

Lord Selkirk Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting March 12, 2019 @ 6:30pm

MINUTES

Called to order: 6:39pm

Attending: Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Heather Schofield, Erin Dosman, Holly Hergesheimer, Conrad Chevalier, Anna King, Scott Young, Max Birch, Alison Mills, Jola Lekich

Chair's Report (Erin - 5 min):

Royale went well. PAC made roughly \$10,000 from the event. We will have actuals once all the accounting and receipts are in. Drink purchases were down but attendance was up slightly.

Financial Report (Conrad – 5 min):

Financial statements distributed. Page 6 of 8 has Selkirk Royale results, \$11, 843 raised but some expenses still unaccounted for. This event was the highest of last three years for the silent auction (\$7,900 raised) but gaming and drinks proceeds were down. Number of people attended was 185.

Currently, PAC has \$50,000 total in bank to spend.

Famous Foods fundraising just shy of \$2,000 to date this year (as of last night).

School Report (Shannon Burton/Dominic Maggiolo – 10 min):

Conferences last week, some reports going home in 3 days.

Seismic Project Update (Shannon Burton – 10 min):

Anthony Kwon and Christopher Wong coming to talk to staff about moving and purging. There are three parts to the seismic project; internally 12 moves must occur, the seismic project itself and 7 classes moving to Gladstone. Selkirk is working with Chris Parker at Gladstone. They are timetabling us into the gym schedule (gym, weight, yoga, ping pong rooms). Teachers will have a walking field trip to see the space. When you walk in there are 5 class rooms to left, to the right is the dance studio, auditorium, French room and two additional classrooms. There is a band room as well. Teachers are very happy with the spaces. Mme. Burton is going to meet with Gladstone to discuss collaborative activities – an orientation day is being planned for September.

Selkirk contacted the VPD as the project raises new traffic concerns with students crossing Victoria – School Liaison Officer contacted as well to gather ideas to manage the transition. The crossing was just lengthened so the light is quite long – should be sufficient. No buses because the swing site is so close – and 79% of students going are in the Gladstone catchment. This may be an opportunity to improve crossing safety at Porter Street (northern border of our catchment). There will be a public information session Tuesday April 2nd – 3:30-6:30pm in the Selkirk gym. There will be information about the project, work, timelines, and VSB will be there to gather feedback from public. Will be a drop-in session.

Seismic Project Advisory Committee meeting. PAC discussed that parents should prioritize their concerns in one letter – lunch program, staffing other than teachers, and accessibility. PAC will document all concerns in one letter listing priorities.

Regular Business

Discretionary Fund Committee (Anna King – 5 min)

Since the last meeting committee approved one thing – BC Skills Fair. Three requests pending - \$1080 for Reel to Reel film festival (requirement to buy \$5 snack pack for students). PAC discussed funding half or there is sufficient money to fund the whole thing. There is also a request to go to the Aquarium, funding is just for the bus. PAC agreed to approve all requests and let teachers know there is funding available for experiences/trips and encourage them to apply.

Motion to fund all three requests approved unanimously.

Teacher's Wish List (discussion and voting – 15 min)

PAC reviewed the Teachers' Wish List – motion to approve - PAC unanimously approved to fund all the items on the list. Ordering will begin and can take some time so receipts may not come in until into the following school year.

Selkirk Royale (Erin – 5 min)

There is one family that needs to claim the last silent auction item. Then volunteers will send out thank you notes to those who contributed.

Fundraising Initiatives (Heather – 10 min)

1. Mabel's Labels – no update at this time.
2. SPUD – Heather requested report from Sebastian, Q4 last year \$187 raised, Q1 of 2019 \$346.08 raised. Proceeds have almost doubled in Q1 over Q4. Could do another post-carding in the spring.
3. Famous Foods – PAC is seeing the real benefits of this fundraiser – it is easier to administer and is making more money. Jola and Heather going to get more gift cards. After a communication there is a spike in purchases.

4. Clean for a Cause – no groups wanted to use this fundraiser this year. Heather reported Sapadilla has been purchased by a larger company who is going to broaden distribution so all orders have to be submitted by the beginning of April. We are fine to proceed if we get orders in by April – the PAC email has gone out, it is on Facebook and order forms went to classrooms. The newsletter is going out Thursday am and will catch the last minute orderers! Classroom paper forms due March 15th – square store will be open until March 29th. Delivery is 1-2 weeks later to the school – then sort orders for pick up. Thirty percent of orders go back to the school.

New Business:

1. PAC discussed whether there are things we can budget for on a more regular basis. For example, Project Chef, and Saleema Noon sex education - can we plan for these instead of scrambling each year? Other student safety topics could include a focus on social media. Saleema Noon could be run every 2-3 years, alternated with on-line safety programming. There is a Crisis Centre program for grade 7s – they are coming every year now to prepare older kids for high school. Every year teachers ask for fine arts supplies and sports equipment to enhance the existing supplies. Next meeting PAC will vote on adding line items to the agenda for arts supplies and sports equipment – Mme. Burton will look at figures and then PAC can vote on it.
2. Alison Mills raised issue of adequate signage advising visitors of the location of the main office/library. Alison will discuss off line with Dominic – will need a quote for new signage.
3. Multicultural Dinner will take place on May 29th – the Wednesday during Bike to School Week. Alison and Max coordinating a “Bikes, Lights and Bling Spring Fling” – event where kids/families can come and decorate their bikes to get ready for Bike to School week. Will be an event after school, likely 3:20pm, bike decorating for safety. PAC discussed possibility of having a bike parade at the multicultural dinner.
4. Scott is interested in going to the VSB District PAC to present both the buddy bench and kindness bookmark concepts. Scott is happy to share the designs and requested help from Shannon or Dominic in describing what we did at Selkirk and the benefits we have experienced.
5. Lords of Selkirk is meeting this Friday night.

Adjourn 8:01pm

NEXT MEETING – PAC General: Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm

