



**Lord Selkirk Elementary School**

**Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**April 12, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

**Present via Zoom:** Holly Hergesheimer, Erin and Geoff Dosman, Rose Houser, Jola Lekich, Emma Parke, Heather Schofield, Erin Cederberg, Anna King, Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Jason and Mimi Simon, Jasmine Lee, Iona Bonamis. VSB: Shannon Burton, Meghan Gomes, Vanessa Mani-Garrett

**Chair:** Heather Schofield

Meeting start: 6:30

**Agenda**

1. Introductions – in chat (Heather)
2. School Report (Shannon/Meghan – 15 min)
3. Treasurer's Report (Erin C./Rose – 5 min)
4. Fundraising: Purdy's, Famous Foods, Spring Plant Fundraiser (Heather – 10 min)
5. Photography Portrait Fundraising (Erin C. - 7 min)
6. Selkirk Spirit Wear (Jasmine – 7 min)
7. Teacher Appreciation (Heather – 5 min)
8. Saleema Noon dates – (Anna – 2 min)
9. Bike to School Week/Bikes & Bling/Walk, Bike, Roll Competition (Alison/Nancy – 5 min)
10. Other Business

**School report** – Shannon Burton and Meghan Gomes

(Shannon) Programs currently underway:

- Bike skills and safety
- Social media skills for parents
- Safe teams for grades 6 and 7
- Soccer skills for grade 5 - Day for English and day for French
- Yoga buddies' program for probably grade 4

Parent teacher Conferences are this week. The sign-up rates are higher than they have been for in person conferences in the past. May consider online conferences as a future option.

(Meghan) Outdoor classes are now installed, with 10 stone benches two semi circles of 5 benches with podium for teachers. It might be ready Friday. Will be wheel chair accessible.

(Shannon) construction is done and students are moving back. Selkirk will give a thank you to Gladstone. There will be a virtual tour to send to the community. Replaced all pipes in the main building.



Meghan will be going on maternity leave in October.

**Treasurer report** – Erin Cederberg / Rose Houser

(Rose) Preliminary bank balance is \$14,969 with a reserve of \$10,000, leaving approximately \$5,000 for the rest of year. Fundraising initiatives have raised \$1,800 from Purdy's, Flip Give, Mabel's Labels and Growing Smiles.

**Fundraising** – Heather Schofield / Erin Cederberg

(Heather) Famous Foods Cards:

- During the 2018-19 school year we sold \$17,000 of famous food cards, which provided \$2,600 as a fundraiser. Last year we raised about \$15,000 - less than usual due to COVID. Now we have \$16,000 so on track to hit or surpass the 2018-19 numbers. Probably we will earn about \$2,600 dollars this year. We pay 85% for famous foods cards, earning 15% as we sell off the cards. \$4000 dollars worth of cards usually lasts 2 months. Reaching out to parents who normally spend 500-1000 will help sell remainder. Pushing them a bit more will probably have them sold by the end of year

(Heather) Smiling faces plant sale:

- We're getting 1-2 orders a day. Most have purchased the 10 pack sorted herbs (32 purchases), then the 12" hanging basket, then the strawberry. We sold over \$3000, raising \$636 for fundraising so far

(Erin) Purdy's:

- Total raised is \$1104, which is part of overall total Rose gave earlier

(Erin) Photography fundraiser:

- A photographer from [streetstudio.ca](http://streetstudio.ca) can take portraits (for up to 72 children) or "Family Photo Marathons" (for up to 55 families)
- For the family photo marathons, the photographer provides each family with a 12-minute time slot and 3 images
  - o WHERE: A park or school of your choosing
  - o WHEN: MAY 22-23-24 (Long Weekend) or MAY 29-30
  - o FINANCIALS: \$60 per 12-minute session (includes 1 image). Additional images are \$15
  - o FUNDRAISING: A typical family photo mini-session costs \$100-\$220 for family photos. PAC could add \$50-70 on top to raise \$2750-\$3850, if the weekend is fully booked
- (Shannon) We will do individual class photos on May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion - We will probably do the family photos, Iona, there is a pro photographer among the families, sounds like they were already consulted
- Families pay for it directly

**Selkirk Spirit Wear** – Jasmine Lee



- Apparel orders will be ready soon. The printer is providing competitive prices for apparel & printing
- The files will be ready to send this week
- Christina to send a school wide email with school cash link to purchase with a 2 week purchasing window
- May open up to the Selkirk Annex
- Jasmine needs people to help with picking up order and distribute the order
- Meghan suggested Gr 7s could help sort, organize and distribute to kids in classrooms
- Need to label them – order online by division and name, parents could get their own orders through eldest children to take home

#### **Teacher Appreciation** – Heather Schofield / Erin Cederberg

- Food sharing not option so cannot have a lunch and the idea to have catered food is still complicated, so will have a succulent plant and chocolate gift instead
- Through growing smiles fundraiser there is a great plant options – will get succulents and pots and some Purdy's chocolate, with a note to express appreciation. Teachers can pick them up
- Growing smiles goes in after April 18 will add orders for the succulents
- Erin has 40 pots already will order 40 more

#### **Saleema Noon** – Anna King

- Monday May 31 from 630-8 will have a Zoom presentation for parents
- Student workshops will be on June 1, 2, 3, 4 and there will be a 30-day free access for all parents and teachers to body science online materials
- 1200 funded by grant and 1500 by PAC. PAC will pay invoice, school will reimburse their portion
- Shannon will add something to newsletter

#### **Bike to School Week/Bikes & Bling/Walk, Bike, Roll Competition** – Alison/Nancy/Iona Bonamis

(Iona) – for bike to school, Nancy has registered the school, wondered if could get some help to decide what we could do for bike to school week. Dates are last week of May (week of May 24)

Walk bike roll competition is during the last week of April – Shannon, Iona and Nancy discussed having a class competition the last week of April. The winning class with the highest participation of students walking or biking will get \$150 to buy books. Shannon suggested doing videos to show at school assembly on April 22. Working on a script for it and a blurb is going in the newsletter this week. Student helper in each class will put a star on a poster board to record the number of students participating. Parents who have to drive can participate if they park 5 minutes from the school and walk.

#### **Other business**

Send any items to Christina and cc Shannon for the newsletter

Meeting ended at 7:28