

Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC General Meeting
February 22, 2023
via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:14
Meeting is being recorded on zoom.

Land Acknowledgement

Today's Agenda approved (Orla, Trish)

Previous Meeting Minutes (January 25, 2023) approved by unanimous consent

Principal's report:

- Black history month and Pink Shirt Day
- Classes at Vancouver art gallery
- Baking for some students for in class events.
- Basketball – both junior and senior boys basketball are advancing in tournaments as of this week. Girls are playing as well so will move on to the next stage of the tournament.
- Grade 1 / 2 class skating at Kitsilano Community rink.
- A number of classes going or have gone curling

Confirmation of events:

- 4 Arts Performances using PAC sponsored funds. 2 have been confirmed and trying to get a couple more organized.
- Volleyball net – working on pricing.
 - A PAC member raised the point that it was decided this was a cost for the new school build and this was confirmed in September and by previous principal and not a PAC purchase.
 - Diane to confirm this.
- Chess is confirmed April 10 – June 12 Mondays in library Noon Hour Program
- Grade 7 graduation ceremony at the school confirmed for 1pm on June 26th

Teacher Technology Request:

Mme Renee and Mme Christine spoke about technology needs:

1. Laptops:

- In the Fall of 2019 school was given 30 Dell laptops and students have been using daily for most of the day in 6/7 pod and in the 5/6 class.
- ISSUES they are facing:
 - Younger students are finding it a bit trickier to keep track of their passwords.
 - Issue is that machines are quite slow and with everyone signing on to the network at same time they are even more slow.
 - Dell vs Macbook Air: Dell laptops out date very quickly compared the Macbook Air
 - They are currently down to 28 computers and very slow to load and harder to navigate for younger students
 - Currently needing a VSB tech to come in and reset – and this is taking a long time to get service.

Discussion of Laptop vs ipad:

- Laptop is more useful for Microsoft word, learning typing and some other apps in addition to setting the students up for later grades
- Issue with an iPad – meant for a single user vs laptop is easier to set up for multiple users login. Research on a iPad is very helpful, but documents/word/PowerPoint better on a laptop

T Teacher Ask to the PAC for Technology funding:

- VSB gave 10 Mac Books in fall
- Staff are **Asking for 20 new MacBooks and a cart**
- They have some quotes and still waiting to hear about leasing option:
- MacBook air \$1529 / laptop plus shipping – waiting on numbers for leasing vs buying.
- Pro on leasing is access to new models.
- To buy approx. \$30,000 for MacBook air
- Cart approx. \$1529 plus 150-300 for shipping
- Through E-pro they may be able to get a discount in buying in blocks of 10
- Problem with leasing could be that we are basing a decision and passing on to next PAC group.

Discussion:

- Leasing vs buying
- Other options vs Dell such as Lenovo was raised.
- A parent suggested best is leasing as technology can be updated more regularly.
- \$18,000 roughly budgeted for ipads this year, will be discussed further as more detailed budget is presented for this.

Plan:

Diane to find out more about the leasing.

PAC to figure out how to make the funding work

2. Ipad cases and charging towers and extra chargers

- Thank you to the PAC for the 30 Ipad cases they received
- ASK: cases for those 30 iPads, more chargers and charging towers for overnight charge
 - Cost last time 25-30\$ per case = approx \$900
 - charging towers cost needs to be confirmed
 - Total approx. \$1500 (miscellaneous line or technology line in budget)

Discussion:

- Suggestion that we need to reconsider discretionary fund that doesn't need to be voted on for technology under \$2500.
- Treasurer noted that there is money (\$750) for items such as chargers etc

Decision to vote on technology.

A motion was put forward to approve \$1500 for covers for 30 iPads and charging towers.

No opposition

A Motion was approved unanimously to provide \$1500 for request for 30 ipads, charging towers and extra charging cables.

Vice Principal Report:

- Black excellence month, gender and identity inclusion month, and Anti-bullying themes in assembly. Great turn out with classes, l'équipe leadership, SOGI club and parents turning for the assembly today
- Mme. Clair offered to do a math club on Friday lunch – Math that is creative and thinking outside the box – 40 students showed up!
- Vast majority Grade 6s participated in the MDI (middle years development instrument administered by UBC measures social emotion development, wellbeing)

Treasurer's update:

- Quiet month
- 1. Lines in budget that look like they are not being utilized:
 - 350/mo for PAC meeting expenses and childminding services and in the past was low utilization and varied month to month prior to pandemic
 - Bursaries – this amount has increased in the budget. No requests so far this year
 - Peer tutoring is back and Mme Kateryna is running it and funds will go to a pizza party at the end of year for the student volunteers
 - Invoice for Saleema Noon workshops has not yet come in.
 - Discussion for possible use of these funds that are not being utilized:
 - left-over money for snacks for sports teams in the future

- high jump pole is broken.
 - Principal Diane mentioned need for some new jerseys for basketball 8-10
2. QuickBooks online research to replace desktop version.
 - i. In order to get multiple user access – need to be on the Essentials Plan for \$44/month plus tax
 - ii. No obligation and no minimum term
 - iii. Can downgrade to \$24/mo
 - iv. First 12 months 264\$ and then double in second year going on
 - v. Will increase the visibility and transparency.
 - vi. Old PAC computer from 2014 on its last legs and this will need to be done soon.

A Motion was put forward to vote on approval to move to Quickbooks online, there was no opposition, and it was unanimously approved by PAC.

3. Question asked by Mme Renee about how to access Teacher request form to the PAC
 - a. Link is broken.
 - b. PAC is looking for ways to increase turnaround time on cheque reimbursement
4. Status of the Quebec Accounts
 - a. Orla spoke about money PAC has for Quebec futures \$85, 700
 - b. Quebec 2023 approx \$42,000 - Sunita updated that the grade 7 parents will be asking in the future for permission to utilize funds
 - c. Trying to shut down Quebec 2017 account.

ACTION:

PAC exec requests closure of the Quebec 2017 Vancity bank account #100011508373 and the transfer of any balance to the PAC Community Service Package account #100057957202. This request is agreed upon by unanimous consent.

DPAC update:

- Next general meeting is February 22, 2023 and includes a Presentation on Cultivating Nourishing Foods at school
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-yhpzMuGdc0NDpcKrWNQOVBCiw2zTYQ>
- News that School Liaison Officer Program is being brought back to the VSB:
 - Britannia Secondary School PAC has created a Reading group to get research to date on the impact of having Police Officers in the schools
 - If you are interested in joining this reading group, please contact: britpac1908@gmail.com
 - Open to all who are interested in respectful conversation and open dialogue about this

PAC meeting schedule:

Next PAC exec week of April date TBD

Next general meeting April 17 (Monday) 7pm in person at the School

Discussion: PAC needs to adapt approach to a hybrid model and use library as a way as it will be challenging to use with a larger online presence with zoom

Meeting concluded at 8:41 pm