

***We acknowledge that we are on the shared traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples and the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations... and for this we are thankful.***

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*Date:* February 12, 2020

*Location:* Roberts Library

*Time:* 6:30 - 8:05 pm

*Exec attending:* Ian, Elizabeth, Michelle, Ryan, Juciane - *Absent:* Holly

➤ Lucy Maloney

○ Traffic Petition:

- To extend the Comcox separated bike lane past Roberts school from Bidwell to Cardero; already exists from Denman to Bidwell and from
- 284 signatures of Roberts parents/guardians/family members representing the support of a vast majority of the 610 students at Roberts;
- Currently a 2 way street and at pick up/drop off times there is often a line of cars making 2 ways difficult; also endangering pedestrians and cyclists by engaging in unsafe behaviours (blocking the driveway despite signs and reversing vehicles in the intersection crossing Bidwell & Comcox); one way to limit this is to have a physical barrier
- City cannot enforce the no parking in this area as regulations state that drivers can stop for 5 minutes in a no parking zone (however no stopping means no stopping)
- **VOTE:** PAC Chair to sign the letter drafted by Lucy to support the petition when she brings it to the attention of the City of Vancouver counsel
  - Sandy moved the vote; discussion; all in favour; **PASSED**

➤ “We Choose” Participatory Budgeting Pilot - West End

- Voters chose the memorial gift to Roberts for \$10,000 and \$10,000 for King George in memorial of two West End parents - Christine Fretwell and Kathryn Gibbons as #4 - top three would win
- Choice #3 plans would have been over the budget of the gift and so Roberts/King George won!
- More than 100 people participated in the vote;
- An article identified that our award needed to be approved by the City but likely simply a formality as there would be significant disappointment to those who voted;

➤ Lunch Lab

- Needs 2 more volunteers for next lab; every Monday and Thursday requires 5 parent volunteers
- 2.5 hour shifts (11am-12:30pm); tasks include organizing kids, assisting with prep, washing dishes, etc.
- Students really love this and tend to excitedly line up at 12:05pm for the 12:30pm start
- Only 150 of the 610 Roberts students are able to participate at this time;
- There are logistical hurdles to engaging more students with having enough parent volunteers as one big one

➤ PAC Budget - Ian & Jucienne

- PAC is working to be more transparent with budget spending and input is welcomed;
- PAC has more money than budgeted for; 2 reasons: 1. Had more money last year than ever before; 2. Had an overly cautious budget and raised alot more than expected in direct appeal and successful pizza lunches (pizza bringing in \$6,000)
- Ian commented that parents would like to see the money that comes in each year to be spent during that school year and that any left over money can be used for the beginning of next year for Welcome BBQ, Kinders Welcome, etc.; keeping in mind any long term projects but minimizing the carry over
- VSB changed how donations work so Direct Appeal and anything collected through School Cash Online goes directly into the school account - can't be used for PAC fundraising needs
- PAC to begin more effectively planning for 3 buckets; one for Gaming Grants and General Funds would be split into 2 buckets - 1. Money to go directly to school to be used for school activities in line with school/parent priorities and 2. PAC fundraising needs (eg. BBQ, tents, tables, bins...)
- BBQ - PAC was borrowing an industrial BBQ for events but no longer functional; to rent one would cost \$500 each time and to purchase a new one to keep would cost approx. \$3,000; still logistics to work out re: where to store it? But 7 uses would pay for it and we currently use it 2x per calendar year; Lunch Lab indicated that if Roberts had one the program could use it 1x per month bringing use to 8x per calendar year
- **VOTE:** Gaming account - \$500 was budgeted for outdoor play equipment when Mr. Styles was running the program; with an unexpected donation there is already a lot of sport equipment so this allocation no longer need; VOTE to take the \$500 and move it to be used to spend on Sports Day;
  - Joanne moved the vote; Ryan seconded it; all in favour; **PASSED**

- **VOTE:** need to add an item to the general account budget for paying for pizza for Pizza Lunch; currently been paying for it; VOTE to add pizza lunch expense of \$6,101.82 for now to July; ?? moved the vote; no one opposed; **PASSED**
  - \$2,000 sitting in school account; last year voted to use it for supply room for teacher but on hold for now as Exec are continuing to take an inventory of what the school already has and what rooms in the school are being used for what before deciding on a location and size requirement
  - PAC Fundraising Department Wishlist
    - no vote necessary as PAC exec can approve up to \$250 expenses;
    - APPROVED to spend approx \$190 on shelving for PAC fundraising items in the girls shower room; this room is used for all events in the school including pizza lunch, fun fest, winter market etc.
    - Pop up tents: currently asking parents to borrow; still not ready to purchase as logistics re storage and maintenance are still be worked out
- DPAC Summit
- Leanne and Ian attended; 40 schools represented with 2 people from each PAC and 6 people from DPAC
  - Shared concern was that a significant amount of programs are no longer funded by government (eg. music) so schools have to fundraise for these programs to be available to students; thankfully PACs are stepping up to assist
  - DPAC wants to better understand the gaps in funding and inequity among various PACs; eg. some schools get more parent donations and others more corporate donations but all have a gap in government assistance
  - DPAC assists with a double blind donation from one PAC to another PAC (no one knows who gave or where the money went) - note: last year Roberts received \$1,000 through this process as Roberts is considered an inner city school in need;
  - Sean noted that one issue for calculating service needs for inner city schools is that although the formula includes the number of families on social assistance and the number of students with indigenous ancestry, it doesn't include working poor (families with 2 working parents with low disposable income)
  - Follow Lord Roberts twitter account to see Leanne's DPAC reports
- Principal's Report/Q&A
- What's going on in the school:
    - Literacy Grant received and 7 classes are working with a poet on poetry skills
    - Admin attended workshops for understanding of new curriculum; focus is on helping students understand their own attributes so they grow up knowing their own skills and not simply dreaming of what they may want to do when they grow up;

- Maker space being considered for the library this year; was a parent priority and Admin are interested in making this happen
  - Discussion of Middle Years Program - focus on how we learn, being critical thinkers and global citizens
  - Near the school office there is a Greetings Wall; 39 languages have been identified at Roberts and some students noticed that some were not included; Sean has asked the students to locate students who speak the other languages and have them connect; need to include indigenous languages as well as the 39 languages that show up tdo not include these;
  - New format for Admin parent bulletin thanks to Amrit; trying to keep parents more up to speed with happenings at the school;
  - Talent Show scheduled for March 13, 2020 and everyone is really excited;
  - Students are currently doing inventory of equipment currently in storage areas beside the custodial room, getting balls inflated and getting equipment up and running for use; creating spreadsheets of inventory
  - Unstructured play day on February 13, 2020 - no tech; teachers will pay the games with students without directing pay
  - Vancouver Coastal Health attended for inspection; very thorough and found that although the school is good order they did identify some hand dryers not working (school to put policy in place to ensure know about this in the future); some recommendations made;
- School Technology
    - Technology is a big expense for new purchases, replacement and maintenance;
    - Library computers are 3-4 years old and can't run anything past windows7 so many programs do not work on them; waiting on school district to assist but may need to go ahead and purchase if the wait is too long
    - Each classroom should have a basic standardized set of equipment for teaching purposes; currently each class has something different and some have nothing (eg. 15 classrooms do not have a wall mount projector)
    - No need for PAC funding yet as needs are still be evaluated and must go through school budget first; teachers are in the process of advising admin of issues and needs; also need to get experts in to do quotes as the needs of each classroom for wall mounts are different
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- King George Principal - Leanne
    - PAC exec agreed after a lot of back and forth to send a letter to VSB asking for more general information as to how racism in system is being addressed by VSB as opposed to singling out King Geoge and the new principal;

- **VOTE:** PAC to write the letter to the district enquiring out VSB handles issues of racism; Leanne moved the vote; Elizabeth seconded it; **PASSED**

➤ Adjourned at 8:05 pm

*Next meeting:* March 11, 2020