



**Lord Selkirk Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
May 10, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

Present via Zoom: Holly Hergesheimer, Sandra Ramezani, Heather Schofield, Jola Lekich, Jason and Mimi Simon, Miriam Leo Gindin, Valerie Sanguinetti, Rose Houser, Erin Cederberg, Alketa Katro, Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Jasmine Lee, Melanie McConnell, Iona Bonamis, Adrienne Petersohn, Nancy Manning, Meghan Gomes, Shannon Burton

Chair: Jen Cooper-Stephenson

Meeting started 6:33

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. School Report (Shannon/Meghan)
3. Treasurer's Report & fundraising report (Growing Smiles, Famous Foods, etc.) (Rose/Erin C)
4. Community Pantry (Vanessa Mani)
5. Selkirk Spirit Wear
6. Website Update
7. Family Photo Marathon discussion (Eric C)
8. PAC Exec Succession Planning
9. Saleema Noon

1. Introductions

2. School Report (Shannon Burton):

School calendar was approved:

- Anti-racism event on Tuesday Sept 7, 2021
- Christmas vacation starts Dec 23, 2021
- Spring break – same as this year
- Last day of school on June 29, 2022
- 5 professional days, in line with rest of school district. We have one unique day on Monday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>
- Conference dates pushed back after Jan 30<sup>th</sup> report card. The staff wanted to delay to have more information to share with parents
- School fees to stay same, \$5 for the agenda
- No pre-booking so staff can consult with parents



- Hardship policy: no child is unable to participate due to cost
- Staffing – reduction of 2 French divisions, 11 to 9 divisions, will need to reduce staffing of French immersion teachers by 3. French resources increasing due to increase in students with special needs having been identified
- Gladstone move – classes set up and look great, kids love the building

### 3. Fundraising: (Rose)

Financial update:

Bank balance \$33,329

Approved expenses -\$18,856

Fundraising \$2,206

Preliminary Balance \$16,679

Less reserve -\$10,000

Estimated ending balance \$6,679

Discussion: Heather – do Mable's Labels twice a year, now is a good time push them because parents order labels for summer camps. Just got a \$500 famous foods purchase, beat 2018 school year for spend: amount raised 2752 so far! Erin – kudos for her organizing all the volunteers, deliveries etc. for growing smiles 250 items ordered across 80 orders, might want to scale pricing up to increase amount fundraised

### 4. Community Pantry (Vanessa and Meghan)

Pantry project – got \$500 grant from Canadian Kindness Leaders program. The idea was to have kids participate in community based community connectedness project. Located at 4040 Victoria – back lane pantry, working fridge / freezer, can bring non-perishable goods to school. Can engage kids with shopping for items at Famous Foods.

### 5. Selkirk Spirit Wear (Jasmine)

- a. Targets 50 each of adult hoodies, tshirts, 100 each of youth hoodies and tshirts, right now 108 youth hoodies, 81 youth ts, 70 adult hoodies and 45 adult tshirts
- b. \$4,030 in funds so far, should have about \$388 over the cost, but may be closer to 660 over with rest of deposits, plus still more time for sales
- c. Suggestion to purchase extra apparel to gift or raffle off with extra funds, or save extra funds for future spirit apparel to offset the pricing of some items such as nicer toques. Decided to use the extra funds to purchase extra shirts/hoodies for kids with limited funds – Vanessa to connect with kids who would receive the apparel.
- d. Need volunteers to help with labelling.

### 6. Website (Heather)

- a. Need to update the discretionary funding, minutes, newsletters, should we remove some older updates, do we still want to include discretionary funding? Need to update the pages annually
- b. Need to update constitution, document it resides in edit form, need to clean up document



c. Talk offline re housekeeping stuff by end of school year

7. Family photo marathon – move to June agenda
8. Salima Noon – student sessions – Sharon - can put a blurb in the newsletter to remind parents re presentation in 2 weeks , people can have the link and join if planning on attending.
9. Bike to school week (Iona and Nancy)  
Suggestion to do a similar challenge class competition as the walk, bike, roll.  
Discussion: Sharon said the walk, bike, roll went well. There were bike sessions, although several students in gr 4 didn't have a bike. Iona will have results from walk, bike, roll soon. Could submit a video to HUB for a prize. Could do another class challenge, have stickers from HUB to put on bikes. Kickstand org can get bikes to kids for free.
10. Succession planning for PAC – there will be a lot of changes in the PAC next year. There are opportunities for members to take a greater role and to participate in constitution, fundraising, etc. New PAC will be brought in at October Annual General Meeting

Next meeting: June 14<sup>th</sup>

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25