

***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:** November 18 , 2020

**Location:** Zoom

**\*\*\*Time:** 6:30 - 7:40 pm

**Exec attending:** Ian, Lucy, Ryan, Michelle, Juciane - **Absent:** Andrea, Holly, Leanne

### **Lost and Found**

Ian (chair)

- Every Wednesday a volunteer parent, Rie, sorts through items found around Roberts and posts photos of the items on the Roberts PAC facebook page
- Parents/guardians can have their student pick up their items as parents are not to enter the school due to covid

### **King George Secondary**

- being renovated and 1 year ago Roberts PAC requested to part of the conversation
- Ian followed up with VSB and City of Vancouver and has been advised that HCMA Architecture has been chosen
- all future communication will be through Sean (principal)

### **Coal Harbour Elementary**

- Christine Boyle, Vancouver City Councillor, has responded to Lucy's email regarding our community's safety concerns for Annex students travelling to new Coal Harbour school as there is already safety issues for Coal Harbour students travelling to Roberts
- Roberts PAC and has been encouraged to continue to communicate directly with her and she has already taken action by reaching out to others indicating our interest in the issue
- Parents/Roberts community are encouraged to write to City of Vancouver or the Park Board or Lucy or PAC directly

### **School name**

- Leanne emailed all the trustees but hasn't received any response

### **We Choo\$e Memorial Gift**

- Roberts won the vote for memorial gift \$10,000 to Roberts and \$10,000 to King George
- Pilot project through City of Vancouver – parking money given back to community

- Participatory vote by the kids to decide (kid driven) what to spend it on and learn more about the process of democracy
- All began pre-pandemic so now a bit more challenge to it
- Leadership IB students could help as they need an opportunity to assist school
- \$ should be coming before Christmas & will be put into PAC funds awaiting the student vote

### **Division WhatsApp Groups/Reps Update**

- still need a parent rep for division 1 and division 18

### **Online Form - Phone a Friend**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYz1qv\\_Isz4oVw9MPwb7xvs1dTDuTtgZ2q6FF4\\_s5HUU4yAQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYz1qv_Isz4oVw9MPwb7xvs1dTDuTtgZ2q6FF4_s5HUU4yAQ/viewform)

- special skills to offer Roberts Community?
- link shared in the meeting and attendees asked to take a look and add their info
- go ahead & share the link with Roberts community

### **Next PAC Exec meeting**

- Next PAC email with have an invite to parent to attend next exec meeting
- everyone is welcome to check it out - no strings attached

### **Budget Update (Juciane)**

Juciane (treasurer)

Upcoming disbursements:

- \$5,000 teacher allotment from general account (cut cheque for teacher requests)
- \$9,075 teacher allotment from gaming account (cut cheque and give to the school to help with the current situation)
- \$1,540 PAC supplies (bins, auction) and merchandise
- Already voted on this last June 2020 – was parents priority to give teachers money to do what they want in their classrooms
- there is currently \$22,000 in games account & \$12,000 in general account
- gaming funds are typically spent on field trips so Sean will look into how to spend it within the gaming grant rules during covid times

Link to latest Financial Report:

[https://www.lordrobertspac.ca/uploads/1/2/1/4/121450518/pac\\_financial\\_report\\_2020-2021\\_-\\_oct-30.pdf](https://www.lordrobertspac.ca/uploads/1/2/1/4/121450518/pac_financial_report_2020-2021_-_oct-30.pdf)

## **Fundraising**

Sandy (fundraising)

- Silent auction raised \$2,200!
- Need volunteers on Nov 23 & 24 to help sort chocolate in the gym
- Holiday shopping pick up will be done out in playground – need drivers, greeters, etc.
- Bring a mask & will have Covid protocols in place

See:

<https://volunteersignup.org/3BXW4>

- Note: also looking for apprentices to take over one as lead on main tasks – feel free to join in now to get a feel for it; all positions are documented and mapped out

## **Direct Appeal**

Ian(chair)

- asking \$30,000 for all classrooms over next 2 years
- modernize and standardize tools around the school will continue this year with purchase of projectors etc. as parents have indicated #1 priority
- preparing to launch next week
- all donations will be through school cash online
- shout out to Cathy for all her help with the online auction and to Jeremy for all his help with direct appeal

## **Principals Update**

Sean (principal)

- Covid exposure in Roberts community - inevitable in light of community cases - letters already went out to those affected & Sean sent email to school community
- 70 kids were absent the day after the email went out
- there are 3 levels of response - close contacts are asked to isolate and get tested
- parents have been asking how best to support the teachers and the school
- there are not enough teachers to accommodate online learning
- meetings are being held to discuss what is needed and where to go from here
- Roberts made recess 5 minutes longer and lunch 5 minutes shorter to limit the overlap of the cohort groups on the grounds
- purchased some more items for the sensory room - project is moving forward
- school moral is okay but additional uncertainty these days with higher covid numbers in the community
- staffing issues with absences and staff are having to work in different cohorts - working on solutions
- playground lingering has started to happen again - will send reminder email; division reps can send out reminders too

- attention to messaging to students interacting with others not in their cohort but typically students are mingling with their same core group
- some concerns with upholding the no touching rule inside the slide
- the pink tape came off the parking lot at the front of the school and staff have started parking their again - will work on a solution

### **Canopies**

- training the IB students to put up and take down for an opportunity to earn their necessary service hours
- some classes are already working outside so canopies will give them a dry place to work
- working out logistics around seating situation and have some govt funds to spend
- also working out logistics about not having students taking cover and gathering at recess and lunch

### **Speaker**

Amelia Huang – from the City of Vancouver working on the Participatory Budgeting project

- relating to We Cho\$\$e Memorial Gift
- Just need a name to issue the cheque and/or EFT Transfer – to communicate with Ian
- City has offered to help in any way needed & want the schools to document process & will touch base down the road

ADJOURNED at 7:40pm

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