

Call to order 6:32pm
Wednesday, November 8th, 2017
Library, Lord Roberts Elementary
PAC Chair Andrea Jacques

PAC Exec really appreciates when parents come out to these PAC meetings

If you hear other parents frustrated or concerned with situations at the school, please direct them to the proper channels, and suggest they get in touch with members of the PAC, and attend PAC meetings

1. welcome to new volunteers

Thank you to volunteers that have stepped forward so far:

Wendy & Harmony - parent education nights

Kirsten - Admin support

Dennis - student activities

Ryan & Ian - website and IT

Evelyn - sponsorship and grant coordinator

Holly - Events and fundraising coordinator

2. Fundraising updates

Direct Appeal fundraising program bag been launched

Notice will be re-sent out

Chris Fretwell

T-shirt sales - going well

75 sold so far

Sales are partly a fundraiser but largely for so morale

Money and forms can be dropped off at the office

Hoping to have an online donation option available soon on the website

Hoping to get some silent auction or raffle items available at the Christmas concert and/or MYP gala

If you know of any businesses that might donate items, please let us know

Holly - fundraising program updates

- Cobbs Bread on Robson - 5% of every customer who mentions Lord Roberts

- SPUD they give 25% of sales back to us

- West End Poinsettia Drive 40% of sales to LR

- Holly needs volunteers to canvas businesses over the next week (2) and deliver Poinsettias on the 27th of November (4)

- Purdy's chocolates 25% of sales to go us

- an outcome of these efforts will be building a list of local businesses for further fundraising efforts

- suggestion: a flier featuring fundraising initiatives to post in apartment buildings

3. Parent lounge update - Chris Fretwell

- trying to get furniture donated

- demand for clothing swap of previous years to return

- may try it out for one morning next week

- 9:00-10:00

- not going to be every day

- couple of mornings a week

- way to connect with parents, find out things that are happening at the school

- something new we're trying out and hope it will make a difference
- younger kids will be welcome, although must be aware not to be disruptive
- donations of coffee are welcome
- work in progress
- thank you to the administration for offering the space
- hopeful for more opportunities for connection

4. Undercover Area Meeting Place Numbers

- division numbers are posted on the undercover area, a good way to meet other parents

5. Communications Update

- going to attempt to streamline communications
- PAC mailing list might have half to two thirds
- school mailing list has almost all parents
- working on figuring it out, without too much duplication
- "PAC Announcement..."
- things like advocacy would come through the PAC mailing list exclusively, so please still make sure to sign up for the PAC newsletter list

- we have drafted a communication policy, which we are hoping to send out a week before next PAC meeting for parents' review

- new VSB website is about to be released, we are putting any website updates on hold until that goes live

6. Parent Class Rep Update

- working with staff, there is some great communication and discussion going on
- giving the staff an opportunity to discuss it

- issue that has evolved recently: grade 6's and 7's having the opportunity to, with parent permission, go off school grounds for lunch time

- some issues have come up in terms of safety, wellness, and "community respect"
- does this contribute toward wellness? Toward learning?
- instead of grade 6's and 7's being around school grounds in a mentoring position, they're coming back after lunch with junk food (big bags of candy, slurpees, coffee, etc.)
- safety issues: speeding down the road on skateboards, putting large tree branches in the middle of the road to watch cars run into them, throwing slurpees all over the 7-11
- also peer pressure: some kids aren't allowed to go off school grounds, they're feeling left out
- some grade 5's have been leaving school grounds at lunch
- 5 kids decided to sit in the middle of the road today
- this program is very difficult to manage and monitor
- hard to tell who has permission and when

- grade six and seven students when asked unanimously said they knew students who weren't allowed to go off school grounds but were anyways

- suggestion: build intramural programs/clubs/activities before cancelling the program

- suggestion: parents can partner with teachers to build capacity for lunch time activities

8. Brent & Danielle - Food Literacy Committee Presentation

- mindful lunches
- mindful of wellness
- knowledge, skills, and attitudes to choose, prepare for, grow, and enjoy food that nourishes bodies, minds, and communities
- 4 main areas of growth
- growing in the garden

- preparing and sharing food
- composting
 - 4 teachers completing a workshop on November 27
- looking at the whole cycle
- grants are really important
 - Danielle applied for a neighbourhood matching grant for the back garden in collaboration with grade seven teachers to create mason bee houses (learn about pollinators) , as well as learning about worms
- concept of farm to school
- get healthy local food from local farms to the classroom
- \$10,000 Grant over the next two years, with an end goal that there would be a food service such as a salad bar

7. Update on Pilot of CSL (Communicating Student Learning) - Allison

- district has asked schools to participate in a pilot project to look at how schools communicate with families
- we're shifting things here a bit
- we want to make learning visible
- "This is what learning looks like"
- informal conversation with parents about how your children are doing
- the teachers are going to be recording every time they have any informal communication with parents
- there will be a minimum of three conversations throughout the year, such as goal-setting conference, summative written report, student self-assessment, etc.
- our school is piloting this template this year, it will be implemented district-wide 2018/2019 school year

Technology Selection Process Overview

- explained in detail by administration in email

9. Advocacy Update

- no plan at first point since so many other pressing issues have come up
- open to suggestions and volunteers
- will need a dedicated committee
- administration cannot be involved, so it would have to be parent-driven
- Spencer Chandra Herbert is willing to offer support and guidance

Question: do we have access to a kitchen during the day?

Yes, the multi-purpose room is possibly available

Call to Action:

Poinsettias drive

Volunteers for lunch programs

Volunteers for PAC

Grants

Meeting adjourned: 7:33pm

Next meeting : Wednesday December 13th , library, Lord Roberts Elementary