

Lord Tennyson Elementary School  
PAC General Meeting  
Sep 27, 2021  
Via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 19:02

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Land Acknowledgement: Please join me in acknowledging, with gratitude, that our school, where we play, work and learn, is on the traditional, unceded territory of the sel̓íl̓iwitulh (Tseil-Waututh), x̣ṃəθḳẉəỵəm (Musqueam), and sḳẉx̣ẉú7mesh (Squamish) Coast Salish Peoples.

Agenda:            -after treasurer's report scoreboard installation cost added  
                          -walk bike roll grant added at end of the key updates  
                          -approved by unanimous consent

Approval of AGM minutes June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021: minutes are approved by unanimous consent

Open positions on executive: fantastic team, but still have open positions. If you want to join email [info@lordtennyson.ca](mailto:info@lordtennyson.ca) or [pac.chair@lordtennyson.ca](mailto:pac.chair@lordtennyson.ca)

Construction update: Mike Rossi, District Principal Educational Planning

- To work alongside the project office, give an educational perspective on the design through the process of construction and demolition.
- Grateful that Tennyson has received a replacement school, and that we are in the new building.
- Where are we, what needs to be done, what are the delays that happened over the summer.
- Gets updates from Project Manager and then informs school based Administrators.
- Anticipated schedule: completion of entire site by the end of the year or early January.
- Asked project office to prioritize to get the playground area ready for playground installation. Curbing for the playground is supposed to be done by late October.
- Community install for the playground is planned for the Nov 20./21. weekend.
- Got the PEP grant for a rubberized playground surface. Rubberization is taking a long time because of shortage of material. Blowing in wood chips, after community install, and install the rubberized surface around spring break.
- After community install, woodchips are blown in, then Grounds has to come for an inspection.
- Demolition and abatement permit took longer to get from City than anticipated.
- Work safe protocols were installed due to air quality concerns.
- Refurbishments of old Tennyson bricks was slowing down the demolition.

- Decontamination and removal of undocumented underground fuel tanks that were underneath old building. Fuel tanks were leaking. Needed to remove contaminated soil.
- Removal of underground water tanks which contained Asbestos, which was not known and foreseeable.
- Everyone is working as quickly as possible but following the guidelines.
- Grass field needs to be seeded, will be fenced off, but rest of school grounds will be handed over end of December.

Kaltire grant for rubberized surface for new playground. Grant covers about half the costs. Just got the PEP grant as well, which will cover the rest of the costs. A huge thank you to Katherine Smith and Leora Fenner for doing all the work to get these grants.

- More space will be handed over as soon as it can be done in a safe manner.
- Project office will investigate if parking lot can be used by kids until field is ready to use.
- Temporary fence at corner of Maple and 10<sup>th</sup> will be put up by grounds as soon as possible.

Pop up Plaza: Richard Holt has reached out to City and VSB with ideas for more space for the kids until we get the field. One of the ideas would be a Pop-up Plaza on Maple from 11<sup>th</sup> to alley. Some feedback we got from City and VSB was that it is unlikely to happen, but it is not decided yet.

PE periods seem to be reduced this year. Kateryna: same as last year. Unable to schedule two blocks of Gym time a week for every division.

Completely separate recess and lunch recess. Plan is to keep that for rest of school year. So, less kids are outside at the same time.

#### Principal report: Doug Roch

- Majority of students are back learning in the school, again.
- All schools are required to have a 9 to 3:03pm school day. Parents are doing a great job to give the kids the space on the school ground and stay on the sidewalk.
- Terry Fox Run is moved to Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, because of a x-country mini meet on the 6<sup>th</sup>. A couple of volunteers per division are welcome, but no spectators, please. Intermediates are going to Connaught; primaries stay at school. Thank you to Amanda Kulokas for organization.
- Orange shirt day on Wed Sep 29<sup>th</sup> for Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- Thank you for daily health check.
- Reduced capacity in the Gym. Starting with virtual assemblies.
- Artificial turf is extremely expensive.

Shout out to former Tennyson families. They changed the gravel field to a grass field and because VSB replaces like as like, we will get another grass field.

#### Vice Principal Report: Kateryna McNicol

- L'Equipe Leadership, about 50 kids are participating. For example, they are working on assemblies which will be virtual at the beginning. Practising during their lunch recess.
- Orange shirt day on Wed in preparation of the truth and reconciliation day. District and teachers have sent out material for classes and projects.
- Quebec 2022 is still on hold. VSB has suspended all over night field trips for now.
- Are planning Connaught park trips and asking for volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Brenna Fraser

- Detailed approved budget is on the lordtennyson.ca website.
- Budget is \$39125
- New line for future capital projects.
- Kept line for at home support like "Je lis je lis".
- Funding comes from gaming grant and from fundraising; kickstart is one of the big fundraiser and done via school cash online where you get a tax receipt.

Quebec2020 funded a scoreboard for the Gym. The installation would cost between \$700 and \$1000. Quebec 2020 just got another refund over \$800, which will cover a big part of the installation.

Approved by unanimous consent to pay for the installation of the scoreboard with the \$834 refund and if needed more, up to \$1000 out of discretionary funds.

Quebec Futures: Grade 5 families are welcome to listen in on Grade 6 kick off meeting on Sep 29, to get an idea and start thinking about it.

Big picture discussions will be held at the Quebec Future meetings. Join one of the next Quebec future meetings if you have a question or concern. Date is TBD.

Quebec Future desperately needs more volunteers.

Apple Fundraiser: closes on Thursday.

Lost and Found: already over 30 items in the lost and found. Please label everything with first name and initial of last name. Taking pictures and posting on the website has been discontinued. If your child lost something send child to the lost and found or email lost and found.

Hot lunches: will be coming but starting slow as well.

Howl: no howl as we traditionally did it. Looking at what we can do. Idea or thoughts or volunteers are welcome. Mandi and Ravena will send out an email to everyone who is currently storing a Howl box.

Anti-Racism training on Sep 8<sup>th</sup>: every VSB staff member had to attend. 3 Modules, very intense, packed day. Online. Kick start to future conversations. Lots of learning.

SOGI update/Diversity & Inclusion update: more updates at next meeting and Diversity & Inclusion committee has put together a long list of information and activities for the upcoming truth and reconciliation day. Email will go out on Tuesday. Doug met with Julia's husband about the sizing of the flag, hanging on the building. Flagpole only can have 1 flag, the Canadian.

DPAC update: broader parent community, larger community who interacts with VSB. Looking for a new rep.

Letter to trustees: Idea was drafting a letter to VSB about our concerns about the amount of space we have at school and construction delays. Wanted to feel the temperature from the Tennyson parents. PAC executive puts together a letter to VSB and shares with the Tennyson community.

Greening Committee: had a great meeting with knowledgeable parents. Wait until ground is turned over to us. Looking into a community garden on the south side of the school and an outdoor classroom by the garden.

Walk bike and roll grant: we got a \$300 grand for an educational breakfast. Are looking for someone who is interested in taking it on. Will be pushed out in the email blast.

Open Volunteers positions: Class parents get in touch with your teacher if you want to be one  
Co-secretary  
Vice chair  
Primary rep  
Quebec futures  
DPAC rep

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VSB just announced that masks are now mandatory K-12.

Next meeting: Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Meeting was adjourned at 20:57