Lord Tennyson Elementary School

PAC General Meeting

January 20, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Approval of November General Meeting Minutes - Moved by Nasser Esfahani, Seconded by Karen Davies

Principal's Report- Doug Roch

* Seismic update - move into the new school is scheduled for the summer
* Staff starting to allocate spaces in the new building
* Lice Awareness - information will be sent home to parents soon
* French Immersion Info Night - 40 prospective parents attended
* There are 40 spaces in kindergarten next year but 28 siblings, leaving only 12 spaces available
* Registration for kindergarten closes Feb 4 and Jan 30 for grade 1
* Basketball - in full swing now, thanks to parent volunteers
* FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) for grades 4 & 7 were completed in November, results are going home tomorrow (Jan 21)

Vice Principal's Report - Kateryna McNicol

* Vancouver kids are going to Quebec City April 1-8, Quebec kids are coming to Vancouver April 27-May 4
* 33 kids are going to Quebec, 25 are coming here
* 4 teachers are going to Quebec as well
* Rocks and Rings curling program was well received
* Term 1 report cards are going home Jan 31

Treasurer's Report - Nasser Esfahani

* VSB has written cheque for $8K - amount that was reimbursed to the school from dismantling the playground, this has been put back into the Tennyson 2020 budget

Tennyson 2020

* Currently working on accessibility of new playground
* We have a child entering kindergarten in the fall who is in a wheelchair
* Current design of playground has wood chips as ground cover
* Tennyson 2020 is applying for grants to cover the cost of a spongy surface - $50-$60K
* VSB will put our name forward for a PEP (Playground Equipment Program) Grant, each district can only request 2
* Funds have already been awarded for this year, we would be in the running next year

Upcoming Event - Spell-a-Thon - Doug will ask teachers about a date that works for everybody - Orla will organize

Noon Hour Program - Snow day on Jan 15 affected some classes, an additional day will be tacked on the end

Quebec Futures - request to revisit funding cap, there is $78K in the account now - a non-funded trip would cost approx $2500/child - Quebec 2019 bank account was closed and $14,000 was transferred to the PAC.

PAC Speakers - Nicola Doughty was very well received by parents in November. An idea was floated to have her come back once or twice more. Nicola suggested she could discuss friendship and conflict in March, and screen time in April/May. Karen Davies will organize

Farewell to Old School Party - Combine this party with Spring Fling this year, call for volunteers to help organize

PAC Meetings -

* Discussion around how to get more parents involved in the PAC and attending meetings
* Combine PAC meetings with speakers - but does this make the meetings too long?
* Make meetings more welcoming, with tea/coffee and snacks
* We should have a Welcome to Tennyson event in the fall for new families
* Karen Barron volunteered to run a coffee morning on Fri Feb 21, could promote the PAC meeting happening the following Monday

Next Meeting - Monday Feb 24, 2020

Adjourned at 8:20