



**Lord Selkirk (Selkirk) Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council Meeting (Virtual)  
November 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Adrienne Petersohn, Anna King, Caroline Woodcock, Cathy Babineau, Corene Rathgeber, Duncan Smith, Erin Boswell, Iona Bonamis, Jasmine Lee, Jason Simon, Jason Wong, Jennifer Cooper-Stephenson, Jola Lekich, Mimi Simon, Nancy Manning, Rose Houser, Sandhya Krishna, Sandra Ramezani, Sandy C., Shannon Burton, Simon Goring, Vanessa Mani-Garrett (19 attendees)

**Minute Taker:** Jason Simon **Chair:** Anna King

**Call to Order:** 6:37pm

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** unanimous

**1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Chair Report from Chair (Anna King)**

- Thanks to Shannon Burton for her leadership and dedication to the Selkirk Community
- Fundraising overview with Purdy's closing soon so get those orders in / Growing Smiles Closed on Sunday, November 14

**2. School Report (Shannon Burton)**

- Small meet and greet with PAC exec was the first outdoor event for office staff.
- Teacher / Parent Conferences have finished up but if parents need more contact with teachers, just reach out to them individually as the staff are great at making time for more targeted discussion.
- Ministry of Education will be changing some reporting mandates so parents can expect to see some changes in the coming year.
- Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony was organized by the grade 5 classes and Mr. Pugh's class constructed a Flanders Field in Minecraft that was exceptional.
- WITS (Walk away / Ignore / Talk it out / SeeK help) leaders are being trained and will be deployed in the coming weeks. Shannon would like to have at least 4 weeks to work with the leaders before her departure. She is planning to pair the leaders with a younger class for regular check-ins.
- Indigenous Focus Day will be coming up and details will be in the newsletter.

- Selkirk currently has 5 student teachers and 4 are part of an Indigenous Learners cohort from UBC.
- Photo retakes are Friday, Nov 19.
- Shannon Burton has accepted a posting as Director of Instruction with the VSB. She will be ending her time with us late in December.
- Incoming Principal has yet to be announced and the PAC is interested in a meet and greet
- Question Posed (Anna) – Regarding the implementation of class reps? Answer - Shannon is open to it and will reach out to teachers for some idea of interest and possible candidates.

### **3. Treasurer – Rose**

- As of November 15, 2021 - bank balance is \$16,501.31 with another 2,041.41 in the gaming account.
- Growing Smiles raised \$1,264 in 2020/2021 and \$1,405 in 2021/2022
- Purdy's raised \$2,570 in 2020/2021 and \$2292 in 2021/2022 (a few orders to be added)
- Gaming Grant is still available with a late application and may net approximately \$14,000 – Myriam and Nancy have reached out to Rose as they have applied for this in the past and can help with the application.
- Discretionary Funding account has \$2,000 which must be spent this year so the budget has increased discretionary funding from \$500 to \$2,000 so that all funds would be used.
- Community Money – used for outreach / Famous Foods Gift Cards (Vanessa)

### **4. Vice-Chair Note – Caroline / Jason**

- Volunteers may be needed for help with the Growing Smiles – Pick up November 25 – help will be needed to unload the pallets into the gym – Shannon advised that student help may be available as 176 plants are coming in with delivery in the day or two before pick up – exact drop off time unknown.
- Volunteers may be needed for the Purdy's distribution. Vanessa has offered the storage room that is beside 002 room. Shannon confirmed that school access could be in the evening till 8 pm as long as she is able to clear with onsite custodians. Mobile number may be provided for staff for access after school hours – sorting crew and date to be gymnasium is preferred for parent pick up.
- 10 people volunteered to help – names and numbers to be emailed separately

### **5. Community Building – Nancy / Iona**

- Bike train has started with 8 kids a part of the South route that starts at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Commercial.

- There are 4 spots still available for the North route that starts at Clarke Park.
- If people are looking to join the Bike Train – there is a QR Code at the bike racks that one can scan to join.
- Bike Drive / Exchange being considered for the Spring.
- More bike racks are needed for the school. Ideas / Sources needed. VSB?
- Outdoor learning area update – 2 x picnic tables \$3,000 each plus \$2,500 install. Pricing has been quoted as being, *fluid*.

#### **6. DPAC Update – Corene Rathgeber**

- Voting took place to request that the VSB hold off closures till census data is made available and transit plans are available for consideration. Motion passed.
- There was discussion that the DPAC was not feeling that their input was having the desired impact or consideration within the VSB, more radical discussion suggested boycotting their participation with the VSB.
- Some discord at the DPAC regarding representation will make for a lively next meeting.

#### **7. Other**

- VSB does fund replacement of Survival kit items but extras are to be sourced from individual classes, more discussion to take place.
- Amanda has a connection at Vantech regarding the BC Confederation of PAC and will provide some additional information.

#### **8. Next PAC Exec Meeting – Dec 13, 2021**

**7:45 - Adjourned**

## **5. Fundraising**

- a. Purdy's chocolates – Christmas, Easter
- b. Plants
- c. Famous Foods Gift cards
- d. Flip Give
- e. Mabel's Labels
- f. Direct drive – direct ask for donations
- g. Selkirk Royale – has been a large fundraiser for Selkirk but postponed due to pandemic. It may not be arranged this year due to pandemic, would need to start planning for it soon if it will be on. TBD if will organize. Exec team to discuss. Needs a lot of parent volunteer hours

## **6. New business / other**

Iona and Nancy – applied for a walk, bike and roll grant for schools from the City of Vancouver. Applied last June, and on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Selkirk was awarded \$500. Seeking feedback from parents on how to use the funds. We may organize a bike parade, a bike to school train and so on. We must use the funds this year.

A suggestion was made to have an active travel meeting for parents, Nancy, Iona and others may want to revisit safe travel routes. Organize to find more bikes for kids. Need more bike racks.

Anna – owner of property that used to be BC Fur is looking for way to engage with school to do something with the property. They bought the house next to it, are interested in community garden and working with the school to use the property while waiting for building permits.

Selkirk spirit wear – TBD if sell again this fall, Jasmine to connect with PAC exec and Shannon Jen Cooper-Stevenson, PAC co-chair, is transitioning out of role. Garden program – got letter from Society for Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) – acknowledged contribution of PAC to gardening program.

**7. Next meeting:** Monday, October 18, 2021 (AGM)

A link will be sent through newsletters and website

All parents welcome to attend and be involved in PAC whether on executive or designated as a member at large

**Meeting Close:** 7:35 pm