

**Lord Selkirk Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
March 2, 2020 @ 6:30pm**

MINUTES

Present: Erin Dosman, Wendy McMillan, Koryn Heisler, Nancy Manning, Sarah Bartlett, Heather Schofield, Adrienne Petersohn, Erin Cedarberg, Jen Cooper-Stephenson, Miriam Leo Gindin, Brent Faddies, Holly Hergesheimer, Jasmine Lee, Mimi Simon

Chair: Erin Dosman

Minute taker: Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson

Call to Order: 6:31pm

Bike to School Week – Nancy:

- Grant application is due March 12th, we can receive up to \$500 for walk bike and roll grant.
- Last year the bike decorations worked out really well, and we had fruits available the mornings that week.
- PAC would like to try to think of sustainable options for bike decorating this year – want it to be more environmentally friendly – suggestion to use rolls of crepe paper.
- To be eligible for the grant event must be accessible for everyone.
- We will do fruit in the mornings again.
- Nancy suggested we consider coordinating with multicultural dinner to try to boost attendance, ie. hold bike decorating event followed by the multicultural dinner. May 26th is bike to school week – have the gear up event on Thursday May 21, plan to have the dinner outside and then have the gym available as back up if it rains. Nancy will coordinate this with Mimi.
- Consider asking Gladstone students to volunteer with the bike decorating.
- It was suggested we invite a bike mechanic or kick stand to the event to provide some tune up services to get people geared up for bike to school week.
- Bike hub may be able to attend – Nancy will connect with Dominic about contacts from last year.

Chair's Report – Erin:

- Erin advised the Selkirk Royale event went quite well, and we made more money than last year.
- No other updates at this time.

Financial Report – Conrad:

- Conrad sent out email to PAC breaking down Selkirk Royale – we made \$12, 281 this year.
- Ticket sales were down slightly but gaming was up.
- We are still waiting for all the receipt to total drink sales.
- If anyone has any receipts left for reimbursements please send them to Conrad ASAP.
- PAC bank acct at roughly \$26,000, plus \$2,000 in gaming account.

School Report - Shannon Burton/Dominic Maggiolo:

- Sports day is May 14^t
- May 15th is a proD day

- Very short report, staff felt it was busier at Royale but very positive energy. It was a super fun event.
- Student lead conferences coming up in two weeks (will be an open house if there is a sub).
- Registration for kindergarten – 81 in catchment for English registration, 100 for French kindergarten.
- Planning for next year will be more difficult for us with seismic work on-going – based on class numbers and staffing – Selkirk will call people as soon as possible – need to make sure there are 60 kindergarten spots.
- There are two classes of grade 7 English (24 students per class) and 36 French grade 7 students leaving – Selkirk needs to see how many kindergartens there is space for.
- Welcome to Kindergarten will be a bit different this year – planning 4 one hour sessions for parents, with a focus for each session (ie. literacy, routine/health/sleep, and gross/fine motor skills). Selkirk will be asking parents to come to four sessions with the child – caregiver can come in lieu of a parent – following that there will be four weeks of drop in. This is pilot – we will be looking for feedback at the end (Selkirk is 1 of 2 schools participating in the pilot). As soon as the numbers are finalized for next year we can send out the invite to parents.
- The last 3 years there have been 80 kindergarten admissions.

Seismic Update - Shannon Burton/Dominic Maggiolo:

- Shannon advised everything is currently on schedule, and work is progressing in the frame building.

Regular Business:

- Discretionary Funding Committee & Teacher Wish List (Anna)
 - Astrid would like to fund an author, Emil Sher - \$840, 4 sessions benefits at least 12 classes. PAC voted unanimously to approve this request.
 - Shannon put forward a request on behalf of grade 4 parents and teachers to have iguy/igirl offered in the classroom. Will benefit 90 grade 4s – part 1 and part 2, each is \$350 – total cost is \$2200 for both parts (or \$1400 for part 1). PAC voted unanimously to approve the cost for parts 1 and 2 of the workshop.
- Selkirk Royale – Erin reported the event is done until next year. There is only one item left to be paid for.
- Fundraising Initiatives (Heather)
 - Famous Foods – continues to go on well, on track for same numbers as last year
 - Mabel's Labels – another reminder will be sent out before camp
 - SPUD - is done, we received our final cheque, will no longer be fundraising through them
 - Rufus Guitar) – to date there has been little uptake on this fundraiser.
 - Los Cuervos - if we eat there we can get 10% back from Los Cuervos.
 - Greetings card fund raiser will be considered for the fall, as well as resuming Fresh to You. PAC will also consider whether Fresh Prep is a fundraising option.
 - PAC will also plan a direct drive the fall of the 2020/21 school year.

New Business:

- PAC discussed whether it should be profiling businesses of Selkirk parents. We had a number of parents donate to the silent auction. PAC considered how can we highlight parents' businesses and still be mindful of any conflicts of interest. PAC will consider establishing a directory that can be linked to the PAC webpage.

- Iona asked whether there were any plans for Earth Day this year – Dominic is arranging speakers, there will be two assemblies. Consider waste reduction initiative to be timed with Earth Day. Definitely interested in coordinating with parents.
- Novel coronavirus and handwashing – school is reiterating importance of handwashing, wiping rails and surfaces more often. School is reminding kids to stay home if they are not well. Heather advised the recommended vitamins to boost the immune system are vitamin C and vitamin D.

End 7:35pm

Next meeting – PAC Meeting – Monday April 6, 2020 @ 6:30pm