



**Lord Selkirk Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council Meeting
June 14, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

Notes taken by Anna King, Co-Secretary

Present via Zoom: Rose Houser, Jen Cooper-Stephenson, Miriam Leo Gindin, Sarah Bartlett, Erin Cederberg, Jola Lekich, Richard Gee, Jason and Mimi Simon, Heather Schofield, Valerie Sanguinetti, Adrienne Persohn, Holly Hergesheimer, Sandra Ramezani, Nanny Manning, Richard Gee, Meghan Gomes, Shannon Burton, Vanessa Mani, Alison Mills, Anna King

Chair: Heather Schofield

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Treasurer's report and report on Fundraising
3. School Report
4. Selkirk Swag
5. Bike to school week update
6. Next Year - PAC
7. New Business/Other

Meeting started 6:40 (roughly, technical problems)

1. **Introductions:** (Heather S) Names put in by chat.

2. **Treasurer's Report** (Rose H):

-Big portion of the expenses were spent on wish list items, technology: \$12,000. Also staff funds, \$3300. Each staff member given \$100 to use in the classroom. Didn't use as much as some staff didn't pick up their money last year.

-Going forward we will make Digital Literacy a line item.

-Vanessa gave \$2500 in Famous Food gift cards to Selkirk families in need.

-We did well in fundraising considering the pandemic.

Financial Summary for 2020/2021 Year:

General Account \$13,280.77

Gaming Account \$2,041.41

Total bank balances **\$15,322**



Approved spend outstanding: **-\$150**
\$150 Active Travel

Fundraising monies not deposited yet: **\$2,210**
\$1,250 Growing Smiles
\$850 Direct Drive
\$110 FlipGive

Preliminary Balance **\$17,382**
Reserve/Contingency for next year **-\$10,000**
Estimated Bank Balance \$7,382

Summary of Activities:

Fundraising \$13,465
\$5,010 Direct Drive
\$3,675 Purdy's
\$3,150 Famous Foods Gift Cards
\$1,250 Growing Smiles
\$270 Mabels Labels
\$110 FlipGive

Highlights of Approved Spend \$25,003

\$12,000 Technology (12 laptops)
\$3,300 Annual staff funds (\$1,000 carried over from last year - \$100 x 43 teachers/staff)
\$2,125 Famous Foods Gift Cards for Selkirk Families at Christmas (\$2,500 gross amount gifted)
\$2,100 Garden
\$2,477 Digital Literacy (Raz Kids and Je Lis Je Lis)
\$1,500 Saleema Noon
\$437 Plexiglass for office
\$431 Staff appreciation gifts (plants and chocolates)
\$250 Gladstone Scholarship for Lord Selkirk Alumni
\$150 Active Travel Prize (to be awarded still)
\$101 Indigenous Books
\$132 Miscellaneous spend under \$100

\$1,600 Lords of Selkirk Initiative - Gift Cards for Selkirk Families

3. School Report (Shannon Burton):



-Wishlist was used to get things used by the most number of students (technology). Teachers are very happy about this.

-Need to acknowledge the remains of 215 children found in Kamloops. We are honouring this in the school. Melissa Yellowknee has been working with students. Doing projects like beading little red dresses, writing projects, acknowledgments, lots of work. We just found out we get Melissa back next year. She is making really strong connections. We've started a diversity group with the staff. Vanessa is our representative to the district for their program.

-Calendar and fees for next year will go out next year *(or soon?? Notes may be wrong here)*.

-Staffing is being worked out for next year still. We have never had so many transfers in and out in one year. We have lost 2 French divisions. We are going to be very full.

-Reports go out the last day. Teachers are working hard on these. Four kids returned from home learning in the last few weeks. Only 6 or 8 still on Option 4.

-Want to thank the parent group for all their work on plant sales, bikes, having teachers come to school to talk about technology and approving the tech upgrades, etc. It's been great.

-We are planning for a normal start up in Sept. But we will have a plan B that will be worked on with the VSB. Will communicate with families in Aug. We probably won't go back to a lunch room. What have we learned from this year that we like? Parents can send me an email if they have input into this.

-Welcome to K is happening, in stages/groups. 80 kindergarteners next year.

-Huge thank you to Jasmine for organizing the spirit wear. And to Vanessa and Chris for sorting it and sending it all out. Lots of kids wanting shirts who didn't get one. Lots of school pride.

-Hoping in Sept. we can do something for the PAC and everyone to say thank you.

(AK missed some here because of technical problems)

-Various PAC members: Lots of expressions of thanks to the administration and the teachers for doing such a great job this year.

4. Selkirk Spirit Wear – Jasmine

-For the most part, sales went very well. We sold 490 items. A few issues with neck holes being too small in youth mediums. Otherwise it was very successful. We could do it again in the fall. Change the hoodie brand. Thanks to Vanessa and everyone who helped distribute.



-Rose and other PAC members- huge thank you to Jasmine for the huge effort you did to make this happen.

-Heather – such a quick turnaround. Really quite amazing. In the fall we can do postering and send home pamphlets to get to more families.

5. Bike to School Update – Nancy Manning

-Iona kept track of the numbers. I think there were about 623 bike trips. About 140 students.
-I wrote to VSB green team about bike racks and they said to talk to DPAC. Maybe over the summer we can look out for bike racks.

-Heather – diff between biking and other active transport?

-Nancy -Iona did all that. Numbers for individual classrooms.

-Shannon – we put out info where to get a bike, and I think some families in some classes used this. We should do it again next year.

Update from Iona Bonamis via email June 17:

- 623 bike trips were made to school (it's hard to know exactly how many kids participated, as we only counted the number of trips that were made, but it's probably between 120-150 students).
- Division 28 had the highest percentage of bike trips. Over 82% of trips made to school were by bike.

6. Next year (Jen CS)

-We are looking for new parents, including someone to take on the co-chair role and other roles. If there is anyone or anyone you know who is interested in joining, please get in touch.

-Shannon – I think the idea of co-chairs or even 3 people, is good. Works well with our school

-Heather – we have been an all -female Exec since Conrad left. Would be nice to have a male voice too. Doesn't need to be a huge time commitment every month.

7. New Business/Other

a) Shannon- Start of year. We had the Meet-the-Teachers outside with food trucks, etc. Do we want to do that again?

-various PAC members – yes, good idea. Was very popular.

- Alison Mills – I booked the food trucks last time. I recommend Yo Bones.



b) Heather – I will be here until at least Oct. meeting, but after that will be gone. Moving to N. Van.

Various PAC members – expressions of thanks and goodbye to Heather.

c) Land Acknowledgment -Holly (in chat) brought up idea of a land acknowledgement at PAC meeting. Heather mentions this as something we should do going forward. Should go in the Constitution? Various PAC members agreed. More discussion about this needed.

Meeting ended 7:30pm

Action items:

- Exec will have a meeting to discuss a meaningful land acknowledgment over the summer.
- Shannon will propose a date for the Meet-the-Teachers event so PAC can help organize.
- Selkirk Swag again in the fall, with more promotion.
- More bike racks? Nancy suggests looking out for some