

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC General Meeting
November 30th, 2022
via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent

Previous meeting minutes (October 24th, 2022) approved by unanimous Consent

Principal's Report

- Halloween Howl- Diane was very impressed, thanks to all the parents for organizing this great opportunity for community building
- Remembrance Day assembly on November 10th- this was run by L'equipe Leadership, the choir performed for the first time, assembly was in afternoon due to vaccines in the morning, two separate assemblies were held due to space issues
- French monitrice Marie Barbier- hired by VSB for French programs, she has been working mostly with younger students including division 4, kindergarten classes, division 11
- Field Trips have resumed
- Volleyball teams- senior boys and girls tournament
- Basketball- practices starting next week, junior boys and girls, senior boys and girls, grades 6 and 7, coaches are Mme. Martison, Mme. Feller, Mme. Corrado, a coach from the upstairs daycare, Mme. Kat is sponsoring, game schedule TBD
- Student and family affordability fund- from Ministry of Education, funding goes to individual school to be used for food and nutrition, family assistance, offset costs of field trips, Tennyson has set aside funds to supplement families for workshops, looking at booking 2 week long workshops (drumming and dance), this will be covered by the fund
- School garden- confirming that the area is set to go, work on the garden will resume in the spring, there are stringent regulations from the district on gardening school grounds
- Scoreboard plaque, picture hanging- Diane has been in touch with district about this for a quote

Vice Principal's Report

- Last Friday the school had an Indigenous focus Pro day, all staff participated, looking at how to integrate this learning into daily teaching, received list of approved resources
- Preparing for the next assembly on the topic of winter celebrations around the world and ways to support our communities during this time, this will take place on Wednesday December 14th, time TBD
- Nutritionist coming this week to speak to students

Treasurer's Update

- November 30th is the deadline to submit the gaming grant report, need to report on how the funds were used in the past year, need to submit application for next year's grant in the Spring
- Annual Raz Kids invoice, \$1700 (paid by PAC)
- Still expecting Je lis, Je lis invoice (paid by the school)
- Halloween Howl had some profit which will be donated to the Vancouver food bank
- Reminder that bursaries are available, contact school admin for more information

Parent Speakers

- Kids' nutritionist speaker will be on December 4th, the presentation will cover what healthy foods are and how these keep us healthy, how to help prepare healthy snacks and meals, speaker is also available to do a parent session
- Speakers for new year- dates TBD, athlete will be coming to speak with the students, doctor to talk about mobility, safe movement and injury prevention, Saleema Noon

DPAC Update

- Discussion around asking VSB about info regarding student absences in consideration of mask mandates
- Discussion around lack of support staff and EAs in schools-looking for feedback from PACs
- SLO program- school community can contact DPAC for how to get involved in this discussion
- Next DPAC meeting is January 26th

Diversity and Inclusion Committee Update

Flags- looking at where these can be safely hung or at other alternatives (pride bench, window decals)

Events and Activities

- Howl was a huge success
- Thank you to all the volunteers
- More than 800 tickets sold
- Kids liked the disco and the dj, fortune telling, snacks, many parents liked the bright decor
- System for ticket sales need to be improved
- Working with Mme. Kateryna about what students liked and what they want to see for next year
- Feedback from parents will be requested
- Looking for new volunteers
- Suggestion to have more outdoor activities i.e games in the courtyard

Hot Lunches

- Up and running, pizza and sushi every week

Noon Hour Programs

- Noon hour programs need to go through community schools team or through rentals, this is due to the liability aspect which needs to be covered either through the district or rentals, going through community schools teams eliminates the rentals fee making this the best way to go about this
- Option to train grade 6's or 7's to run noon hour programs

Winterfest

- Typically happens in December, suggestion to move this to the new year when things are less hectic
- The model will be similar to the Howl, work with admin to figure out what event will look like then put out call for volunteers
- Suggestion to send out a survey so the whole school can participate in the planning
- What other events would the community like to see?
- Mme. Kateryna to talk to older students about the events they are interested in

Holiday Hampers and Gifts for Non-Enrolling Staff

- Emails will be going out soon
- Holiday hampers- collecting for 20 families, divisions will be assigned one or more family, this year they have requested specific gifts from the kids' lists, rather than random donations

Question about Quebec 2024- no plans for this, have not heard from the district on this, suggestion to get a community of grade 6 parents together early, suggestion to include admin from the beginning

Volunteers Needed

- Divisions 2, 10 and 12 need class reps
- Treasurer- to shadow for next school year

Thank you to the new kindergarten rep Janice Cheam, intermediate rep Joanne Gerrie, Kits rep Lisa Yeates

Next PAC Meeting Wednesday January 25th, 7pm

Upcoming meetings

PAC Executive Meeting Wednesday January 18th, 7pm

2023 General Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm-January 25th, February 22nd, April 26th, May 31st, June 21st

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm