

**Accessibility & Inclusion:** To enhance awareness around accessibility and inclusion. Funds can also be used to make enhancements to the physical school, under the direction of staff and administration.

**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/Science:** The PAC looks at a wide variety of arts and science programming available in the community (e.g. VSO, Vancouver Opera, other musical performers, dance and theatre companies, puppeteers, visual artists, etc.) / (STEM, STEAM, UBC Gearing Up!, etc) and decides which workshops or performances would best enhance our students' learning, enjoyment and participation in the arts and sciences. 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. Funding could also be used to purchase art supplies. This budget line alternates between arts and science each school year. 2021/2022 was arts.

**Arts Programming 2022/2023 budget:** this line item is specific to this year to provide arts programming at the school post covid, as the line item above is intended to focus on science in 2022/2023. Examples could be performances or hands-on experiences, such as dance, media arts or choir workshops from outside experts.

**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 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.

**Community Initiatives – events:** Funds to assist with Howl, Spring Fling, Bike to School etc.

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

**Community Initiatives – Green / Gardening Supplies:** The PAC provides funding to projects aimed at enhancing the school grounds, including gardening projects with Tennyson students.

**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.

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

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

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

**MunchALunch Loan / Hot Lunch Loan:** To pay vendors upfront for food costs until parents settle their MunchALunch accounts.

**New School Celebration / Welcome Back BBQ:** To off-set the cost of this event.

**Online Learning:** to fund online learning supports such as Je Lis, Je Lis, Kids A-Z & Brain Pop.

**Outdoor Classroom / School Garden:** a one-time fund for the creation of an outdoor garden space and/or community garden. Funds have been allocated from unspent Quebec 2021 funds and a plaque should be acquired to mark the fundraising efforts of this group.

**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. Funds can also be used for appropriate technology to allow for hybrid meetings (in-person and online).

**Presenters – Parent & Student 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, held in conjunction with PAC meetings or on their own. In addition, 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. The PAC engages Saleema Noon every 2<sup>nd</sup> year for Body Science workshops, as well as Olympic athletes and others. These funds are used to engage presenters for these programs.

**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 teachers with the administration of the English Reading and French Peer Tutoring Programs provided throughout the school year.

**School Equipment – Capital Project Investment:** Started in 2021 / 2022, this fund is meant to save money for a capital project down the road. Much like the investment made over years for the new playground purchase, it is the aim of the current PAC to lessen the burden of large-scale purchases on future families.

**School Equipment – Outdoor / Indoor:** For the 2022 / 2023 school year only to augment play space in the absence of the students having access to the full school grounds.

**School Equipment – Picture Hanging:** To allow for the one-time expense of hanging pictures of the old Tennyson school.

**School Equipment – Plaque for Scoreboard:** to allow for a plaque indicating the donation of the gym scoreboard by Quebec 2020.

**School Equipment – Repairs:** To allow for the repair, update and replacement of school sports equipment.

**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.

**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. There is a limit to VSB provided technology for the school and the PAC fund aims to extend this. 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 laptops, in-class projectors, hardware to ensure the efficient and secure use of the new technology, as well as smartboards. iPads continue to be a top request from school staff and, after purchasing 2x 30 sets of iPads both in 2021 and 2022, PAC has moved to an “iPad” fund that will allow for the purchase of 4 new sets of 30 iPads over 5 years (as opposed to every year).

**Sports Programming:** An enhanced budget line item for the 2022 / 2023 school year, this fund aims to bring in outside experts such as gymnastic, basketball and volleyball coaches, etc.

**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. The amount is divided between enrolling and non-enrolling staff with the guidance of the admin.

**Website Fees:** Budgeted funds are to cover website fees and related expenses. Munchalunch, website hosting and quickbooks. In 2022 the PAC moved to online accounting (as opposed to a laptop).

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