

**Lord Selkirk Elementary School**  
**Parent Advisory Council**  
**Executive Meeting January 8, 2019 @ 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

Attending: Jason Simon, Conrad Chevalier, Shannon Burton, Jola Lekich, Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Jenny Stephanson, Erin Dosman, Anna King, Heather Schofield, Holly Hergesheimer, Nancy Manning, Jolene Harrington

**1. Chair's Report (Erin - 5 min)**

Update from Beverly Walker regarding Selkirk Royale (scheduled for February 22) – to date we have gathered \$2286 in donations for the silent auction. Great progress but the committee is still looking for items and new donations. If you want a donation letter please work with Vanessa Mani or Beverly Walker. Selkirk is donating Principal, Vice-Principal and Librarian for half a day.

No chair's report over Christmas. Preparation for Royale is continuing. Erin will send a Royale update for school newsletter.

**2. Financial Report (Conrad – 5 min)**

Erin and Jason will be obtaining signing authority at the bank.

TO date on the square store we have sold - 20 Royale tickets, \$1960 in Famous Foods gift certificates. Requests for classroom funds no longer coming in, likely because we are now providing \$100 to each teacher. Paid \$1250 for community outreach.

Fundraising updates - \$101 from Mabels' Labels, \$176 from Spud. No further updates.

**3. School Report (Shannon Burton/Dominic Maggiolo – 10 min)**

Few important dates: January 25 is pro-D day, January 31 reports go home. Pink shirt day is also coming up on February 27, 2019.

A new social emotional program is launching at Selkirk – the WITS program (stands for walk away, ignore, talk it out, and seek help) has been recommended by the VSB. Mme. Burton will do a presentation on the program at the next PAC General meeting on February 12. Training started with Supervision Aids, next 40 peer leaders will be trained to help solve conflict, peer helpers will teach in the classes – community champion will be SLO. Teachers and support staff will also be trained.

Selkirk is working towards a school wide engagement. The kids who have volunteered to be peer leaders have committed to be a peer leader for 2 years (primarily kids in grades 5 and 6). The WITS

program provides a common language for kids and leaders to use, there will also be parent resources available. PAC bulletin board space will be used for WITS information and programming.

On January 31 Astro Pi and Kidscode Jeunesse will be here doing a live video feed with the International Space Station – planning meetings with VSB communications underway.

Selkirk received a reimbursement for Camp Elphinstone from last year as some kids didn't attend – as opposed to refunding the money the funds will be used to take the grade 6s snowshoeing and tubing on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Seismic Update (Shannon Burton/Dominic Maggiolo – 10 min)**

No update on the project since December, there is still a question as to when it will commence April 2020 or September 2020 are the possible start dates. It has still not been decided which classes will be moving to the swing site during the project. The scope of project still hasn't been approved. Mme. Burton will update PAC when there is more information.

#### **5. Regular Business**

- a. Discretionary Fund Committee  
No requests at this time.
- b. Selkirk Royale  
See update above from Beverly Walker. Erin will attend the next staff meeting Erin to request volunteers for blackjack tables.
- c. Fundraising Initiatives:
  - i. Mabels Labels – no updates at this time
  - ii. SPUD – no updates at this time
  - iii. Famous Foods – there has been a lot of traction on this fundraiser (we think it is a result of Facebook and the newsletter). Delivery of the gift cards is being managed ok so far, leaving envelopes in the office for pick up. Heather suggested a spreadsheet to track who has purchased so we can confirm the gift cards have been picked up/delivered. Could save the spreadsheet in Dropbox. There is potential to grow this fundraiser. We get 15% back on FF gift card purchases.

#### **6. New Business**

Kidsing Chorus is the PAC sponsored choir that started at Selkirk 5 or 6 years ago. The choir was unable to get a teacher sponsor until now. They have applied to the VSB to rent the music portable and the request has been approved. The program will run Tuesdays again. PAC had discussed a participant fee of \$50 for the year but now that the program will only run part of the year we should consider revising the participant fee to reflect the shorter season. Registration details to come soon.

News about the breakfast program on Facebook has resulted in a few parents reaching out to inquire about supporting the program. Mme. Burton will discuss with Vanessa Mani how parents can show their support of the program.

Jola has taken over the monthly newsletter. She is going to start a feature called “Humans of Selkirk” in which we can feature different parents and adults (i.e. parents, teachers and PAC reps) so that we can get to know one another a little better. Jola is thinking a photo and a 5 question interview for those who want to volunteer.

Jason advised the Lords of Selkirk money raised in the fall was given to Vanessa in order to purchase Safeway gift cards to distribute to families who needed it for holidays.

Adjourn 7:30pm

*Next meeting – PAC Annual General Meeting – Tuesday February 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm*