

Lord Roberts Annex School Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Notes – Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 18:30
Meeting Facilitator: David Macdonald

Attendees:

David Macdonald (Chair)

Karla Sidhu (Vice Chair)

Ray Wang (Treasurer)

Nicole Lascelles (Fundraising)

Elyssa Derban (Vice Principal)

Michael Shui (DPAC)

Asha Padmanabhan (Past Chair)

Cathy and Mike Ventresca

Vicki Thomson

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Acknowledgment of Territory
6:33 pm

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

Elyssa: Addition to the agenda:

The VSB is asking residents for input on how to balance the 2021-2022 budget. The survey closed February 19. For information about the VSB budget, visit

https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Board-of-Education/Financial_Information/Budget-2020-2021/Pages/default.aspx

Share your opinion by emailing budget2020-2021@vsb.bc.ca

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3. Approval of Minutes from December 2020 meeting

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4. Business arising from last meeting:

- a. Direct appeal – Cathy & Mike

- \$1960 raised so far. We are almost halfway there!
- The updated poster is on the bulletin board outside the school
- An email update will go out to families
- Special thanks to Elyssa and the team at the school for getting the posters printed and flyers handed out
- Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our students by donating!

5. Reports:

a. Vice Principal – Elyssa

- As mentioned at the last meeting, the school is making use of a learning video series presented by the VSO. Staff showed a video during a school-wide virtual assembly, but the video was lagging because it would not preload. The teachers are figuring out how to resolve this.
- February is Black History Month. Teachers have been using this as a focus for professional development and are building capacity at the school to incorporate these themes more deeply throughout the year.
- The ministry has announced changes to masking requirements at schools. Masks must be worn by all adults while in common areas and in learning groups, except while sitting or standing at workstations or while eating.
- The district has supplied 3-ply masks to students and teachers
- The COVID-19 test kit pilot project was successful, so VCH is expanding it to other facilities beyond Providence Health
- The teachers are exploring indigenous storytelling resources available through ArtStarts.
- Feb 26 is Pink Shirt day

b. DPAC – Michael

- The Vancouver District PAC (DPAC) is looking for feedback regarding the school liaison officer (SLO) program
 - DPAC is considering a proposal to cancel or suspend the SLO program and replace it with another
 - General feedback is that the SLO program is working well for younger students, but is not as effective in the high schools
 - Elyssa shared some positive experiences she has had with the SLO program
 - Michael will follow up and provide more information
 - For more information, visit https://www.vsb.bc.ca/news/_layouts/15/ci/post.aspx?oaid=b036b633-934d-4d8c-9d6c-1277957014ec&oact=20001

c. Fundraising – Nicole

- Our Spring Chocolate Fundraiser is scheduled to begin March 1

d. Budget – Ray

- The PAC has paid for craft supplies and iPad cases
- iPads have arrived at the school. Ray will get the receipt from Andrea and reimburse the school

- There are still funds from the Provincial Gaming Grant remaining to be spent. Teachers are exploring virtual field trips offered by Arts Umbrella and The Children's Festival. These should fit under gaming. Ray will confirm
- Ray will look into whether or not the Gaming Grant funds may be carried forward into the next school year
- Reminder to the school that the PAC passed a budget for a Boardmaker license. The staff was taking advantage of a free trial. Elyssa will find out when the trial ends and whether or not the staff would like to purchase the license

6. New Business

- a. With these minutes, we are sending out information about the Vancouver Minor Softball Association. We are not endorsing them. They sent us the information and we are passing it along in case families in our community are interested.

If you know of a program that may be interesting to our community, please send us an email so that we can get the word out.

- b. We usually host a little party in June, with food and beverages, to close out the school year. Since we can't do it this year, there was general discussion about virtual trips and how to make our last PAC meeting of the year a bit fun. If you have any suggestions, please share them with us!

7. Informational Items

- a. Communication to parents

- School website:
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/roberts-annex/Families/Parent-Advisory-Council/Pages/default.aspx>
- Facebook page: *Lord Roberts Annex Parent Advisory Council*
- Parent board: Located by the entrance to the gym
- Email address: lordrobertsannexpac@gmail.com



8. Next Meeting: March 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm

9. Adjourn 7:10 pm