



Minutes from Parents' Advisory Council
Meeting January 11, 2020
via Zoom

Present:

Vik Khanna, Adrienne Petersohn, Anna King, Heather Schofield, Erin Dosman, Erin Cederberg, Vanessa Mani-Garrett, Sarah Barlett, Jenny Stephanson, Mimi & Jason Simon, Melanie McConnell, Sandra Ramezani, Jasmine Lee, Celeste Munger, Wendy McMillan, Nancy Manning, Ashley Ward, Jen Cooper-Stephenson, Holly Hergesheimer, Iona Bonamis, Jola Lekich, Rose Houser, Richard Gee, Alison Mills, Shannon Burton

Chair: Heather Schofield

Call to Order: 6:35pm

Minute-taker: Anna King

1. Brief hello from Vik Khanna, from DPAC, who left after his introduction.

2. Introduction (Heather Schofield)

Lots of new faces here. Looking for fundraising ideas. Everyone does a short introduction.

2. Treasurer's Report, including Fundraising Updates (Purdy's, Direct Drive) (Erin Cederberg)

\$20,069 in our bank account. Bit down from last time, because of Famous Foods cheque and \$ to Vanessa for families in need. Other recent fundraising since last meeting:

- a) Purdy's \$2570.40
- b) Mabel's labels \$52
- c) Direct drive \$5010
- d) Famous Foods – over \$2000 so far

3. School Report (Principal Shannon Burton)

Outdoor learning grant. We can't get a shelter outside. Issues re shelter because of safety. Creates problems on the school ground on the weekends and weekends. Also cost 30,000-40,000.

Instead 10 sandstone benches with a sandstone teaching pedestal. Not under cover, but will be a nice area for outside learning when it's not raining. Vanessa just bought a bunch of large umbrellas for Gladstone team. Access to waterproof boots, waterproof paper, if teachers want access to it.



Covid – Option 4 students, more are returning Jan. 18. I think 10 are coming back. Low response rate to VSB survey, but higher response from the school. I will be writing to parents letting them know they can still come back.

Teachers are all submitting reports this week. Will be the same as 90% of parents received last year. Kids are so happy to be back. Energy at Gladstone is super positive. Looking forward to do all of our assemblies and some leadership things.

Seismic upgrade this Thursday morning. Possibly some upgrades they did on the building as well. Will find out on Thursday when kids will be able to come back. We are excited to have them back soon. Thinking of doing something special to introduce all the grade 7s back to the school as many don't know them.

Will take a video of the new upgrades if I'm allowed to go in. Will be a lift in the building.

Q- Heather – wondering about wish list items. Have you created the list? Would like to get an idea of the amount and what the items are. Shannon – garden is at the top of the list, and technology kits because kids aren't able to share in the same way.

Erin C – without having the teacher's wish list we don't know how much we need to fundraise for this spring.

Heather – explains that the money we fundraise in one year we like to spend in the same year.

4. Amending Constitution - PAC Constitution (Holly) - online meetings

Section 3.4 Meeting Guidelines

h) Meetings will be held in-person at Lord Selkirk Elementary, online in a virtual setting, or a combination of both in-person and online, as deemed appropriate.”

Heather - Exec was discussing idea of having a virtual option when meetings go back to in-person, so people can join if they are not able to come in-person.

Holly – there is nothing in the current Constitution about the location of meetings. Therefore, this would be an addition.

Richard Gee Q – “who deems if it appropriate?”

Heather – the PAC exec would decide

Jen C-S: Exec would decide. Possibly other reasons beside the Pandemic, like a crazy snowstorm.

Holly – who calls the meetings? Is someone concerned that we would just keep having online meetings?

Celeste Munger – what about for matters that require a show of hands?



Holly – we have a section that deals with voting – a show of hands, or a secret ballot if necessary.

Adrienne Peterson – you could do an anonymous poll if you need to do that

Heather – can use the raise your hand option on Zoom, which is recorded in the minutes, and posted on the website.

Holly – puts forward a motion to add the following to the Constitution:

Section 3.4 Meeting Guidelines h) Meetings will be held in-person at Lord Selkirk Elementary, online in a virtual setting, or a combination of both in-person and online, as determined by the PAC executive.”

Heather counts votes: **15 votes. Motion passed.**

Q- Heather – are there any other parts of the Constitution you want to talk about?

Holly Section 5.1 Re members at large. Good to have more or less? Has an impact on how many votes you need for things. Something to think about for next time.

Heather – do we need to change things because of having co-Secretaries or co-treasurers?

Jason – good point about co-treasurer issue. Important that transition happens well

5. Discretionary Funding (Sarah Bartlett)

We have 1 discretionary funding request from Karina Houle. French resource teacher. Online reading program for all classes K-5. Je Lis Je Lis

Last year she requested \$360 for Lecture Enfant. Asked her about price differential. Different program, more interesting for kids, teachers can track where they are.

Shannon – PAC pays for Raz Kids, for English kids, which is same idea. There are some funds for French immersion so \$400 school can pay more.

Rose – is it discretionary funding or do you want to add it to the budget? Resource teachers manage it, each year it's a bit different. This year it's about \$800 for twice as many kids in English

Shannon – Raz kids has been yearly. They would have to see how it goes, if they like it.

Anna – Q – for all kids in all French classes, or just if working with Mme Houle?

Sarah – thinks it's for all students.

Vote- 23 in favour to fund \$400.



Teachers Wish List – Shannon

SELKIRK WISH LIST 2020-2021

1. TECHNOLOGY:

a. LAPTOP/IPAD CART: 6000

2. INDIGENOUS/ANTI RACISM RESOURCES 500

a. Books, novels and resources about BIPOC

3. YOGA MATS. 300. We have 20 but would be good to have more. Can take outside in the spring.

4. PE ENHANCEMENT 1000. We ask for this every year. PE teachers

5. ART ENHANCEMENT 1000. Ramona Chan maintains the fine arts room.

6. GARDEN ENHANCEMENT: 2100. We spent \$1000 so far for garden lessons. It's the only activity we can do to get an expert to come. It's in high demand.

a. Funding for garden lessons 1600

b. Funding for garden materials. 50

Level 1 iPads are no longer usable. Not safe anymore. Lots of technology that needs to be replaced. VSB is providing some. Vanessa and I worked hard on a grant but we didn't get it. The district is doing a lot to try to improve access to technology. 15 iPads for \$6000 or so.

Anna – Q – how old are the iPads.

Shannon – before my time, 7 years.

Ashley Ward – are we looking to spend all the money in the back account or does some carry forward to next year?



Erin – we have often carried forward 20-30,000. We will have to fundraise more if we want to fund the whole amount

Shannon – Feb meeting, if PAC can vote on at least some things, esp. garden, that would be great.

Anna – puts forward motion to fund \$2100 for garden items.

Heather counts votes: 21. Motion passes.

Vanessa Mani – welcoming new people.

Normally large hampers of food, gifts, etc. This year we had gift cards and masks. Students drove around and dropped them off. Normally we do a secret Santa at the school. We got many gift cards for families, e.g. Amazon, etc. It was amazing. Pride from the families.

\$1200 raised from Coco and Candy canes and gave it all to the Food Bank.

PAC donated \$2500 in gift cards to Famous Foods from the Purdy's fundraiser. We have a lot more families that are struggling. Still giving them out.

Trying to figure out how to bring back backpack buddies.

Shannon and I worked very hard on the grant for technology, but didn't get it. Hope to keep working on a grant from Telus. Will ask a techy teacher to help with the application.

Lords of Selkirk also donated a hefty amount of Safeway gift cards as well. \$1600. All been given out. I received emails and text messages from people all over the break telling me what they were buying, etc.

Shannon – huge thanks to you, Vanessa for making all this happen.

Heather – have you heard of "Granted"? An organization that helps you get grants. Ashley Ward will get in touch with Vanessa

Little Cedar -note from Cindy re low enrollment, just like Cedar Cottage. We will put it in the newsletter and on FB.

Need a volunteer to make thank you cards for parent donors.

New Business

Iona – anything we are doing to promote safe travel. Lots of people driving to school, parking in the wrong direction, etc.



Shannon – our VPD partners do bursts if we are noticing more issues. Traffic safety people come and remind people. When grade 6/7s come back we can get crossing guard program again.

VPD did pedestrian safety program late last year.

Jasmine – staffing update for my daughter's class. We've had a different teacher every day this week. Hired a new teacher, but won't start until Sept. Staffing shortage right now. Discusses movement of some teachers. We have a 3-day a week position but still trying to find a 2-day a week teacher. No recruiting can happen right now. Teacher programs also slowed down. Every day we are short 6 people at least. Huge issue. District is working a huge issue

Jasmine – anything going on with lost and found?

Shannon – very tidy right now, Not a lot of stuff.

Vanessa – most of it is stuff from last year.

Shannon – someone can make an appointment to schedule a time to check out lost and found and pack up some stuff for donations.

7. New Fundraising Initiatives (Heather)

- a. We now have a \$200 FF option. Can buy cards online.
- b. Looking for some ideas for the spring. Some that have come up:
 - a. Heirloom tomato plants
 - b. Hanging baskets
 - c. First Aid kits
 - d. Purdy's at Easter
 - e. True Earth – BC start-up, sells laundry detergent strips,
 - f. Red Cross babysitting

Adrienne – Selkirk Royale Lite. Breakout teams, trivia, something social. 50/50 as well.

Heather – good ideas in the chats as well. We will keep talking about this on email and next time.

Thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting.

Meeting done at 8:25