Attendees: Rosemary McCutcheon (Treasurer), Carlene Nex (VPAC liaison), Gareth Rees (Co-Chair), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Hilary Hope (Secretary), Sarah Hostettler, Kambria Ernst, Beth Richardson (Vice-Principal, South)

6:00 call to order / acknowledge territory

Agenda / minutes moved by unanimous consent

Chair's Report: Victoria Family Court Justice Committee meeting tomorrow. Reminder to submit funding requests, have not not approved past requests, will revisit them tonight

Treasurer: Made 2 payments since last report:

1. $75 VCPAC membership, will be returned

2. $2,130 allowed for classroom sports bags. $5,000 committed for teachers' classrooms requests ($2,350 approved so far)

LMPA liaison: Carlene attended December meeting. Was discussion there isn't proper sound system at North. Question/Thought: could PAC help with that? Kate: could Victoria Foundation help with that? Beth: that type of purchase would go through the District

VCPAC liaison: VCPAC minutes came in from Nissa

- Gang Presentation at Mt Doug
- Patenting and Policing Meeting
- Police Chief hoping to set out a plan with the school board moving forward
- PAC 101 - resource for how PACs are supposed to run. People other than parents can join the PAC, Parents are allowed to see their children's files, parents have 45 days to appeal any decisions made within the school
- Next VCPAC meeting is Feb 12th at Braefoot Elementary at 7pm

Beth Vice Principal Report:

- Trial year to see if the houses help to create community within a large school. 5 at North 3 at South
- Before break had "crest" contest to create for their houses, kids voted, revealed in past week. This week kids have been painting.
- Always looking for opportunities to bring South Campus kids up to North Campus, and ways for kids to engage with each other/other classes/houses
- Grade 8 Quebec trip coming up Feb 3rd-10th, another in May
- Entrepreneur Fair coming up at end of Feb. Every grade 6 class in involved for 1st time. Focus on renewable resources/eco friendly. North kids will come down to South to check it out. 81 kids going this year
- Question: is there any support for families who can't afford the financial commitment? Do jumpstart grants apply to it?
- Trips for English classes? More families in English challenged to afford trips/field trips

Funding Requests

4 requests: 3 from Lorraine Powell (librarian):
- $350 for lunchtime clubs
- $300 for sewing machine (or looking for donated machine): put out a call for a donated machine
- $350 + ? For grow bags & bug home, upkeep for courtyard space & indigenous garden
- 1 request from Carrie Quinn: $250 for Stacey Toews (Level Ground Coffee) to come and speak

Motion from Bijan to approve requests for $350 lunchtime clubs and $250 Stacey Toews - 2nd by Rosemary. Action: approved.

Previous Funding Requests

- $500 commitment to 1st Lego League : League needs new computers
  - Action: Carter to identify specific computing requirements
- ~~BIPOC group : $1500 for honoraria~~ (funded 22 November)
- Yearbook Mini X $800 for two Canon Powershot cameras
  - Are these the ones required? Other options available?
- ~~Librarian: $150 to tune the piano~~ (funded 22 November)
- ~~$200 for glow forge plywood sheets and lather cords~~ (funded 22 November)
- $1500 Needle felting supplies (Advisory 65/66 felting a Salish Sea mural)
  - Could they look for donations / or provide breakdown : could fund a smaller amount
- ~~Spaghetti Bridge club $150 for district competition~~ (funded 22 November)
- LED lighting strips for the library: $200
- Cricut machine (for staff use : display items) $1000
- ~~Hobby Club $150 for models and paint~~ (funded 22 November)
- ~~Math Challengers $145 – 200 (depending on number of teams)~~ (funded 22 November)
- Student-led request : skateboarding infrastructure at North (i.e.: rails) $500

Emergency Preparedness

Gareth to coordinate to identify parents to help with what is missing from Emergency Preparedness kits.

Next meeting Feb 28th at 6pm at North Campus

Meeting Adjourned (7:15 p.m.)