Lord Tennyson Elementary School PAC Executive Meeting January 17, 2022 Via Zoom

Attendees: Tai Scott, Lisa Seriosa, Alex Goharjoo, Mandana Namazi, Monique S,

Jacqueline Crummey, Maria Montano, Kateryna McNicol, Bruce Sallee

Jody Bielun, Barbara Arenson

Meeting called to order at 18:03

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Agenda: items noted in red are pushed to the General meeting only

is approved by unanimous consent

November 22nd minutes: minutes are approved by unanimous consent as published.

A warm welcome to our new principal Bruce Sallee.

Omicron update:

- So far, the school manages with its own staff
- Students are spread out more where possible
- Everyone got a refresher on hand washing
- New in the daily health check will be runny nose and sore throat
- No notifications because Costal health is overwhelmed
- By end of week there should be rapid test in school, only for symptomatic kids and staff.
- There won't be any information about cases at school. Parents express frustration because of the lack of information. There is no online school for kids of parents who feel unease to send kids to school.
- DPAC brings Omicron parent questions to VSB and Coastal Health.
- There are online learning possibilities like VLN. But you have to deregister your child.
- A new order gives the health authorities the possibilities to ask school boards for the vaccination status of school staff.

Treasurer's report: Brenna is absent, but everything is on track

• Last year, teacher spent all the money that they got from PAC for their classrooms.

- \$5750 goes to school, we don't see what it is used for.
- Should the same happen with the \$4000 for science and arts?
- Should left over go back to PAC or a "legacy fund"
- JP is frustrated with the funding process, it takes too long
- PAC legacy fund: parents could come to school and ask to see what the money is spend for.
- In the past, when not all money was used in one line, it was moved to another line that used up more money.
- An idea for next years budget: a field trip fund
- The discussion about the \$4000 is being forwarded to the next meeting so everyone can think about it.
- Quebec 2021 returned roughly \$36K to PAC. \$7500 of that money is spoken to QF. The parents of Q2021 are asking that of the leftover money:
 - o \$1500 towards Grad 2022
 - o Left over is put towards an outdoor classroom
- There will be a vote at the general meeting about the \$1500 towards Grad 2022
- Stationary bikes: are ordered, but different ones because the ones we already have take way longer to get.
- Teachers wish list has a sod field on it. Turf is not allowed. Bruce is asking for clarity about seed versus sod.
- POGO sticks have to wait for more space and kids would have to wear helmets.

\$4000 Art and Science budget:

- Money will be distributed by pod: \$850 per pod and \$350 for kindergarten pod
- Pods are discussing within for what they want to spend it
- Grade 4/5 pod wants to get some music instruments, not used with lips.
- There is \$15000 for school equipment, usually used for new iPads, but it does not have to be spend for that. Teachers were doing a wish list.
- Teachers are confused for what the wish list was.
- \$3000 of the \$15000 are spoken for the stationary bikes.
- A school drama club would need a parent and a teacher sponsor.

Future PAC meetings: February 28th, April 11th, May 16th, June 20th AGM

Meeting adjourned at 19:03.