

Lord Tennyson Elementary School
PAC Executive Meeting
November 16, 2022
via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent

Previous meeting minutes (Sep 26th 2022) approved by unanimous Consent.

October meeting minutes to be presented at next meeting.

New members of the Exec Committee, Jo Grainger (Primary Rep), Janice Cheam (Kindergarten Rep) and Lisa Yeats (Kits Liaison) introduced and welcomed.

Events & Activities

a. Howl

- The Halloween Howl was a great success. The Howl team will review how the event went, identify issues such as ticket sales, and work with Mme Kateryna and the Grade 7 students to get student feedback about activities to help plan for next year. Expenses are being finalized; Once profit is known, the Howl team will notify the PAC of the amount to be donated to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank.

b. Hot lunches

- Parents are very excited that hot lunches are being offered again. The team is still looking for some more volunteers. A request will be added to the weekly email PAC Corner.

c. Noon hour programs

- Noon hour programs including chess, yoga, light's up have contacted to ask if they can run programs.
- All programs need to be vetted through the district community school team for insurance, criminal record checks purposes.
- Chess will be starting up soon. Mme Martinson said she will connect with Lisa Seriosa about other programs and vendors that would like to run programs.
- Request if external coaches for whole school programs like a week of hip hop or volleyball would be appropriate this year. Mme Martinson advised these programs will likely be happening.

- Mme Martinson thanked parents who volunteer to coach teams and reported that basketball parent volunteers were not needed this year because we are fortunate to have three experienced basketball coaches on staff.

d. Speakers

- A reminder that a presentation on substance use was proposed as it would be very well received. Suggested names for a speaker included Dr Shimi Kang. Perhaps Tennyson could connect with other PACs to reduce the cost.
- Emergency Preparedness also suggested as a speaker topic.

e. Winterfest

- Agreed to move Winterfest to the New Year to avoid the chaos of December.
- Mme Martinson advised a plan for the year is easier to plan for and coordinate.
- It was agreed to canvas parents at the upcoming PAC meeting and to work with Mme Kateryna and Grade 7 students to canvas parents and students about the events they would like to see this year, and to ask parents to volunteer to lead the planning. Lisa Yeates volunteered to take the lead on this.

f. Spiritwear

- Spiritwear is in progress. A design should be available before the winter break.

2. Finances

a. Treasurer update

- Treasurer unable to attend meeting this week so update to follow.

b. Funding requests from teachers/staff

- Teachers are still interested in receiving the teachers' funds for this year.
- Teachers had a meeting and discussed funding requirements for the 2022/2023 year and have agreed on items that will benefit the majority of students. Many of the things they would like fit under the one-time expense budget proposed last year. Mme Martinson asked to provide costing of planned expenses for PAC review.
- Mme Martinson asked PAC to cover the cost of RAZ-Kids. Mme Veronica to submit an invoice to Brenna.
- Suggestion that budget setting could be moved to September. Discussion followed about pros and cons; no decision made. PAC exec reminded that budget can be adjusted during the year.

c. Fundraising

- Mme Kateryna and Grade 7 students and teachers, to decide what charities they would like the PAC to fundraise for this year.
- Mme Martinson reported that all Grade 7 students are learning to volunteer as part of their in-class work on community building, and will be fundraising for different charities.

i. Holidays hampers

- Trish Mahony coordinating holiday hampers again this year. Volunteers needed to deliver the gifts to Mount Pleasant Elementary. A request for volunteers will be added to the weekly email PAC Corner.

ii. Purdy's

- Suggestion that profit from sale of Purdy's could be used for the holiday hamper drive but timing is wrong. Agreed not to run a Purdy's fundraiser this year.

iii. Gifts for non-enrolling teachers

- Trish Mahony coordinating gifts for non-enrolling teachers.

3. Diversity and Inclusivity Update

- The diversity and inclusivity committee will be hosting an information and resources table tomorrow morning (November 17, 2022) in the playground.

4. DPAC Update

- DPAC Chair Vik Khanna, stated the main issue to be discussed at the November 24 meeting is the ABC's election platform of bringing back School Liaison Officers. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Other issues being discussed at the DPAC are the affordability fund and PACs trying to reinstate mask mandates.

Principal & Vice Principal reports / Questions for Diane and Kateryna

a. General

- Remembrance day assemblies were a success.
- Thank you for the Howl.
- We have a teacher from France, Mme Marie Barbolies (Sorry don't know the correct title or spelling of name) who has been working with classes. It's been a great opportunity for students.
- The senior choir is going well and Mme Martinson may start a junior choir in the new year.
- The upcoming Pro D Day will have an Indigenous Focus. Mme Martinson will tell parents more about the training at the upcoming PAC meeting.

b. The Affordability Grant

- The school will be using the Affordability Grant to buy a supply of snacks for students, to cover the cost of activities for students who need it, and to pay for field trips and activities for all Tennyson students (about \$40 per student).
- The grant will also cover whole school activities. Programs being considered include music (drumming and a dance program) and performances (Louis Riel Metis Dancers, Ache Brazil, Cirque Jeunesse, La Seizieme and Green Thumb).

Field update

- Field fencing is now secure and the field is dormant in winter. Reseeding will continue in Spring.

b. Volleyball nets and smaller basketball hoop.

- Mme Martinson to check if nets have been purchased. We may need to purchase new poles. Basketball hoop will be relocated soon.

d. Photo series

- The photos will be installed soon.

e. School garden

- The request for boxes was submitted by Mr Roch. Mme Martinson will liaise with the district to confirm the forms have been submitted and tweak it if necessary. Submission has to be with VSB by early December to go forward with the garden this year.
- PAC waiting on cost from VSB. should be available in time for PAC review in January. Potential grants available to help cover the costs.
- The garden project group needs to be reassembled.

f. Scoreboard plaque

- Tai Scott to get the plaque created and Mme Martinson will coordinate installation.

g. Earthquake bin

- Mme Martinson reported that the new bin has water and electricity, it is fully stocked and the supplies are up to date.

h. Weather cover

- Mme Martinson will discuss weather cover policy with VSB and report back.

i. December assembly

- Technology for assemblies will be reviewed including using a retractable projector screen.
- Some teachers have asked that their classes perform at the December assembly. Mme Kateryna will ask parents if they will be attending in order to plan for the assemblies.

4. Communications

a. PAC blast through Diane's newsletter is working well

5. Volunteering

- A request for hot lunch volunteers will be added to the weekly email PAC Corner.
- A request for Secretary / Co-secretary will be added to the weekly email PAC Corner.

b. Lost and found

- Mme Martinson organized the lost and found table. Items have been collected.

c. Class parent list

- Waiting for an update.

Meeting adjourned at 8.38 pm.