Lord Tennyson Elementary School

PAC General Meeting

February 24, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Approval of January General Meeting Minutes - not done, will do at April meeting

Principal's Report- Doug Roch

* New teacher in Div 9 - Mme Jenna is back from maternity leave
* Kindergarten offers have gone out
* 45 applicants for grade 1, but we don't yet know how many spaces we'll have
* Tennyson Athletics - basketball going strong, we have 4 teams
* Seismic Update - still saying summer move
* Traffic and Parking - still sharing our concerns with the City
* Community Consultation on Broadway Subway Plan coming in April
* Student Learning Surveys - students, parents and staff in grades 4 & 7 give feedback -annual survey conducted by the province - can access online
* Every 3 years Vancouver Coastal Health does an inspection of the school - we had ours last week - report came back "excellent"

Vice Principal's Report - Kateryna McNicol

* Quebec 2020 ready to go in 5 weeks
* Pink Shirt Assembly - the Wed Feb 26
* African Drumming Performance - March 4

Treasurer's Report - Nasser Esfahani

* Nasser gave an overview of the PAC budget
* 2 major fundraising initiatives each year - Kickstarter raises about 15K and Math or Spell-a-thon raises the rest
* We also receive money from BC Gaming -about $8600.
* We have about a $40K budget each year

Key Topic - Quebec Exchange

Karen Davies gave a presentation on the Quebec Exchange and how it has worked up to now

Rachel Rallison - former Tennyson student - talked about the exchange from a student's perspective

Pros and Cons of the trip were discussed. This meeting was more of an information exchange, no decisions were made, it was more of a "state of the union" meeting. Many parents had questions and overall it was very positive, with the vast majority of parents liking the way things have been organized in the past.

Tennyson 2020

* working on upgrading surface of both new and primary playgrounds. Combined this is $120K
* focusing on primary playground first
* Rocky Mountain Flatbread fundraiser being planned for March

Parent Speaker - Nicola Doughty

* March 2
* Friendships and Conflict
* Babysitting available

Farewell to Old School

* sometime in June
* looking for volunteers to organize

Spell-a-Thon - sometime in April

Sports Day - June 19

Noon Hour Programs - sign up next week March 2

Extracurricular - basketball on now, track and field will begin in late April

Volunteers needed - Bike to School Week, Staff Appreciation Lunch and Webmaster

Next Meeting - April 20

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30