

Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC Executive Meeting
October 10, 2022
Via Zoom

Attendees: Peter Bayliss, Sunita Sinha, Tai Scott, Orla Sturgess, Ashley Vaughan,
Trisha Mahoney, Kateryna McNicol, Diana Martinson, Barbara Arenson

Meeting called to order at 19:08

Please note – Meeting is being recorded, mute your mic except if you're speaking

Land Acknowledgement: Please join me in acknowledging, with gratitude, that our school, where we play, work and learn, is on the traditional, unceded territory of the sel̓íl̓it̓it̓ulh (Tseil-Waututh), x̣ṃəθḳẉəỵəm (Musqueam), and sḳẉx̣ẉú7mesh (Squamish) Coast Salish Peoples.

Agenda: is approved by unanimous consent.

Minutes are posted on Slack and the PAC website. They will be approved at the November meeting.

Events & Activities

- Halloween Howl – any final requests/comments/changes!
Very exciting it happens again
Sold about \$700 worth of tickets, DJ cost \$800, around \$300 for crafts, hope to cover all that from ticket sale. Buying snacks from Costco and selling for \$1. Are hoping to be cost neutral.
Another call out for volunteers (as usual for the Howl)
More PAC emails communication is going out
It's a Tennyson School Event and not a community event.
School would like to know in advance what's happening in which room and who is overseeing it.
- Hot Lunches:
Sushi and Pizza will be happening
In contact with pizza and sushi vendors but we need volunteers
Volunteer sign up on website
Hoping to start beginning of November
- Noon Hour Programs: Perhaps in the New Year?
Diane is in contact with Lisa S.

We have a few School led like choir already running.

Noon hour program has to be vetted through community school team bc of liability of the vendors and should be consistence across the district.

Hybrid of school based, and parent organized. Ideally minimal cost programs or no cost programs.

Volleyball-, basketball- and leadership teams are using the Gym

Cater to the variety of interest of kids.

- Speakers:
Can't cover because Yazmin is not here.
- Is Bookfair coming back?
On hold until we have teacher librarian.
- Spirit wear:
Not the same as the orange sports shirts which are organized and sold by the school.
Order through school but items have to be sent home.
Julia gets prizing.
- Hamper drive:
Trisha is the lead.
Diana touches base with Mt. Pleasant principal.
- Stream of dreams (fishes at the old Tennyson fence):
Old fishes were too old and are gone.
Waiting list is 18 to 24 months.
Link is sent to Diane.

Finances:

- None of the treasurers is here so no treasurer update
- Funding Requests from teacher/staff:
Are not ready, yet.
Hopefully ready for Monday.
Waiting for details.
Will be sent to the Co-chairs as soon as they are ready.
- Fundraising:
Connection between resources and volunteer hours that are needed to run programs.
Right now, we are fortunate to have the money, should be careful how to spend and manage it.
Careful that we don't tell people what to do with their money.

Voluntary donation, careful with wording if donating to a school.
Donating to a school, parents get a tax receipt.
In a typical year we need donations from parents, need the funds to run all the things.
Peter drafts wording and puts it on slack for editing.

Communications:

- **Weekly Newsletter:**
PAC newsletters are coming out once in a while. General information can go into the “PAC” corner from the school newsletter. Everyone can send items directly to Diane with “PAC corner” in the subject line.
Anytime between when it comes out and next Monday, preferably on Fridays.
Fundraising and money items should not be in the PAC corner and should come directly from PAC.
- **Diversity and Inclusion community:**
Communicate directly with Diane about items to be incorporated into the newsletter.
- **DPAC:**
Summary only during General meeting, except there is something that has to be discussed at the exec level. Information also goes to the “PAC corner” of the newsletter.
- **Financial assistance/bursaries:**
Are available, go to the office and talk to someone from Admin. Bursaries are available for Howl tickets and pink T-shirts, as well.

Principal & Vice Principal:

- Principal will give an overview about x-country, Volleyball coming up, choir is going, looking at possible doing chess and the school is in the process of looking at a new growth plan, connected with a district plan.
- **Field update:**
Fence was broken up and dogs and owners were on the field.
Reseeding was done and there will be another seed out again in Spring.
Field still needs protection.
Also, the kids are informed so they can explain at home.
- **Quebec trip:**
Billeting won't be allowed for now and no one knows if it is coming back or not.
No French Immersion schools are going forward this year and doing the exchange.
It's a VSB decision about the billeting and there might be changes for future years.
It's looking different this year and let's start the conversation.
No fundraising before the trip is approved.

Grade 6 parents are in the limbo.

School based event organised and supervised by school needs to be organised by school.

Let's have some big conversations.

- Hot Lunches:
We are doing 3 sessions again, so we can increase/decrease prices for the different sessions.
We're not fundraising this year because we have to fundraise for a purpose.
Bursaries are available for hot lunches, too.
- Technology fundraiser:
School looks at the plan for the next few years
Consensus is not to fundraise, yet, until we know exactly what for.
- Kateryna:
Equipe leadership is practising for the Remembrance Day Assembly. Working on getting the projector going. First assembly with parents in new school.
Limited seating for parents, there will be two sessions in the afternoon.

PAC Meeting Schedule:

- We usually don't meet in December and March.
- We try out different days.
- We will keep the executive meeting on a different day than the general meeting.
- Next general meeting is Wed Nov 25th.
- Next executive meeting is Wed Nov 16th.
- Google drive: Orla sends Peter access to google drive.

Meeting ended at 20:45