

# LORD TWEEDSMUIR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

### JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

**Date:** January 19, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Video Call

**Attendees:** Rob McCullough, Elaine Soo, Chamylis Denis, Kim Cirillo; Enza Esposito, Colin Magor, DPAC Rep, Jenny Richter, Principal

#### Members at Large:

- Thomas
- Katie
- Theresa
- Rebecca
- Jennifer

#### MINUTES

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7:01 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

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Call to order @7:01

7:02 2.0 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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PAC Meeting updated Agenda was **APPROVED**.

7:03 3.0 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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Motion to approve the November 17th PAC Meeting Minutes was **APPROVED**.

7:09 4.0 **REPORTS**

4.1 **CHAIR Rob:** Motion to be discussed during the Fundraising update: That the 2021/22 Lord Tweedsmuir Community School PAC budget be amended to accommodate expenditures for the provision of school t-shirts to new students attending grades 2-5.

7:09 4.2 **TREASURER**

- Updates on Mom's Pantry 795.24, Coffee was 205.00, Purdys 868.61, Art cards 1, 588.05
- December gaming account request. 9 divisions Burnaby art gallery field trip 1080.00
- 98.52 cheque written Division 9
- Rob takes time here to explain some details around fundraising and what we use funds for.

7:20 4.3 **DPAC**

- item 1 for discussion: Ventilation Standards. DPAC is requesting that an effort to improve transparency around ventilation standards for all schools in SD40 including portables, be made available and updated monthly if possible. Discuss.
- Motion to endorse: Chamyl, Elaine Seconded
- All in favour-motion is carried.
- item 2 for discussion: DPAC is requesting that given the rapid spread of Omicron an allotment of 2 to 4 rapid tests are provided monthly to all students in SD40 for the remainder of the year once supplies are available. What do parents think? Would you support this initiative? Discuss.
- Question-is there enough gargle tests at school right now?
- Principal Richter: a small supply, not sure if there is more coming
- Discussion: could the tests be better used in a different scenario, or re-directed to an area with a lower vaccination rate? What is the intention-on the offer of RAT?
- Idea is of interest-noted that schools are not without kits already.
- Motion is passed for finding out more.

7:32 4.4 **FUNDRAISING**

- Chair Rob inquired how many new to Tweedsmuir students in grades 2,3, and 4 are currently on our school list. This number combined with the total population in Kindergarten and Grade 1 will potentially give us the

inventory number we need if PAC decides to provide t-shirts to this list of students in an effort to provide each student with a school shirt.

- Motion from the Chair report:
- Motion by Katie, all in favour-and passed: Spending more money on T-shirts
- Enza looking into Easter and spring fundraisers, Purdy's and potentially plant sale-all waiting for responses.

7:25 4.5 **PRINCIPAL & VICE PRINCIPAL**

- Principal Richter talking about fundraising efforts despite enhanced safety measures, (Thank you Enza for your efforts.)
- Some staff resignations:
  - Bonnie Bernell-resigned
  - Karen Steves-resigned
- Two new Educational Assistants have joined.
- Looking for advice re: photo day and which company. Normally book dates in the fall but it has been delayed. And information has been sent home about enhanced safety protocols that were put back in place in January. With the focus on learning-hoping to send a parent survey out wanting feedback on how the parents are feeling about culture and climate in the school. Going ahead with 3-way conferences in January-invites are coming out soon. Student learning survey has gone out. Completing the MDI, Middle years development instrument-in connection with UBC. Questions like: how is mental health and well being, physical health and experience at school.
- Chamyli comments re: photos and asking if a parent volunteer could be in house as long as safety protocols allow it. PAC could potentially be the volunteers.
- If a parent has a concern with the crossing guard-where does that info go. Principal Richter advises parents reach out to her and she will direct the conversation.
- Katie asks re: functional closures-what will happen: Principal Richter replies: no definite answer, capacity will be looked at. District staff has been called upon to come into the school to help. Tweedsmuir, so far, has been able to make things work. Sometimes Fraser Health would make the call but it is a different kind of closure. A number of factors in play but will get more information.

7:46 5.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

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- 5.5 new agenda item. Open floor for PAC members to discuss items, overall activities and items of interest to the committee.

- Questions asked: how can we get more parent involvement? There are so many parents within the school that they might have something to offer. How do we get more engagement?
- Discussion: inclusion can bring lots of ideas-diversify our activities.
- Re: Questionnaire: can we add a question about how we can engage parents more?
- Principal Richter: yes-we can put questions in specifically around the PAC. With respect to contributions there are areas we can get some feedback on.
- Discussion about potential questions to add to the questionnaire.
- Could we ask: Are you interested in participating and can you share your email to be a volunteer? If you can't volunteer your time, volunteer your service?
- Idea re: Environmental footprint with our students raised.
- Question re: the drumming event-Answer:-yes Mar 04th-10th is confirmed.

8:05 6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn the January 19, 2022 PAC Meeting was **APPROVED**.

**NEXT MEETING**

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**Date:** February 16, 2022 (later moved to February 23, 2022)

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Link

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Kim Cirillo

January 19, 2022

**Recorded by:**

**Date:**