

**Lord Tennyson Elementary School  
PAC General Meeting  
June 14th, 2021  
via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

**Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent**

**Previous meeting minutes (May 17th, 2021) approved by unanimous consent**

**Principal's Report**

- Thank you to all exec members for their work and for financial contributions to the school, thank you to all parents for working with school staff to adapt to covid protocols, BC is one of few provinces that have been able to keep schools open for entire school year
- There have been challenges finding teachers on call, non enrolling teaching staff have been working to keep classrooms running, principals do interviewing for HR at district and are working to recruit new TOC
- 3 student teachers are working through the school, hoping they come on board next school year
- Construction- work had to stop last Monday, anticipating having update from project office on what continuation of project will look like
- Graduation (school leaving ceremony), in person school leaving with all covid protocols in place, parents and guests can't join but livestream and recording will be available, parent group working to plan event, family photos, catered lunch, afternoon for grade 7's only to spend time with teachers
- Covid protocols in schools will remain as they are until end of June
- YMCA- will be in 2 portable classrooms, still in gym, work being done in portables to meet child licensing requirements, looking at move over the summer and out of gym by September
- Thank you for staff appreciation lunch
- Recess will go back to 20 mins, Wednesday September 8th will be first day of school

### **Vice Principal's Report**

- Equipe Leadership- working on last assembly, includes final words to people who are leaving the school and photo slideshow
- Tiger tail ceremony for kindergarten and for grade 1 who didn't get their tails last year took place, will be included in final assembly as well
- Quebec 2022 application has been submitted, need to pay \$150 fee
- Feather project for children from Kamloops Residential school, feather for each child, decorated hallway with creations
- Pride month, Mme Devon and Mme. Claire are doing a Pride/Fierte hearts project, students can write what they are proud of, hearts will be displayed in hallway

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Budget highlights- voted in enhanced budget in February, there are areas where funds were not spent (peer tutoring, sports, arts workshops)
- Additional expenditures- stationary bikes, accessibility and inclusion materials, ipads, document readers, balls, spike ball, additional teacher funds to help with transition into new school
- If your family is leaving Tennyson this year let Barbara know if you want to donate or refund your Munchalunch amounts.

### **Chair Report**

- Tennyson is blessed to be financially well off and was able to contribute to holiday hampers to other schools and support teachers through challenges of move and covid
- The new building and new outdoor space are an opportunity to reimagine Tennyson and school events
- New committees and projects - Diversity and Inclusion group, Greening Committee, playground, outdoor classroom

### **Budget Proposal (2021-2022 school year)**

- This budget reflects the typical amounts that occur in regular year, the hope is that all amounts can be used this year as we come out of covid
- Accessibility and Inclusion is new
- Arts and Science, alternating years between two topics, this was not spent this year, was supposed to be art year, decision to keep it open depending on what programs come our way
- Speaker budget- parent education and student learning

- Doug indicated school would like another set of ipads next year (will discuss next year)
- Capital investment project- for many years there has been an amount allocated toward the playground which put us in good position to pay for it, \$1000 put forward as “post it note” to future PACs to put aside money for upcoming projects
- Returning to regular teacher funds (this year we gave extra)
- \$39,125 rollover, would need to fundraise remainder
- Adjustment to covid enhancement and online support- JeLis JeLis, Kids A to Z, and one other program for intermediate kids, school would split cost 50/50 with PAC to have these programs available next term
- Greening- \$700 for regular school year, looking ahead to next year and wanting to put in new gardening elements that are TBD, some funds would be raised from grants
- Community garden (along Maple street), could eventually be an outdoor classroom, need staff and some parents who want to be on gardening working group, costs would be determined from there (cost of fencing, planter boxes, plants)
- Outdoor classroom (southeast corner of school by portable, behind existing fenced in garden), this will remain as is, leave this amount at \$700 and fundraise for greening and gardening once overall cost is known

### **Budget for the 2021-2022 school year is approved by unanimous consent**

#### **Key Topics**

- **Quebec Futures**- oversees knowledge transfer of Quebec exchange year after year, manages the TQFF (Tennyson Quebec Futures Fund) currently valued at \$80,000
- Needs new members- large budget to manage, doesn't matter which grade kids are in, whether or not your child will be participating in Quebec trip
- Not enough members for vote on funds- brought to PAC for discussion and voting
- Grade 6 fundraise for grade 7 Quebec trip, most of the fundraising is from within Tennyson community
- How to support Quebec 2022 (and possibly 2023) who haven't been able to fundraise this year?
- Possibility to look at how exchange is run and make changes
- Quebec cohort fundraises for half the cost, applies for grant for other portion, set up in this way to support to a year that didn't get the grant
- Mission to support 2 consecutive years
- Calculation based on 35 students, this will increase to 50-60 eligible students
- How much of Quebec 2021 funds should go into this fund? According to bylaws \$10,000 (approx) should go back into TQFF, fundraising was cut

short but there is \$30,000 of funds raised from Tennyson community remaining in their account

- Quebec 2022 has not been able to fundraise this year, they may need to apply to Quebec Futures if they don't receive a grant
- Quebec 2020- all fundraising went back to PAC (bylaw states that if TQFF is full, amount should go to PAC)
- Can apply to TQFF for extra funds if not enough is fundraised

**Decision by unanimous consent to allocate \$7500 from Quebec 2021 fundraising amounts towards TQFF, the remaining amount will be returned to PAC. It is the wish of Quebec 2021 that any remaining funds be put towards an outdoor classroom. However, this will be at the discretion of the PAC.**

### **PAC Elections 2021-2022 (description of PAC roles on Tennyson blog)**

**Chair-** By acclamation we re-elect Tai Scott as PAC chair

**Vice Chair-** Open

**Treasurer-** By acclamation we re-elect Brenna Fraser and Maria Montano as treasurer/co-treasurer

**Secretary-** By acclamation we will re-elect Julia Lemieux as secretary, co-secretary role open

**DPAC Rep-** By acclamation we will re-elect Ishi Dinim as DPAC rep

Other volunteer roles available- kindergarten rep, greening, website, lost and found, sign board, Quebec Futures

Thank you to all the outgoing PAC members

### **Key Topics**

- **Virtual book fair-** sold about \$220 worth (only get about 10%), hope to have more sales next year
- **Lost and Found-** everything will be outside on Friday June 18th for pick up (as parents still can't go inside the school)
- **Diversity and Inclusion-** Pink Shirt Day Funds, \$700 (approx) will be donated evenly between 3 top organizations as voted on by intermediate students (Rainbow Refugee, Qmunity, Out in Schools), discussion around Every Child Matters and Pride flags to be donated and displayed at the school, currently working on playground communication board, this has been approved, likely installed in September
- **DPAC update-** working group looking to form anti-racism committee within DPAC, with intention to work in tandem with VSB's anti-racism committee

**Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm**