



## Lord Selkirk Elementary School

### Parent Advisory Council Meeting

February 8, 2021 @ 6:30pm

#### MINUTES

Present: Sarah Bartlett, Iona Bonamis, Erin Cederberg, Erin Dosman, Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Holly Hergesheimer, Rose Houser, Anna King, Sandy Krishna, Jasmine Lee, Jola Lekich, Valerie Sanguinetti, Heather Schofield, Jason and Mimi Simon, Sandra Ramezani, Melanie McConnell, Alexander Rauscher

Minute Taker: Sandra Ramezani

Chair: Heather Schofield

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Approval of Previous Minutes: N/A

1. Introductions – brief

2. Treasurer's Report (Rose)

Out of 32,310 agreed on spend of 4,600, leaving 2,700 and will carry over 10,000 to next year. This leaves us with 17,710 dollars for the rest of year if there is no further fundraising.

3. School Report & Wish List Voting (Shannon Burton)

Upcoming events: Pro D Day and Family Day. February is black history month, and almost all classes are doing something. Some of these activities will be filmed and shared. Pink Day is celebrating acceptance and diversity. There are Lunar New Year celebrations. Events will be shared by virtual assemblies.

UBC student led coding lessons are running virtually over zoom and they are still very interactive.

Open parachute pilot program on mental health and wellness. VSB may want to purchase it. At the end of the 3 year goal, we have done a lot over the past 3 years in the classroom, and developed resources and a support team. We will share probably in May and have more time to share progress on that goal.

Option 4 update: we have 30 kids on option 4, who return march 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a book exchange to help maintain connection with the school like paper packages; some were posting to teams online. We called all option 4 families, checking in to see how they are doing, trying to keep all families connected. VSB



looking into what supports are needed for remediation in summer to prep the students for next year. We are working with high schools for grade 7s, to know how to support them.

Revised health COVID-19 protocols, updates to staff mask wearing mandate, not much changed for k-7. As always, handwashing is required in and out of buildings. We had all filters in school updated to medical grade filters, in current HVAC system merv filter as used in hospitals. We are following Provincial Health orders to a T. Out teachers do pick up outside, call to come in building, sanitizing

Newsletter Christina is working on newsletter for February 11, send any updates to her.

Seismic upgrades being finalized, waiting for confirmation dates to move in, process lies with the city needs to finalize and do inspection, should be on track to return after spring break but won't have confirmation until after spring break

Will have to adjust ground zones etc. to accommodate the additional 200 students who will be back at Selkirk.

### **Wish list**

Several committees at the school level look at what is needed, than bring options to the staff to discuss.

In the past had long list of wish list but less expensive items on it.

This year there is a lot of things we can't do like entertainment workshops, presenters, but can't this year

Line items, which we have asked for over the last 3 years:

- This year need new birdies etc.
- Art enhancement, same thing need tissue paper, paints
- Art teacher asks for nicer fine arts supplies
- Raz kids already paid for by PAC as it was under discretionary items but is really a wish list item
- Last year had Wiggle stools
- We had yoga mats on the list for around the same price but there were concerns re sanitization so took off, decided Wiggle stools for gr 6-7 as well
- Library trying to improve anti-racism resources , divers culture acceptance
- Garden lessons, one of the few activities we can do during COVID.
  - o Cost was around \$2100. If we budget \$3200 we will get 16 classes out of total of 29. There are 2 lessons per class. There are already 8 classes booked to have them in March, that would be 1600, if want to do 8 more than would be 3200.
  - o Some lessons that were scheduled in fall were postponed - volunteers hard to find during COVID-19



- There were a lot of classes interested, didn't want to ask families for money
- The topics are on pumpkins, measurements, mass diameter; fall changing seasons, what to do with garden in winter; spring, seedlings, prep garden planting, garden committee got grant, may get a compost
- These are all items that we are contributing money to at the school level, could have 1500 in school for antiracism items and the wiggle stools, but the stools are expensive at 70 each
- Technology:
  - VSB loaned us 15 lap tops, support for iPads and projectors, we have every teacher has a projector for their computer, we have laptops in their library, have 30 laptops and 7 gr 6 and 7 classes, each laptop is 750, to get an extra 15 and get cart, we will have to contribute more money
  - This is most important item due to amount of learning on computer now, so children who learn in different ways can engage in learning as well, great stuff going on with teachers and learning but more computers needed
  - Laptops are more durable and more functional, word-processing, typing skills improve, will last longer than iPads

Discussion:

(Rose) If we can fund part of ask, is there anything in the school budget or are we it?

- We don't have 6000 to put into technology, most of our classes are at max 28 kids, so could revisit numbers if needed
- Suggestion to consider leasing equipment. Rose may have contact.

(Vanessa) The Grant was focused on at home learners to have capacity do work in class room and take laptops home, goal every classroom to have a set, have 2-4 laptops in every classroom would help. Hoping to get something from the grant we wrote.

VSB also provided refurbished laptops but they don't function as well. Gave some small iPad and computers to vulnerable students. Problem is magnified due to our size.

- (Rose) - PE jerseys, gameballs, is there a stop on these activities could we push these to next year?
  - Volleyball, Badminton still happening
  - Can put some things to next year, and only buy things needed for game play
- Holly: different ways to spend money, did rough calculation: PAC has 18,120 if RAZ money already spent, while 20,220 is the overall ask. We have 17000 left to spend to the rest of the



year, there will be 10000 carried over to next year. Could we consider carrying over 8000 so we can get 2000 for the tech etc. now?

- (Jennifer) we have already tried to spend money in the year in which it is raised. We do not want to fully deplete the whole bank account this year then will have big gap between this year and next year, as fundraising might be limited next year as well and may not be able to do Selkirk Royale again
- (Rose) we still can fundraise between now and end of year, initial budget was proposed at half the amount; don't have to vote on that portion right now.
- Given the change in the tech ask, vote on everything else, and then figure out what PAC can fund comfortably this year by email.
- (Heather) We should always keep healthy reserve; Selkirk Royale is biggest fundraiser a year. It is 12,000 + normally. This year had direct drive, famous foods, Mabel's Labels, Purdy's, so still have a few fundraisers but nowhere near what we did with Selkirk Royale
- The \$500 for the library for anti-racism and diversity teaching is a line item. If is not a wish list item. We give 1000 every year, so that money could be used for the wish list item that Mme Astrid wants
- (Holly) if we cannot fund everything, what should be dropped"
  - o Put hold on PE til September
  - o Could do the 8 garden lessons
- (Rose) were ok with 6000 proposal originally, if the need really is 12000, would like to talk about this outside of this meeting, but if options like leasing we should consider. Leasing is 25000 a year at Secord, for 60 laptops
- (Jennifer) We could look at funding an additional amount if do more funding. Some families may have concerns about how much PAC is funding technology vs how much the school is funding it
- (Rose) digital literacy is a line item, it is outside of the wish list for tech, so for the wish list we are just talking about hardware
- (Jennifer) Shannon will get further feedback from teachers
- Jennifer propose to take away the wish list and approve by email
- Erin – Rose and I sorted out how much money we have, and if we are going to do a staff appreciation lunch. The number was about 12000 for wish list enough carry over for next year. If there is extra funding can do discretionary funding, staff appreciation lunch, picnic. This leaves enough to make decisions later.
- Leading up to this meeting, til tonight, 12,000 plus approved RAZ, that means 14,000 plus 2100 for gardening. With list from last time plus items already approved we are at about 16000. The tech was doubled the budget from the original ask.



#### 4. Discretionary Funding (Sarah Bartlett)

##### Requests

- Marilyn wants a white board, projector
- 8 pack of books Seehac Indigenous books for gr 3-6 English and French. There is no ongoing maintenance
- Ukuleles – class set from Long and McQuade – for 28 students gr 4 and up, last a min of 6 years (cost is 28x 40 =1120)
- Shannon will look in school budget, so if teachers could give Shannon the request first to save PAC time
- We have ukuleles, so need to find out why need more ukuleles, need more info, Shannon will talk to teacher
- Shannon said school will be paying for installation of new whiteboard

Vote on request from rose for texts – 17 yeses, approved. Remaining requests will be discussed in March.

#### 5. Selkirk Swag (Jasmine, Heather)

- We would like it to coincide with when 6 and 7 return to school to celebrate the return, will intro graphic designer mock ups to the Exec first.
- She is working on it will have update soon
- It was asked whether it can be offer it as a sliding scale

#### 6. Lost and Found (Jasmine)

- Tidied up recently, will take photo for newsletter tomorrow morning, parents can contact Jasmine, may ask for volunteer to help search for items

#### 7. Safe Walk to School (Nancy)

- Safe travel and active travel City of Vancouver and Ministry of Transportation involved, parachute injury prevention, looking into multi model transportation, how to encourage more active travel. Sustainability coordinator VSB, partner with city transportation department, bike and roll grants on hold due to COVID, everyone rides initiative Ministry of Transportation and education, 60 min in class, 90 min on ground, might go forward in the spring. There is a learn to ride online. ICBC, road safety learning resources, promote active travel by getting it out there. Will submit to newsletter so parents have resources.
- IONA, hub online cycling course, teachers can sign up whole class, could we encourage teachers to do this as activity, gr 4-7 and it is free

#### 8. Fundraising: Flip give, Purdy's (Heather)- Looking for other members to take the lead (Jen)



- Jennifer – can do another Purdy’s fundraiser for Easter, can do again, looking for someone who would take it on as lead for Easter fundraiser, need space in house, 25 large boxes of chocolates were delivered, 8-10 hours of packing and repacking
- Flip give, purchase gift card you sign up purchase card, use it for online purchasing and PAC gets a cut

9. Air Purifiers (Iona)

- School was proactive about having it done, Shannon already explained

10. New Business/Other

Do one more direct drive, PAC newsletter next week, could get a bit more next week, Christina could put link in again.

Meeting ended 8pm