

Lord Roberts Elementary PAC General Meeting
Wednesday, March 14th, 2018
Call to order: 6:31pm, Andrea Jacques, PAC Chair
Lord Roberts Elementary School, Library

Present: Andrea Jacques, Nadia Knudsen, Chris Hyndman, Kirsten Haywood-Farmer, May Choi, Cheny Ricky, Kenna McKenzie, Mira Voroncov, Mistin Wilkinson, Susie Joe Dooner, Anika Gibson, Michelle Webster, Amber McElroy, Holly Paddon, Ian Rowe, Sarah Honeyman, Danielle Neer, Chris Fretwell, Sandy Galpin, Alison Charabin

School Update - Alison Kerr, Principal, Lord Roberts

- thank you to the parents stepping up into division rep roles
- shout out to the MYP program
- the gala has been a great success
- all sorts of people from our extended community have been through the school today from Elsie Roy, King George, etc.
- this new curriculum is project-based
- MYP teachers have been working really hard to get to this point
- Lord Roberts, Elsie Roy, King George have been working closely together on the MYP program
- April 9, 10, 11 - international team visiting, review of the program
 - interviewing students, teachers, administration, and parents
 - Kindergarten kids were engaging, asking questions
 - this is right where we want to be as a community, engaging with each other, enquiring of each other, learning from each other
- Lord Roberts piloting new "KEV" financial system going to be done entirely online
 - financing being modernized
- various PAC fundraising initiatives, spearheaded by Holly, have been going incredibly well
- "Welcome to Kindergarten" event has been changed from May 2nd to May 1st instead, due to a scheduled earthquake drill
- "Run Roberts Run"
 - challenging and encouraging everyone to participate
 - trying to fundraise for a playground item
 - 14 staff members are participating in the BMO run
 - raised \$34 so far, but hoping to ramp it up
- 15 new functioning Mac laptops are going well, user friendly, lovely to see the students using them

- Mindful Eating
 - student-led assemblies
 - food vote re: what food is going to be planted in the garden
- exciting plans for the garden
- kids have been outside looking for signs of spring
- talking about what's going to be grown
- meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30
- seed pots are going to be made
- planting we be done after spring break
- implementing a different organization of the garden this year
- things will be planted and harvested in a much more collaborative way
- Lord Roberts received a grant
 - building mason bee houses out of a large piece of wood, drilled and hung on trees
 - short investigation on this project this year, larger rollout next year
- weekly "What's Happening at Roberts" is being posted on the school's website by Alison
 - Alison: "thank you to Andrea and Ian"
 - this will be all that is done as far as website updates for this year
 - there should be a new website model implemented next year
- parent class rep updates
 - just completed a quick training this evening

Treasurer Update – Chris F.

- budget items to vote on:
 - gaming
 - about \$3,000/year toward sports
 - new teacher request to do floor ball
 - no hip hop or gymnastics this year
 - pro floor ball rep will be here in May during regular gym time
 - cost is \$10/child if PAC doesn't fund it
 - every student will participate
 - teachers have voted, it had been approved, and scheduled
 - motion raised by Chris F. to use the \$3,000 usually allocated for hip hop and gymnastics for floor ball which is available for all students
 - Ian seconded
 - passed with one opposed

- motion raised by Chris F. To spend \$1,000 from the capital/other category of the gaming budget used for dies for the printing press
 - Allison seconded
 - motion passed unanimously

- motion raised by Chris F. to spend \$560 for a commercial popcorn maker
 - seconded by Holly
 - motion passed unanimously

- motion raised by Chris F. to spend \$520 to acquire required movie licenses from the VSB for movie nights
 - Ian seconded
 - motion passed unanimously
 - Allison abstained
 - license is good for a whole year
 - Holly is projecting \$1,000/night minimum will be raised

- motion raised by Chris F to introduce a new category of Teacher Requests with a budget of \$1,000
 - seconded by Sandy
 - motion passed unanimously

- motion raised by Chris F. \$750 to spend for sports equipment ie. baseball gloves, footballs, etc. for sports activities during and after school - taken from the Teacher Requests line item
 - seconded by Amber McElroy
 - motion passed unanimously

- motion raised by Chris F. to fund up to \$250 for making memory bags
 - seconded by Amber McElroy
 - motion passed with one opposed

- Action item: we need to track which teachers are receiving funding in this new line item
 - potentially we could have a meeting with teachers requesting funds
 - Ian suggested that we develop a schedule of teachers submitting funding requests (that could be loosely adhered to)

- motion raised by Chris F. to cover the difference in expenses for a jointly organized field trip to Stanley Park for two classes that amounts to \$118, so that the field trip's expenses will be fully covered
 - motion seconded by Amber McElroy
- Action item: letter to classes receiving this funding, informing parents and

students where the funding came from, in the hopes that gratitude and reciprocation in the form of PAC donations might come in
- motion passed with one opposed

Fundraising Update - Holly

\$776-> to the PAC from Purdy's drive

Loonies for hot chocolate -> tomorrow

- marshmallows included
- funds are going toward the purchase of skipping ropes

- popcorn and pickles sales on Fridays going forward

- carnival
 - graphic design donated
 - poster printing donated
 - handbills printing donated
 - BBQ donated
 - audio equipment donated

From now until May is the time to get budget item requests in
PAC will be creating and voting for next year's budget at the May meeting

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth

- Monday April 16
- Tuesday May 8(?)

Parent Education Night?

- free financial literacy programs for parents and kids from Chartered Accountants Association
- Exec doesn't have the capacity to launch this initiative
- Another parent volunteer would have to step up

Philosophers' Cafe(?)

- host discussion nights
- address the legalization of cannabis?

Survey for parent education night

- what topic do parents want to know about?

- Book Jesse Miller - digital literacy talk
- coordinate with King George to halve the cost

Nominations for new PAC Exec will be at the next PAC meeting in April

Community Advocacy Update - Rochelle

- Janet Fraser Trustee of current VSB school board
- VSB and COV in initial studies re: renewal of King George/West End Community Centre
- hydro proposal?
- she will be coming to speak to an upcoming PAC meeting
- she is asking for questions in advance

DPAC Update - Sarah

- DPAC Priorities for this year:
 - improve communication between PAC's
 - advocate for seismic and building upgrades
- Roy Park is the new DPAC liaison, as well as treasurer
- new superintendent
 - solid history of inclusion
- new board is all about building relationships and bridging the gaps that have been plaguing the VSB for a long time

- Ongoing implementation of the new curriculum
- check out the DPAC website for excellent updates on this project
- lots of changes
- feedback from parents is needed and sought out
- please send in your feedback

VSB budget us coming up

- projected deficits
- April 17th public survey, public consultation to get public input before releasing the budget

Meeting adjourned: 8:03pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 6:30pm Lord Roberts Elementary Library