Lord Tennyson Elementary School PAC Executive Meeting April 11, 2022 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:12pm

Meeting is being recorded on zoom

Attendees: Tai Scott, Julia Lemieux, Lisa Seriosa, Mandana Namazi, Barbara Arenson, Trish Mahoney, Christie Case

Meeting agenda approved by unanimous consent

Previous meeting minutes (February 28th, 2022) approved by unanimous consent

Treasurer's Report

- Some line items will roll over (bursaries, peer tutoring, athletics)
- Accessibility and Inclusion, \$700 remaining
- Greening, \$700 remaining (less \$161.00 that has been spent)
- Remaining amount in school equipment line, \$16,000 (minus \$500 for accessibility toys), this can be used for new ipads or other classroom needs as identified by staff
- \$1500 in Discretionary Funds
- Approx \$21,000 unspent in budget

Funding Requests

Request for \$150 from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to host a resource table with coffee and pre-packaged treats for the school community (see April 11, 2022 general meeting minutes for vote and approval)

Reimbursement of \$1155.66 to M. Carrier passed by unanimous consent. As much as possible of this amount will come from the greening budget line, with remaining coming from the school equipment line

Construction Update

- Updates posted to website
- Tai met with a group of parents who have been vocal about issues with construction, their ideas for dealing with limited outdoor space have not been approved by VSB (i.e pop up plaza), this group wants to start a letter writing

- campaign to VSB trustees to make the situation at Tennyson known to a wider audience, they are looking for PAC approval on this, draft letter is being circulated, will be sent to class parent list with notice that it is not a PAC sponsored initiative
- Unless parents are voicing concerns it seems that nothing is happening with the construction
- Seeding is already delayed (field was supposed to be available in Oct/Nov if seeding happened in April)
- Should we take action now in case things do not go according to plan? If milestones are not met by the end of the year- what happens?
- Communication on VSB side has been very poor, some non-construction decisions have been made more difficult because of the ongoing stress of construction
- Cement pouring for parking lot happened right after spring break without notice, part of the sidewalk was closed off, kids had to walk into traffic
- Emails about traffic issues around the school and suggestion to have increased traffic enforcement- this communication disregarded construction issues, punishing parents rather than helping deal with situation around school (issue of some vehicles going wrong way down one the way street on 10th)
- What are the legal obligations of the contractor?
- What specific steps has the school board has taken to keep the project on track and protect Tennyson students?
- PAC to put together a list of documents they'd like to see, if they aren't publicly available, can request the contact for where a freedom of information request can be sent.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 pm