



**Lord Selkirk Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
March 8, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

Present via Zoom: Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Anna King, Vanessa Mani, Erin Cederberg, Heather Schofield, Erin Dosman, Sarah Barlett, Keven Pugh (teacher), Shannon Burton, Iona Bonamis, Meghan Gomes, Melanie McConnell, Sandra Ramezani, Marie-Christine Michel (teacher), Valerie Sanguinette, Holly H, Astrid Godin (librarian), Jasmine Lee, Jola Lekich, Rose Houser, Celest Munger, Jolene Harrington, Adrienne Petersohn, Mimi and Jason Simon, Mikey (last name unknown)

Chair: Jen Cooper-Stephenson

Meeting started 6:35

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. School Report
3. Technology Presentation by teachers & Shannon
4. Update from Treasurers & Wishlist voting
5. Selkirk Swag - Jasmine
6. Fundraising initiatives - Purdy's & Plant baskets
7. Saleema Noon
8. Other Business

1. Introductions: Names put in by chat.
2. School Report (Shannon Burton):
 - kids are excited that weather is improving.
 - Still maintaining Covid protocols. Hand-washing, cleaning. Kids are being good about their zones.
 - Kids are getting to know the supervision aids as they are staying the same for every group.
 - Wrapping up social-emotional goals. Great to see progress from 2017 to now.
 - No date for the gr 6-7 to be back yet. We are really hoping mid-to-late April. A few issues that are being addressed. We did a walk-through of the new building and were amazed. Functioning basement. Floors are all new. Kids should be thrilled.



3. Technology Presentation (Kevin Pugh, Mme Astrid, Marie-Christine Michel):

- presentation via slides. In 2016-2017 we had 35 iPads, 8 projectors, 38 laptops, 0 carts. Now we have 1 cart, 70 laptops, 49 ipads, and 28 projectors. VSB goal is to have 1 device for each student. 3 carts for each building.
- We had 50 devices that went obsolete in 2020.
- Slides showing how much school, VSB and PAC have put towards technology since 2017.
- Vanessa – we have 12 special needs ipads that were donated in 2009 but they are done, can't be fixed or used.
- Kevin Pugh – grade 7 teacher. Use of technology has changed. Every teacher would use computers every day of the week if they could. A lot of what we need requires a keyboard. Minecraft. Coding. Vex Robotics. Big program at Gladstone. Would like to see our kids get interested and excited about this.
- Marie-Christine – teacher. I have seen the evolution and need. In West side schools, they had a lot more. But we have improved our technology at Selkirk. I'm not into coding. But into writing and podcasts and movies and research. 150 students but 20 laptops. We need to have at least 30. Students want to get into research. Every 3 weeks we have access. Need to be taught how to use word processing, be responsible digital citizens.
- Sandra – why are west side schools better for tech? Shannon – big individual donors.
- Iona – have you heard of students not prepared for high school because they don't have experience with technology? Marie-Christine – not really.
- Vanessa – we had a big learning curve for Covid. We have a lot of families who do not have access to technology. Before the pandemic students could borrow computers.
- Shannon – kids need to get the skills at school because they aren't doing at home. How to write letters, share documents. Etc.
- Kevin – I have kids at school with limited access to technology. Will be better in high school.
- Rose- is it for exposure or for research?
- Marie-Christine- for grade 6 & 7, how to edit a text, how to share with a teacher, podcasting, movies, so can submit their work, use teams,
- Astrid – depends on the grade. How to use a mouse, how to log in, keyboarding skills, coding (later), audio books and e-books,
- Rose – want to make sure technology will touch each grade.
- Marie-Christine- embedded in the curriculum. This is what we have to teach.
- Kevin – I taught my grade 3s coding.
- Shannon- different abilities need different things. Not every kid uses it the same way.



From Shannon: Current Teachers' Wish List:

\$12,000 technology

\$500 Library (*but see below*)

\$420 wiggle stools. (*but see below*)

\$2100 garden

4. Update from Treasurers and Wishlist voting - Rose (Treasurer): We have \$33,475 in bank account. Want a float of \$10,000 to carry to next year. We have about \$18,000 to spend.

- Shannon - Saleema Noon. Got some funding from a parent. PAC would only have to spend \$900. Or 1\$500 for second option. Some teachers are more comfortable with this stuff than others. More interactive may be better.
- Holly – if we had 1 or more specific things we need to fundraise for. Eg Saleema Noon, we could do a direct drive for this or for laptops.
- **Vanessa – we just got a grant that covers wiggle stools and library. So take those out of wish list.**
- Rose – if we do no fundraising, we still have a really healthy budget afterwards. Now only paying for \$12,000 tech and \$2100 garden. Can pay for this and \$1500 for Salema Noon and still have \$3300 left over (plus \$10,000 in the bank).

2 options:

A) 12,000 to tech; 2100 to garden

B) 10,000 to tech, 2100 to garden and 2000 for us or the school to do other things

- **Jola – puts forward a motion to fund option A: 19 votes. All in favour (unanimous).**

5. Selkirk Swag (Jasmine). Putting out ideas for design options. Probably just hoodies and t-shirts for now. Basic black. Maybe sweatpants. Either navy or royal blue. Just the name Selkirk, we are thinking. “Cedars” is our mascot but Mr. Johnston doesn't think it's a great mascot so he doesn't use it.

- Want to keep prices low as possible to be accessible. Can't get a quote from printer until we chose a design. Shipping and GST also will be added. Should be able to get it on the school cash online website.
- Heather – we need to take a vote on Saleema Noon.
- **Anna – motion to fund Saleema Noon for \$1500. Passes. 15 votes yes.**



6. Fundraising Initiatives (Heather) Purdy's orders finish on March 13 for Purdy's. Also new fundraiser – Plant fundraiser. Hanging baskets, planters, fertilizer. Delivery May 6. More info in April.
7. New Business (Iona) – talking with Nancy about active school travel. Lots of congestion around the school. We have done a challenge in the past between classes to see if they walked or rode etc. to school. We could do something like that. Teacher would fill out a sheet. For a couple of weeks maybe. Could be a prize at the end. Can't do a pizza lunch. Could be something for the teacher to purchase for the class.
 - Shannon – I love the idea. Weather getting nicer. The pizza party was very motivating in the past. But there should be another way besides teachers tallying. Handwashing, waiting to get in, etc takes a long time. Sometime not until 9:30, so we don't want to have another thing for the teachers to do. Possibly could train a few kids to do it. Happy to talk to Iona about it more.
 - Iona – do we need a vote from the PAC to vote \$150 or so ?
 - Erin C – we may not even need to vote on something that small. I think it would be a no-brainer.

Other new business

- Q Jasmine – school pictures? Shannon – not happening.
- Jasmine – are the grounds swept every day for drug paraphernalia? Shannon - Alex usually gets there 7-7:30am, does a sweep every morning. Just in school grounds, not outside the fence.
- Jasmine - My daughter has found drug paraphernalia up the top of the stairs. After hours.
- Holly – Portland housing society will pick up needles.
- Jasmine – lots of supportive housing going on. If anyone has anything to say, it's open to comments at BC Housing. Feel like it's a lot in one area. We have a few methadone clinics nearby.
- Holly – there is a lot going on everywhere. It's Vancouver.

Meeting concluded at 8:11pm

