

Lord Selkirk Elementary School

Parent Advisory Council General Meeting

Meeting Minutes ~ Monday April 10th, 2017 at 6:30pm

Attendance

Present: Jenny Stephanson, Michelle Brassens, Conrad Chevalier, Beverly Walker, Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Heather Schofield, Erin Dosman, Perri Young, Jennifer Hrushkin, Tracey Sing, Alison Westwood, Andrea Tanaka, Stuart Watson, Max Birch, Holly Hergesheimer, Jason Simm, Scott Young, Jen Lindberg, Shannon Burton

Chair: Jenny Stephanson

Minute Taker: Erin Dosman

Regrets: Nina Reeder

Call to Order: 6:36pm

Approval of Previous Minutes: Michelle Brassens, Holly Hergesheimer

Chair's Report:

#	Item	Action by
1	No Chair's report	

Treasurer's Report: Conrad Chevalier

#	Item	Action by
1	Royale as reported previously	Info
2	Clean for a Cause raised \$800	Info
3	Mabel's Labels some money has come in from there	Info
4	We have a lot of cash and we need to spend it	Info

School Report: Shannon Burton

#	Item	Action by
1	Dates to remember <ul style="list-style-type: none">April 18th - Earth Day	Info
2	Activity news <ul style="list-style-type: none">Knitting club is very popularBadminton team is nowThere will be a chess tournament at Selkirk on the Pro-D dayUltimate Frisbee starts soonGo Girls program starting for grade 6 & 7<ul style="list-style-type: none">Confidence and self-esteem building through the YWCACarving visioning process starting, will involve class art repsGardening project starting to be planned	Info
3	Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none">Were able to take in 40 English kindergarten students and 20	Info

	<p>french due to space issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 students will be going to the annex • Siblings were given priority to stay at main school • Trying to help with daycare solutions to get from Cedar Cottage and Little Cedar to annex <p>Any concerned parents can contact the VSB and MLAs and the ministry of education.</p>	
4	<p>VSB Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary budget shortfall of \$2.3 million announced • VSB goal is now long term planning and budgets • The suggested ways to overcome the shortfall do not affect the school directly this year 	Info
5	<p>Teacher Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many teachers away due to sickness and maternity leave • EOC shortage right now • Anne-Marie LaMonde was going to teach kindergarten but will now take the 5/6 class • 2 teachers will split the K French class (1 teacher is an English teacher) 	Info

Regular Business

#	Item	Action by
1	<p>Buddy Bench - Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign will have 2 versions, one for older kids to be put on bench near gravel field and one for younger kids to be put on bench near playground • Cost difference to make 2 different signs will be minimal • Signs to be 4ft by 3ft approximately, shouldn't be climbable or obstruct sight lines in bench locations • VSB has the benches, just waiting for the sign approval 	Info
2	<p>Bookmarks – Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be distributed for April 28th – pay it forward day • Every child in the school will get 3 • Teachers will receive suggestions on how to use the bookmarks • Vancouver Public Library will also be receiving and distributing bookmarks 	Info
3	<p>Multicultural Dinner – Beverly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year the multicultural dinner will be Wednesday May 10th from 5 to 7 • Would like to get a trio of students to play during dinner – need to ask Mme Hennesey • There will be a world map this year for people to mark their heritage 	Beverly (and her volunteers)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to look into a welcome song – need to ask Lorretta • Beverly will let Shannon know about the numbers of tables and chairs required • Jenny to provide a Gladstone contact to Beverly • This year left overs will be boxed up and given to the hungry • Sign-up to volunteer with Beverly 	
4	<p>Discretionary Funding – Jen</p> <p>There is a table of approved funds on the website</p> <p>New requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 grade 2 classes are requesting \$147 for butterfly habitat and larva for science • Tech presentation for digital citizenship policy – Safer Schools Together have proposed a presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1 to 4 and grade 5 to 7 separate and a parent presentation • \$550 each presentation for a total of \$1650 • Only have May 1st or end of June left for this year, propose booking it for end of September • PAC will also provide childcare and refreshments for the parent presentation <p>Motion to approve the tech presentation by Michelle – unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion to approve the butterflies by Michelle – unanimously approved</p>	Info
5	<p>School Travel Planning – Max</p> <p>Max met with the city 6 weeks ago</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another cross walk will be added on 22nd straight north from gym exit (Welwyn going north) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will affect parking in front of the school • No stopping where it used to be no parking • Will have full painted lines on both cross walks • More speed bumps will be added along 22nd • Lengthened lights on Kingsway and Victoria to accommodate “child speed” • Traffic calming on Commercial to the café • City is looking to get the projects completed in next 12 months as weather allows • Changes further away from school can only be implemented after neighborhood consultation • Suggestion to get the crossing guard program going again next year. 	Info
6	<p>Bike to School Week - Max</p> <p>May 29th to June 3rd is bike to work/school week</p>	Max

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need 10 volunteers – 6 so far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hr each at tables at either end of the school • Give out snacks and stickers to participating students • High participation could win the school prizes • Max to write an email blast • Will try to run 1 or 2 events (tune-ups, etc) at the beginning of May <p>Email Max to volunteer</p>	
7	<p>SPUD Fundraiser - Heather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to March \$435.31 raised! • Highest fundraiser/month gets a \$20 credit to their account any month that more than \$100 is raised • Businesses that want to order fruit boxes can also put it under Selkirk 	Info
8	<p>Mabels Labels – Heather</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting ads on Facebook, website and posters to remind people 	Info
9	<p>Quebec Exchange – Raised approximately \$8500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twins coming in May • No more popcorn, starting freezies April 21st! \$1 for half a jumbo freezie • Purdy’s fundraiser raised \$850 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Laura Secord the Purdy’s fundraiser is a Christmas and approximately \$5000 is raised – consideration for next year • Simple fundraiser – all online except the sorting 	Info
10	<p>PAC Constitution – Holly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discretionary Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10% of the total yearly budget can be decided by PAC exec • Single expenditures in excess of 10% to be studied by a committee and recommended upon • Money in Investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to use the money raised each year • Delete the section talking about putting money into investments • Section 6 – Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete this section • Altering the constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/3 majority vote • Section 4 Quorum and voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports and updates still go forward if no quorum at meetings • Voting vs non-voting members 	Info

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we want to have non-voting members? • Beverly to look at giving suggestions to wording on this section • Receiving adequate feedback on the proposed changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to receive at least 10 sets of comments • Proposal to offer \$5 gift certificates if people participate by a certain date • EXEC all to read and comment on the proposed changes • A push notification will be sent out to the parents 	
11	Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates on our website don't line up for the Pro-D days • Just provide a link to the school website calendar 	Info
12	Lords of Selkirk raised \$470 - Thank you very much	Info

Adjournment: 8:07PM

NEXT MEETING – EXEC: Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:30 pm

Chair: TBC

FOLLOWING MTG – GEN: Friday, June 16, 2017 5:00 pm

Year End BBQ

Chair: TBC