

**Lord Roberts Annex School Parent Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Notes – Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 18:30**  
Meeting Facilitator: David Macdonald

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Attendees:

David Macdonald (Chair)	Nina Kumar (Teacher)
Karla Sidhu (Vice Chair)	Michael Shui (DPAC)
Ray Wang (Treasurer)	Asha Padmanabhan (Past Chair)
Nicole Lascelles (Fundraising)	Cathy and Mike Ventresca
Elyssa Derban (Vice Principal)	Alice Garani

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Acknowledgment of Territory  
6:35 pm
2. Additions and Approval of Agenda  
M/S/C
3. Approval of Minutes from February 2020 meeting  
M/S/C
4. Business arising from last meeting:
  - a. Direct Appeal – Cathy & Mike
    - We exceeded our goal and raised \$6419 for our students!
    - Big thanks to Ray, Enwei, and Nicole for all their help
    - The staff wish list is almost completely funded!
    - Let’s disperse the funds as soon as possible so the children can benefit right away
    - Next steps:
      - i. Create a report/poster or email to let the community know what we raised and what we bought
      - ii. Question for Elyssa: Can the PAC have a wish list for next year to get the ball rolling ASAP?
    - Thank you so much to everyone who supported our students by donating!
5. Reports:
  - a. Vice Principal – Elyssa
    - Spring gardening is gearing up at the school
    - School Growth Plan is posted on the school website. Wrapping up a three-year focus on Growth Mindset. Currently working to summarize the experience and to develop a new inquiry focus for next year.

- We found a solution to the video lagging issue we experienced during the VSO assembly: We will have everyone participate simultaneously, but log in separately. The students learning from home will be able to participate as well.
- Michael will talk about the status of the School Liaison Officer (SLO) program
- A link to the Argyle Communications Report on the SLO program is posted on the district website
- The school is planning to purchase digital access for one month to the Axis Theatre presentation of Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish. Hopefully the PAC can fund this opportunity through the Community Gaming Grant.

b. DPAC – Michael

- The Vancouver School District is reviewing the School Liaison Officer (SLO) program
- Michael will continue to keep us posted about opportunities for input

c. Fundraising – Nicole

- Our Spring Chocolate Fundraiser began last Monday. Sales have been slow, but we are hoping for last-minute orders by Friday.
- Question to Elyssa about the need for playground equipment- Elyssa says that playground equipment is always welcome.
- Another shout out to Cathy and Mike for doing an excellent job with the Direct Appeal!

d. Budget – Ray

- Gaming Grant update – There is a 24-month window to use the funds we received this year
- Shared a document that outlines the possible uses for the Community Gaming Grant
- Suggestion to share photos of the items that we purchase with Direct Appeal funds. Can combine with Mike and Cathy's idea of a report/poster
- PAC approved motion to allocate \$4000 to purchase the items on the wish list (\$3000 was previously allocated.) With this, the Direct Appeal funds are spent.
- Elyssa will let us know at the next meeting about specific needs for more outdoor playground equipment
- PAC approved motion to use \$400 of the Community Gaming Grant for the Axis Theater presentation

## 6. New Business

- a. Confirmed that Nina Kumar, our Librarian, may choose how to spend the \$250 allocated to the Library from the Teachers' Discretionary Fund
- b. Elyssa shared the proposed school fees for next year. School fees ensure that all learners receive the same educational tools.
- c. Asha- The Vancouver Park Board is requesting help to reduce the Canada Geese population. Geese are nesting on rooftops, balconies, and in trees. Let the Park Board know if you see a nest. This initiative is supported by the BC SPCA and PETA.  
<https://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/park-board-needs-your-help-to-reduce-canada-geese-numbers.aspx>
- d. David – Adopt-a-Block. Individuals, groups, and businesses can register to help keep Vancouver free of litter. Asha suggested to let local teenagers know about this opportunity because participation in the program would count towards satisfying the Volunteer Community Service graduation requirement.  
<https://vancouver.ca/green-vancouver/adopt-a-block.aspx>
- e. Question for Elyssa about the Kindergarten 2021 waitlist. Elyssa shared that the Annex will stay at seven divisions. The goal is to have two Kindergarten classes next year. Her advice to families on the waitlist is to let the planning process evolve because it is still in the early phase.
- f. Call for Nominations – There will be many PAC positions open next year. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know! Joining the PAC is an excellent way to make connections and be involved at the school.

## 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](mailto:lordrobertsannexpac@gmail.com)



8. Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm

9. Adjourn 7:31 pm