

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC General Meeting
October 24th, 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 (September 26th, 2022) approved by unanimous Consent

Principal's Report

- Parent conferences have just wrapped up
- Student vote for municipal election was held to educate older students about the voting process
- School photos took place in library, a QR code was sent home today
- Field trips have started
- Senior choir is up and running, the first performance will be for Remembrance Day (remembrance day ceremony will now be in afternoon due to vaccination clinics), no junior choir at this point
- Construction- district and architects met, the field will be reseeded ASAP after the winter months, they will be reseeding on top of the existing grass, students are being kept off the area for now
- Lock and chain on the fence around the field have been added to keep people and dogs out
- Outdoor learning area- looking at resurfacing this area as it can be muddy in the rain
- Basketball hoop from the front of school has been taken down due to noise, this will be replaced by a lower net for primary students, higher net will remain at the back
- New installation in hallway- windows from old school were re-worked with photos of old school and are now on display
- New volleyball nets are up
- Ipads- 30 ipads have been ordered

Vice Principal's Report

- Cross country- participation is up, Tennyson had the most kids out of any other VSB school
- Volleyball practices- boys Tuesday, girls Wednesday, Mme. Stephanie is coaching the boys team, (one team only, will rotate students), Mme. Adrienne is coaching the girls, game schedule TBA
- Basketball season upcoming, gym is open for grade 7's to practice
- Assembly is coming up, Équipe Leadership and Créativité have put this together
- Équipe Leadership is for grade 7's, grades 5 and 6 can submit ideas for project ideas if they have something they want to work on

Treasurer's Report

- Approved for BC gaming grant, the amount is based on last year's enrollment of 412 students, we receive \$20 per student for a total of \$8240
- The school is required to report on how the funds are spent, as there are specific ways the grant can be used
- The gaming grant amount is not included in the total budget for the year but is taken into account for potential spending and for fundraising goals, we don't rely on it but are happy to receive it
- Welcome back BBQ expenses have come in

Fundraising Plan for 2022-2023 School Year

- PAC budget- in a typical year PAC would reach out to families to donate to the Kickstarter campaign, this year there will be a surplus and therefore there won't be a Kickstarter, we may revisit fundraising as the year progresses, other school groups may fundraise for non PAC initiatives
- Thank you to those who have fundraised in previous years
- This year's budget is \$80,000, most years this amount is usually \$30-\$40,000, there are one time items in the budget totalling \$62,000, \$143,000 is the one time budget, the intention is to spend the whole amount
- Bursaries are available to families who may need financial support to participate in PAC events, please speak to school admin if you are looking for assistance

Key Updates

- **Howl-** Howl lite this year, disco in the gym, games, snacks, costume parade with prizes, \$1500 in tickets sold online through showpass, \$2035 spent, \$500 for snacks which will be recouped, plan to donate surplus to the food bank
- **Hot Lunches-** starting soon, sushi and pizza, 2 days (reminder that ministry only allows healthy foods), need coordinators for each day, this can be done from home through MunchaLunch, need volunteers at school for lunch days
- **Parent Speakers-** parent presentation on mental health last week, recording link and handouts are available, nutritionist in November, Saleema Noon in January, possibility of athletes to come speak, goal to have diverse speakers
- **DPAC-** Q & A session for school trustee candidates went well, DPAC organized mayoral candidates Q & A, the next meeting is October 26th, treasury 101 workshop happening on November 3rd
- **Diversity and Inclusion-** committee had their first meeting, planning to have monthly resource tables, information from the committee will be shared in a section of Diane's newsletter, looking for a new, safe place to re-hang the Pride and Every Child Matters flags

Other Updates-

- Hamper drive for Mt Pleasant Elementary will be going ahead again this year
- PAC is looking into doing the Steam of Dreams program again
- Non enrolling staff holiday gifts will be organized
- Spirit wear- looking at printing a new batch, maybe with a new design, suggestion to have students design and/or vote on final designs

Volunteer Positions

- Email blast
- Co-secretary
- Class Parents
- Kindergarten, primary, intermediate reps

Next PAC Executive Meeting Wednesday November 16th, 7pm

Next PAC General Meeting Wednesday November 30th, 7pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm