

**Administrative/supplies:** Funds are set aside to allow for the purchase of small supply requirements to facilitate PAC's routine administrative tasks throughout the year.

**Arts:** The Fine Arts Committee looks at the wide variety of arts programming available in the community (e.g. VSO, Vancouver Opera, other musical performers, dance and theatre companies, puppeteers, visual artists, etc.) and decides which workshops or performances would best enhance our students' learning, enjoyment and participation in the arts. In prior years, PAC funding of the Fine Arts Program has allowed students the opportunity to work with an artist to create the mural that is proudly displayed at the back of our school building as well as to participate in other "Artists-in Residence" programmes.

**Bank Charges:** Budgeted amounts are to fund routine bank costs incurred throughout the year.

**Bursaries:** The PAC organizes and oversees a wide variety of extracurricular activities throughout the school year (e.g., Noon Hour Programmes, Ski Club, etc.). Bursaries are available to help ensure that all Tennyson students who are interested in participating in the various activities are able to do so and are not otherwise impeded by individual financial circumstances.

**Coffee Mornings:** Typically, a small budget is allocated to "Coffee Mornings" to allow for one or more opportunities during the school year for Tennyson parents to socialize post morning drop off and connect with other Tennyson parents.

**Gifts:** Budgeted funds are used to purchase small gifts for individuals who during the year have assisted the PAC in successfully administering its many programmes and initiatives (e.g., thank you gifts to Parent Education Speakers).

**Graduation:** The PAC provides financial assistance to defray Grade 7 graduation celebration expenses.

**Greening:** The PAC provides funding to projects aimed at enhancing the school grounds, including gardening projects with Tennyson students.

**Membership (BCCPAC):** These budgeted funds cover the cost of BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Council annual membership fees (fixed cost).

**PAC Meeting - Childminding:** These funds are used to compensate the capable babysitters (our very own Tennyson students who have completed the relevant childminding course) who take charge of our younger students while their parents attend PAC meetings and/or Parent Education Speaker presentations.

**PAC Meeting – Speakers:** One of the PAC's many roles is to keep families informed on current trends, issues and questions related to our children, their development and what is happening at Tennyson. One of the ways this is achieved is the Parent Education Speaker

sessions, typically held in conjunction with PAC meetings. These funds are used to engage presenters for the Parent Education Speakers programme.

**Peer Tutoring Program:** The peer tutoring reading program consists of one-on-one reading sessions where older peers from Grade 6 are matched with readers from Grades 2 and/or 3. Trained tutors meet with their readers during the school day twice a week for 30 minutes at a time. The French reading program occurs throughout the year and the English reading program occurs in the spring to facilitate the transition from Grade 3 French Immersion (100% French instruction) to Grade 4 (20% English instruction). Parent volunteers assist Mme. Nona and Mme. Lorieau with the administration of the English Reading and French Peer Tutoring Programs provided throughout the school year.

**School Equipment – Technology:** In conjunction with school staff, the PAC provides input with respect to computer technology in the school including the purchase of computers and/or related technology for the school. Funding for the purchase of technology such as computers is typically not provided by the VSB. Since 2011, budgeted funds allocated towards the purchase of new technology in our school has allowed for the purchase of new iPads, mini iPads, a laptop computer, hardware to ensure the efficient and secure use of the new technology, as well as smartboards, to name but a few of the items requested by the School Technology Committee.

**School Equipment – Science:** In conjunction with school staff, the PAC provides input with respect to purchases relating to enhancement of science education at Tennyson.

**School Equipment – Sports:** The PAC, in conjunction with school staff, is involved in organizing/overseeing a number of sports teams - the *Tennyson Tigers* - run during the year. Sports usually include basketball, volleyball, and soccer (typically for intermediate grades). Annual funding assists with the purchase and upkeep of various equipment and sports initiatives within the school.

**Scholarship – Grade 12:** The 2012-13 budget allocated funds to implement a small scholarship to be awarded annually to a Tennyson alumni Grade 12 graduating student.

**Student Speaker:** The PAC provides funding for the engagement of professional speakers to present to students on current issues to enhance the education and overall development and growth of our students.

**Staff Appreciation Lunch:** Budgeted amounts are used to help cover the cost of the annual appreciation luncheon for Tennyson staff which is organized by Tennyson parent volunteers.

**Teacher Funds:** The PAC routinely provides funding to teachers to be used, at their discretion, for the purchase of supplies and/or materials for use in individual classrooms. In 2015, the PAC budget allocated \$250/division for these purposes, as well as to the library and learning assistance teachers.

**Website Fees:** Budgeted funds are to cover website fees and related expenses. The Munchalunch fees are \$350 annually (the Lord Tennyson website hosting fees are minimal).

**Zero Waste Committee:** Budgeted funds are used to purchase re-usable cutlery, fund Bike To School Week, etc.

**Field Improvement/Playground Structure Replacement Contingency Fund:** The Field Improvement and Playground Structure Replacement Committee is tasked with:

1. the development and implementation of a plan to help improve the condition of the school's west side field in order to make it more usable by students for a variety of outdoors activities throughout the school year; and
2. the development of a plan for the funding and implementation of a replacement structure for the wooden playground structure on the north side of the school grounds before July 2016 (being the VSB mandated deadline for the removal of that structure).

The Committee is considering capital funding sources including private sector and community-based organizations as potential supporters of our initiative. While the development and ultimate implementation of plans for these two major capital projects will be impacted by any seismic upgrading of our school, the Committee continues its work and intends to establish a separate endowment (i.e., the Contingency Fund) to account for any funding raised in support of these projects until such time as improvements can be made.

**Discretionary Funds:** To be used for one-time expenses that are not covered by other budget lines. Must be voted on and approved by the PAC Executive Committee.