \$23,000 against \$39,000 budget, final budget will be available for October meeting
- Current budget is available on the PAC website, this includes the annual budget as well as the one time special expenditures

- Gaming grant- application submitted in April, status shows the application is complete, should be receiving notification letter soon, in prior years this amount has been \$20/student

## Key Updates

- **Welcome back BBQ**- thank you to all the volunteers
- **Parent Speakers**- October topic is supporting your child through stress and anxiety, January- Saleema Noon, looking for input from school community for additional speakers
- **Noon Hour Programs**- choir, chess, will consult with PAC on what programs students might be interested in
- **Cross Country**- Tu/ Th morning practices
- **Hot Lunches**- historically run by grade 6 as fundraiser for Quebec but currently there is no Quebec 2024, looking for one coordinator per meal day (3x week) and a Munchalunch coordinator
- **Howl**- looking for volunteers, those storing decorations from past years can donate if you they no longer have space for to store
- **Diversity and Inclusion**- looking for co-chair
- **DPAC**
  - DPAC is planning to facilitate Q and A with school trustee candidates, looking at putting forward 3, neutral open ended questions to help school communities hear where candidates stand on issues, there will be an all candidates forum in early October, looking for input and questions from school community
  - Vancouver DPAC has created and is holding space for Black (of African Descent) and Indigenous Parents to gather and discuss issues pertinent to them that happen within the context of Vancouver Public Schools (VSB), meetings are scheduled for every first Thursday of the month from 5:30 pm until 7 pm
  - Slack group for all who are interested in furthering work on anti racism and inclusion, more info available on DPAC website
- **Volunteer Opportunities**- class parent, PAC secretary, Lost and Found, email blast

**Next PAC Meeting Monday October 24th, 7pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm**