

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.

Date: January 16, 2019

Location: Roberts Library

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Attendance: approximately 20 people

Exec attending: Andrea, Holly, Greg, Sandy/ *regrets:* Leanne, Ian, Chris, Sarah

1. Welcome and Introductions. Fun partner activity to share favorite holiday activity or what you are looking forward to in new year. It was great to get to know some new families who attended!

2. Direct Appeal Funds Disbursement Options: (Andrea and Allison)

- Last month voted to allocate portion of Direct Appeal as follows
- VOTE: \$4500 allocation to school admin - moved and carried
 - Classroom: \$2600 = \$100/classroom
 - Resource teachers: \$1000
 - Edible education: \$400
 - Play program: \$500
- Possible options for further allocations for remaining \$4630:
 - \$3000 for School Beautification and Art Education project
 - school beautification of undercover area and gymnasium
 - work with children to generate ideas
 - Allison: Brightens us, try to make the school more welcoming through visual stimulation, and try to evoke an emotional response through visual stimulation. The desire is to make the school more colorful in the general areas (through color and shapes). This is to be continued in the covered area, and gymnasium. Priority is the undercover area and the entrance. Allison was a secondary school art teacher, and there are several resources at our disposal that may be leveraged (Matt Sinclair and Allison have a strong relationship). These may need to be utilized to keep within the budget. (Visual art is about a story and “What is the Lord Roberts Story?”) Rock Yu is support staff and LR, and has graduated from Emily Carr in visual arts. He could be utilized as an educator on call (EOC) for visual art development and school beautification. Alison is proposing \$2000 for an EOC and \$1K for materials.
 - \$1712 for New rugs for Div 22, 11, 10 and music
 - \$627.20 for Bean bag chairs for library
 - \$5000 Water bottle filling station

- Special Education Teacher (Barb): This is a priority as students are not drinking from the fountain as they feel they are “gross.” It was expressed that is not only a health and safety concern but also morale issue as it has been expressed to her by some students, they are very unsatisfied with hydration options in the school. She expressed concern over the 5 minute flush prior to consumption notifications at water sources. As a result Barb raised concerns over methods used to test heavy metals in water, and the heavy metal content in the water during the first five minutes of flow . Concerns were expressed over chlorine, and allergenic responses dissolved Cl_2 in fountain water. Concerns were also expressed about child development impairment due to exposure to heavy metals.
- Alison: The pipes at Lord Roberts have been upgraded recently, Lord Roberts water test results indicated that LR’s water is one of the best schools with VSB. The water tested is within the Canadian Safety Standards. In Canada allowed 10 parts per billion (ppb) - LRE: 0.055 to 1.45 ppb our water is freer of lead than home water VSB has indicated that all schools are to have water bottle filling stations by 2021. However, our water is the best so we will be last on the list and funding from the ministry must be maintained till 2021 for this project to continue to be funded by VSB.
- Attendee Concern Raised over maintenance of fountains and cost associated with filter replacement, as it was the experience of speaker that their employer (of 64K employees, rarely changed the filters).
- Answers needed for the following questions (Allison will get in touch with VSB to get answers)
 - Do we have the option purchase the fountain separately and get VSB to install (does this change the price)? Allison: No the price is the price
 - Is the fountain going to be a filtered station? If it is filtered, what are the maintenance costs?
 - If we do fund this, will VSB add another one? Allison: She cannot guarantee this, as the funding is dependent on ministry funding
 - If we fund this, does this change our position in the queue?
- Question: Could we move the water bottle fountain budget to the art project and other allocations as we are on the list for VSB to install?
- Sonja, seconded by Barb: Motion to Delay the Vote on water bottle filling station and Art beautification.
- Motion Passed; Vote is to be delayed until more information is obtained
- Direct Appeal Funding Decision Options:
 - Delay vote till our questions are answered

- Vote to approve one water bottle filling station
- Put it back to the parents, fundraising would work out to \$8/child, if people value this then we can buy it.
- Alison C expressed that the immediate need is for the bean bag chairs and rugs and requested these items be approved.
- Alison Kerr: If the art project is not approved this month it will not be completed by June. It was requested to have it approved so the project can start.
- Attendees expressed and agreed that we did not want to be disrespectful to Barb as she was very expressive the water filling station is a greater priority to her and some others.
- Greg – Our current income for the year is over \$21K, and we still have direct appeal funds to be allocated and other fundraising efforts push us well over our budgeted income. In light of this, we are likely to be able to fund all requests. A detailed financial update for the PAC Exec meeting will be made available next week. We should proceed with projects in need.
- Greg – Motion to approve all requests contingent on funds available and questions answered to support. No Second, Motion failed
- Sonja: Motion to Vote on approval on Bean bag chairs, rugs, and art project now, and to approve water fountain (s) at next months meeting contingent on available funds and questions answered.
- Seconded: Holly
- No Opposed
- Motion passed

3. Grade 7 Grad fundraising (Andrea)

- Current costs for Grad include Camp Bursaries (\$295/student) and Grad Cruise (\$80/student)
- Discussion: creating an inclusive grad that is accessible to all students and doesn't put undue financial pressure on families
- Allison: 72 Grad 7 students, this is a camp and a boat ride to camp. 47 have paid for this camp, some students have commented that they are not interested in attending an outdoor activity. Traditionally there has been a debt from the grad seven camp. As there are some students who may be more financially constrained, we may need to alter the activity.
- Sonja: There was a teacher strike which is why the boat cruise started. Simple grad would decrease the price down to \$20-30/students. Grad 7 parents to meet one hour prior to the next general PAC meeting to have a grad discussion.
- Action Items:
 - Arrange meeting prior to next general PAC meeting to discuss ideas for grad.
 - We need a grad seven parent to lead the charge, a call out for help
 - Holly: Willing to train for fundraising for the grad 7 grad.

4. Vice Chair Updates (Andrea on behalf of Ian)

Classroom Reps Update

Classroom Reps are just getting back up and running post holidays. A big thank you to these parents as they continue to be great resources for getting volunteers out to events like movie night and the various fundraising/community building events we hosted in December. They continue to share the job is significantly less daunting and significantly more rewarding than expected. If you would like to be a parent rep or find out more please reach out to Vice-Chair Ian Rowe at irowe@mac.com.

Street Safety and Congestion at Drop Off and Pick Up

A small working group of parents are working with our Admin to figure out how to make our streets safer. Currently, we are receiving best practices from other schools and the VPD. We encourage parents to walk or cycle to school for pick up and drop off whenever possible.

Parents dropping off children on Pendrell:

Please **do not enter the staff parking lot**. This is dangerous for our students and causes congestion as there is no way to quickly turn around in the small lot.

Parents dropping off children on Comox:

To minimize the number of children crossing the street and to reduce congestion please **enter Comox from Bidwell and drop off students on the school side of the street**. (Drive East to west, drop off from passenger side of car on south side of street).

All Parents Dropping off from cars:

Please remember that Vancouver is Idle free. **Turn off your vehicles** once stopped.

Please **do not block drive ways** on either side of the building as these are the only accessible points for cyclists and emergency vehicles.

In Kind Donations

We have received a number of in-kind donations and are looking for bunch more. This month we would love to see donations of:

Books

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (any) and Chapter Books for Grade 5

Examples include: The Hobbit, My Side of the Mountain, The Phantom Tollbooth, The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Bridge to Terabithia, Number the Stars, Shiloh, Wonder

We would also love to see if we can get 1000 popsicle sticks!

Check out the whole list and track progress at

<https://www.lordrobertspac.ca/in-kind-donation-requests.html>

6. Babysitting and Stay Safe Course updates (Sandy)

- 14 kids for babysitting
- 19 for stay safe at home

8. Events and Fundraising Coordinator updates (Holly)

- Need a Funfest planning committee, and volunteer drive needs to start
- Holly is hoping to have a Funky Friday once month for the remainder of the school year.

Next meeting: February 13, 2019