

Lord Selkirk Elementary – Parent Advisory Council Meeting
 Monthly Meeting AGENDA
 Tuesday November 15, 2022
 6:30 pm in-person -Selkirk Library

Topic	Comments	Member(s)	Time
Welcome and Chair report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order • Land acknowledgement • Approve agenda • Approve minutes from prior meeting • Chair report as required 	Anna, Alexis,	10
Principal and VP's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal and VP's update 	Vince Edwards & Stella Chow	10
Treasurer's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on account balances 	Rose	5
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selkirk Royale - Feb. 24, 2023 • Purdy's Holiday orders Nov/Dec • Growing Smiles Nov/Dec • Selkirk Spirit Wear 	Janet Anna Anna Jasmine	10
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike to School Event • Selkirk Suitcases • Hot Lunch program 	Nancy/Alison Alison Cathy	5
School Sports, Movement, and Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir 	Jasmine	5
Saleema Noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for May 9-12, 2023 (kids) zoom call for parents May 1 	Anna	5
DPAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on DPAC meetings 	Amber	5
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing authority 	Anna	10
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: 	Anna/Alexis	1

PAC Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022 (Corene and Janet)

Call to order and land acknowledgement at 6:35pm

14 attendees, 5 PAC executive members, Mr Edwards, Ms Chow, Ms Mani

- Introduction of attendees (5 min)

Of note: Vanessa Mani discussed the diverse programs she runs that include the Books and Breakfast program in the mornings: This free program is offered to all children, opens at 815 every day (except during staff meeting). Students can get some breakfast and go outside at 840 when supervision arrives. Books have not yet been put out due to Covid protocols but hopefully will in the future. It is a great program for kids to get to know other staff in the building. Ms Mani is available to answer any questions.

Principal/Vice Principal Update – Vince Edwards

Halloween fun at Selkirk!

1. All our K classes had a tremendous time at their pumpkin patch field trip! Thank you to the PAC for assisting with the cost (\$200 per enrolling classX5 K classes).
2. Our Frame Building students (Grades 5-7) created several “haunted houses/mazes” inside their classrooms and invited students in Grades 4-7 to visit and have fun!
3. Ms. Chan’s class had a spooky pumpkin walk that invited all classes interested, to walk through and enjoy their carved pumpkins and vote on their favourites!
4. Many students and staff joined the fun in costume!

Remembrance Day at Selkirk

1. We hosted 2 Remembrance Day assemblies this year to remain within the occupancy capacities of the gym
2. Ms. Chow and Ms. Moy’s Grade 5/6 class put together a thoughtful and personal assembly that was entirely student-led. They shared stories of remembrance and led the assemblies through O’ Canada, poem readings, song presentations and the minute of silence.
3. Some members of the community were able to join as audience members for this important annual assembly.
4. Thank you to Ms. Moy and her class for their leadership, and thank you to all students who presented poems/songs/speeches

Sports teams are alive and well at Selkirk!

1. A very big thank you to our volunteer coaches (parents included!) who help to provide sports opportunities for our kids
2. Currently, volleyball season is underway
3. Next up, following volleyball is basketball (continues into January)

Clubs are alive and well at Selkirk!

1. A very big thank you to the volunteers (staff and parents) who provide club opportunities for our kids!
2. Some clubs that are up and running now are:

1. Card club
2. Rubik's cube club
3. Dungeons and Dragons club
4. Chess club (a very well attended club in the library on Thursdays at lunch)

Grade 7 Off-Grounds Passes

1. It has been tradition at Selkirk to allow Grade 7 students to leave school grounds during the lunch break with a signed permission pass from the parent/guardian
2. Tomorrow, November 16th, 2022, we will meet with the Grade 7 students to outline the pass system/how it works, discuss behaviour expectations, and answer student questions. Permission forms will go home with students following our group meeting.
3. Our Grade 7 teachers have taken time to get to know our students and are confident they are ready for this privilege/rite of passage (with parent/guardian expressed written permission to leave school grounds)

Student and Family Affordability Fund

1. Selkirk (inclusive of Selkirk Annex) received a portion of funds from the Ministry of Education's Student and Family Affordability Fund (one-time funding)
2. The funds are meant to provide targeted support to families (food security for example and to off-set costs) and universal support to families (Food/Nutritional snacks and to off-set costs)
3. Please see the pie chart on the screen
4. As a committee, we have found ways to provide much needed direct supports to our families in need and also, we have found ways to provide supports that would bring benefits to all families—for example, as costs of field studies climb (entrance fees, chartered bus costs, etc.), we have increased each enrolling class's field studies budget by \$500—this will help off-set costs to every family in each class.
5. Some examples include:
 1. A field trip for a class has an actual cost of \$24 per student to Burnaby Village Museum, which was reduced to \$8.00 per student.
 2. Another example: Bollywood dance workshops for K—7 (Spring 2023). Original cost estimate was \$10 per student, and with these funds, we will be able to provide this fun, cultural experience to all students at no cost to families
 3. Large groups of students—Grade 7 Camp, to assist with reducing the cost to families, substantially. The Grade 7 students may still do some fundraising to help offset costs further
 4. We are also looking to provide a hot lunch (with the assistance of the PAC to organize) to every Selkirk student on Sports Day

Question: Is the total amount of funding to be spent this year? Is there a mandate to spend it by the end of this school year?

Yes, the funding must be spent by the end of June 2023

Question: Do all classes get to go on a field trip?

Field trips are at the discretion of the teachers. Keep in mind that some teachers use funds to organize events and activities in the classroom or at school.

Treasurer's Update (presented by Anna, provided by Rose)

Balances as at November 15, 2022

General account: \$25,525.72

Gaming account: \$11,000.18

We received the following funds:

Gaming grant \$12,340 (deposited)

DPAC grant \$977.96

Mabel's Labels \$126.07

Sold \$2050 Famous Foods gift cards, earning \$307.50

Disbursements made this school year so far:

General account:

\$800.00 Selkirk team jerseys

\$229.80 Meet the Teacher meals

\$80.00 Babysitters (4x \$20) for AGM PAC meeting

\$1050.00 Deposit for Royale tables

\$2805.00 Famous Foods gift card restock

\$2634.90 Sal y Limon hot lunch

\$1711.53 Raz Kids digital literacy

Gaming account:

\$997.50 Kindergarten 5x classes bus to the Pumpkin Patch

\$198.84 Cross Country Pizza wrap up party

\$143.48 Soccer pizza wrap up party

Selkirk Royale Update – Janet

- Royale is scheduled for February 24, 2023 (last event was 2020)
- This is an adult only event that is being held in the Selkirk gym, activities will include a casino, dancing, bar, and silent auction.
- The organizing committee (13 parent volunteers) has been established.
- A few ways that other parents/caregivers can support the event are:
 - Attend the event (tickets will be sold for \$20 or \$25)
 - Volunteers are needed to help out at the event for setup, takedown, and during the event (ie. Working the bar, etc) Volunteers can sign up for a particular shift.
 - There will be a Silent Auction, if you have a contact with a local business, wine beer, family activities, neighbourhood gift cards, etc. There is a list of businesses that are being approached so please run any ideas by the committee *before* approaching a business. Janet has a letter endorsed by Vince that you can provide the business.

- Volunteers to run events, ie. the bar, teachers will sign up to be dealers. Come as a guest and work behind the bar for 90 minutes.
- Is there a ticket price yet? \$20 or \$25 TBD

Purdy's Holiday orders Update – Anna

- Order emails sent out – deadline is November 21st
- Order pickup is Tuesday November 29, 2022 at Selkirk – behind the gym from 840-910am or 245-400pm

Growing Smiles Winter Plant Fundraiser Update - Anna

- Order email sent out – order deadline is November 22nd
- Order pickup is December 8th

***Anyone wishing to volunteer to help with distributing Purdy's or Growing Smiles orders please contact the PAC.

Selkirk Spirit Wear Update - Jasmine

The deadline for ordering Spirit Wear was November 2 and the order will be arriving in the next two weeks. Extras were ordered, so you can contact the PAC if you missed the deadline. 365 items were sold and the final numbers will be available at the next meeting.

Community for Active Transportation at Selkirk (CATS) - Emily

- This group has 608 members that have been meeting regularly
- Received a \$500 grant from the city of Vancouver for the walking school bus and bike to school week in May/June
- Have applied for the school streets program, to shut down the street around the school and will hear back in the next month if approved and which street if successful.
- Will launch Walking Wednesday, 4 routes that will be walking into the schools in the morning. For the first few weeks have an adult come with the kids, and then will organize permission groups for the kids to walk with supervisors.
- Planning a bike event, last week flyers were handed out with email address and facebook page for the community.
- Wondering if the PAC can help them get the word out about the walking routes, that starts on Nov 30th
- Walking Wednesdays start on November 30th will send out on PAC email dissemination/and through the class reps.
- Anna agrees that the PAC will send out an email on their behalf.

MunchaLunch Hot Lunch Coordinator Update - Cathy

If anyone wants to take over the Hot Lunch coordination next year from Cathy (as her child moves to high school) please let her know!

- Sal y Limon Hot lunch had 525 orders, which resulted in \$941 in donations, paid for 35 families, still have 75% of those donations left. Net profit after credit card fees made \$770

- Next Hot Lunch is scheduled for December 8th from Bitter Sweet Kitchen, the options will be teriyaki rice bowl, pretzel hot dog, and mac and cheese, there will be dairy free and gluten free options. If your child has allergies please contact the coordinators.
- Looking for volunteers to sort lunch and do lunch delivery. Let Cathy know if you can volunteer to help with the hot lunch program via email at or through the munchalunch website.
- Starting in January we will aim to provide 2 hot lunches a month. Days of the week will vary but will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
- Although the munchalunch website is confusing for the e-transfer option, once you submit the order it will not get missed.

Choir Update - Jasmine

- DPAC choral program is up and running with 50 kids in junior and 28 kids in senior choirs each group working on 3-4 songs.
- The Winter concert will be held on Monday, December 12 in the school gym and everyone is welcome to attend.
- The program costs approximately \$120 but there are many bursaries available and it is accessible to all students.

DPAC - Amber not present, will update next time.

Salema Noon - Exec determines this item will be saved for the next meeting as no actions are needed.

Selkirk Suitcases - Alison not present, will update next time.

Other PAC Business

Chair (Anna) raised the motion to remove former co-chairs from the signing authority: Erin Cedarburg, Jola Lekitch, and Jen Cooper-Stevenson.

Vice-Chair Jasmine LEE will be added to the signing authority.

*****Motion Passed - 14 votes in favour**

Discussion and suggestions for future fundraising:

- Walkathon (Amelia) was organized at previous school, will look into it and report back
- Proposal for photo shoots, family and/or professional head shots as a fundraiser, Daniella offered to be involved as a photographer if she can find a partner or the photographer who has participated in the past is available/interested.
- Reminder from Janet that a Direct Donation Drive will be launching in December, opportunity for families and family members of students to support.
- Ms Mani will be working on the cocoa and carolling initiative in some format - carolling likely not supported due to covid/flu. Will be looking at the Xmas tree initiative again, the donation of gift cards was very helpful and impactful for vulnerable families, this method allowed the families to shop for themselves and choose their own items. There was a lot of positive feedback about this from families.

- Proposal to discuss Krispy Kreme or Apple Box fundraiser in future

Question – regarding the one-time funding, are there any measures being taken to address the one-time funding?

There is an opportunity for further discussion. And then maybe assess which programs have the most impact.

Question for Mr Edwards (from Jasmine): Children eat their lunch in the classroom – is there any discussion about the older intermediate kids returning to eating in the lunchroom?

There is some talk, but it is difficult to get teacher consensus, classes are eating at different times. There may be opportunity for future discussion.

Question (from Meredith): Is there opportunity for more After School care at Selkirk?

Answer (From Vince): Childcare is not affiliated with the school at all, it's run by the Neighbourhood house and other organizations/businesses in the neighbourhood.

Further Answer (From Vanessa Mani): This is complex. Many families are struggling with this but there are no immediate changes on the horizon. Childcare programs (like the one run by the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House) are facing significant staffing challenges.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm. The next meeting will be held over Zoom on Tuesday December 13, 2022.