

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC General Meeting
May 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Land Acknowledgement

Today's Agenda approved by Unanimous Consent

Previous Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023 approved by Sunita Sinha and seconded by Trish Mahoney

Principal's report:

- In the process of drafting the school plan for next year – this is the district plan for what the school will be working on for the next 3 years and is presented as an inquiry question.
- Staff decided on school plan of Literacy for next 3 years
 - Broad term – reading, writing, speaking
 - Also computer literacy, critical thinking literacy and specific focus on 2nd language acquisition
 - Grades 4-7 students will focus on the English component as well
 - Admin will present at next meeting what goals, questions, plans will be
- MDI – survey normally at grade 4 and 7 looking at different aspects of their lives, this year added on grade 6
 - (Diane to share, will add on receipt)

Update from Diane on outstanding questions:

- **Garden** – projected start first week June – projected cost is same that was budgeted.
 - Approx. cost \$12,500
- **Volleyball nets** – have by end of June
- **Framed picture and plaque** – requisition is in and we are in the queue for end of June
 - approx. cost \$500.00
- **Chess** – date was arranged and there was a miscommunication, this will move to September.
 - A parent asked if another program may be offered

- Diane and Kateryna stated a number of clubs have been started by staff this year and the hope is that will continue into next school year
- **Leasing laptops** –waiting on estimate from VSB and answer from teachers on their preference.
 - 3 years without a buyout is one that seems more favourable
- **Stationary bike** – New company will be used, the last one went out of business. They will start with one replacement and see if company is reliable.
- **Looking at dates for a parent appreciation lunch** – looking at dates currently with other school commitments

Vice Principal Report:

- Track and field going very well. Thank you to parents, volunteers, and teachers.
 - Primary kids asking to participate, told them possibly next year if/when field is available
- Tiger tail assembly is next assembly
 - L'equipe leadership is running the assembly and presentation of tiger tails.
 - Waiting on date – possibly June 14
- Sports Day on June 16
 - Committee is coming together
 - Connaught booked from 930-230 Eastern half of park for intermediates and Primary at the school
 - Likely too late to do the food – but if PAC able to provide a treat at end like Freezies last year
 - Treasurer thinks we have funding to do this again

ACTION Sunita put in Motion to approve funds for freezies for up to \$250. Peter seconded and motion approved to provide up to \$250 to purchase freezies for Sports Day.

Treasurer's update/Budget planning:

- QuickBooks online migration is finished
- Paying monthly now
- Brenna needs to connect with the Budget committee on getting access for others to the account.
- Updated PST rebate will be remitted to the VSB next month – went back to 2020-Aug 2023 total amount is approx. \$11,000 – mostly from paying for school playground and projectors in new school

- VSB pays 32% of the GST –
 - PAC can potentially also go back to VSB and ask them if GST can also be refunded, but details for this are uncertain

Updates:

Quebec Futures presented by Joanne Fink

BACKGROUND:

- Quebec fund was developed for the Quebec Grade 7 trip, if you didn't get a grant the costs would triple
- Every year some of the Quebec fundraising would go towards this
- Then Covid happened and then VSB made rule no Billeting so can't do this type of trip again with billeting/staying with a French speaking family
- In addition, VSB changed rules that you have to fundraise in the year of the event, so no longer the grade 6s fundraising for their grade 7 year.
- The entire school needs to discuss what to do with these funds.

PLAN A : French based overnight trip

Need teachers on board

- Cost per student
- An example of research –
 - § A parent in the community found out other school communities have done this at a cost of \$3000/student
 - § Another was a parent led trip with staff involvement over spring break
- Fund was not set up to pay for trips, but to top up
- Money in the current fund would pay for possibly one year of funding a trip like this
- Parents would still need to fundraise a certain portion

PLAN B: move the money to a big capital project to benefit for the entire student body moving forward

- Examples of a capital expenditure: Outdoor installed rain covering, outdoor classroom, but not limited to these

ACTION Joanne Fink proposed a vote that if the Quebec Legacy Fund, or the Quebec Futures Fund is dissolved or transferred to the PAC Bank account, at least 75% of the total available money should be reserved for a capital project such as, but not limited to, a new playground, fix installed rain roof, outdoor classroom etc from which all current and future students of Lord Tennyson can benefit. Peter Bayliss seconded. Approved by unanimous consent

- **Next Steps:**

- Step 1 is for the school to decide if they are willing to do this trip starting with staff
- Step 2 is this something the parents are willing to do and pay for
- Step 3 need PAC parents to join the committee: Add this to PAC corner newsletter

Field

- During summer it will be fenced off and needs two more grow, mow sessions.
- Re-seeded just after spring break
- Appears to still have lots of sections without grass on it
- Frustration in meeting by parents that this field continues to not be in use and no clarity if grass will ever be able to take
- Hope is in September it will be open
- Hole in fence has been found
- A question was raised at what point will we forgo the field in favor of the children having more space to play and replace with gravel or other options.
- **ACTION : Diane is going to call Doug Roch to arrange a meeting between parents, school admin and VSB contractors**

Hot Lunch

Mark Jones followed up with 2 new vendors

- Elemeno and WellFed are vendors that are being talked to who would be directly ordered through
- Trial days are being proposed in June to see how this goes
- Diane stated the VSB has rules around new vendors coming into the school
 - The VSB has to vet it with a checklist first
- Discussion around logistics of a morning pick up of lunches.
- Next steps: Diane will ask VSB if we can do a trial run and forward the process for being approved. Mark will follow up with questions that came up.

DPAC

- Thursday May 17 at 7pm Inclusive education Dyslexia and the Right to Read
- Next week is general meeting Listening and Planning session

Upcoming PAC elections

- Next month will be the AGM on June 12th in person
- Call for nominations for Chair, Co Chair, Treasurer (3 year term), Co-Secretaries, DPAC rep role for 2 year terms
 - Asking people to put a bio in
 - Deadline is June 5, 2023
 - Election is run by previous chair who is Tai Scott

Events and activities

- **Spring Fling** was an amazing success and example of an event that was supported by Admin and staff and run by wonderful volunteers based on what students asked for
- Approximately 8 meals for staff who attended were covered by proceeds of the event
- Grade 7 activities that were approved by PAC have been communicated to students and some are class based with those in grade 6/7 split
- **Grad activities** are moving forward for June 26
- **Staff appreciations lunch May 30th** – date works for staff, Trish to draft an e-blast for parent volunteers for bringing items. Flowers, donations
 - We have 500\$ in budget for staff appreciation.

PAC meeting schedule:

Next PAC exec TBD week of June 5th

Next general meeting: Monday June 12th , 7pm **in person**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm