

## November 7, 2012 LPAC meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:07

**Attendance:** Sarita Stad, Deidre Pattenden, Kulli Yee, Anthony Bischoff, Kelly Chow, Lori Daoust-Chow, Tracy Scribner, Shauna Boyd, Lori Baker, Gail Mitchell, Ingrid Bahng, Tricia Fung, Christine Knoll, Claudia Ruiz, Michelle Tuan, Marica Federation, Kim Lauridsen, Remi Collins

Motion to approve agenda by: Michelle seconded by Deidre

Motion to approve October minutes by: bank balance is not correct should be \$55920.00

Discrepancies noted - motion for \$10,000 was meant to act as notice of vote to be held at November PAC meeting. Vote not held or passed at October meeting.

Michelle motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Deidre

**Principal's Report:** Monday health nurse came and trained staff on Epi pens

Reviewed what evacuation would look like in emergencies.

Christmas concert – would like to do evening concert, but issue around space. There will be 3 concerts: an option of one morning concert, one afternoon concert and one evening concert. Discussion of 1 ticket per family for pm., with option of raffling off a second ticket. Worried about space for evening concert. Discussion of raffling off a ticket for the first 5 rows to alleviate problems with people sneaking in. Discussion of gradual entry to alleviate rush. Evening concert at 5:30 so it's not such a late night. There will be a finale and people are encouraged to remain for the entire performance. Review of proper etiquette for audience (standing up during performances and blocking view). There are videotaping issues around privacy for some families.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> dress rehearsal, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am, and 5:30

Leigh Pride tickets- kids can't ask for them, has to be an altruistic behaviour. Morning meetings there will be draws for primary and intermediate. Prizes for students whose name is drawn

Pennies for water - \$25 gives water for life through Free the Children and Me to We. Remi will discuss at Recognition Assembly

Saleema Noon – Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> afterschool for K, 1/2, must have a parent with them. Suggestion to do K 1/2 at 2:00 before school is out. November 28<sup>th</sup> evening parent night. Grade 3, 4, 5, must have permission form to partake. Info will be in PAC newsletter.

**Chair's report:** Movie licence is in. Request for movie night November 30<sup>th</sup> – movie yet to be determined.

Kulli, Carrie and Michelle went to bullying seminar at Terry Fox. Lots of great ideas, but not a lot of solutions. Suggestion to make sure Remi is aware of any bullying issues on the playground.

Fundraising – lots of good ideas for this year and next, if anyone is interested. See Michelle if you would like to take it on. Suggestion that we need to plan ahead to set up new fundraising. There is a vacancy for a fundraising position. It can be several people to get the ball rolling.

PAC Folder – Members at Large, hope that someone will weed out the PAC Folder on the wall by PAC office and bring any good ideas to the PAC meeting.

Robyn, Christine and someone cleaned out the PAC office – THANK YOU!

**Treasurer's report:** Bank balance close to \$60,000

Approx \$4500 in fundraising so far this year. Budget for \$3300 to go in bank this year, so far we are ahead of budget by about \$1700.

**Parent Communications:** Kulli – newsletter coming out in about a week, forward any info to go in newsletter by end of week. Go to website to see updated PAC newsletters

**D-PAC:** majority of meeting on bullying, etc. Lots of notes taken if someone wants to the notes in detail contact Ingrid or Michelle. Discussion around teacher contract expiration in June and selling off of lands at Porter and Parkland to raise funds.

**Emergency Prep:** trying to replenish everything and add the 3 new divisions. Laura has set up a committee to help her.

**Hot Lunch:** Laura is looking at revamping ideas, but everything is fine. Request to have class list provided not printed list by last name.

**Minnekahda Liaison:** Discussion around Amanda Todd, - teachers put hearts on every locker with nice wishes. Seven anonymous kids approached principal regarding "Random Acts of Kindness" for kids that don't fit in. Deidre approached them to address issue about having buddy readers at Leigh since we are such a large feeder school. Looking at Fox coming to do a drama play. Talking with Hyde Creek to offer some afterschool programs. Minnekahda runs a breakfast program now.

Looking at booking Jessie Miller presentation (internet safety). Appropriate for 4/5, can look at sharing cost with another school. Maybe end of February or early March. Parent meeting before child presentation.

Remi and Ms. Isernia will work with Grade 4/5's. Each will be given e-mail accounts in January in order to be taught how to use them responsibly.

**Grade 5 leaving;** Hoodies should be arriving soon!

## **New Business:**

**Discuss setting aside \$35000 from PAC general funds to pay for future playground. The other \$35000 will be raised through fundraising and grant applications.**

Discussion around creating committee to focus on grants. Suggested to put in newsletter to let people know our goal of perhaps setting aside \$35000 towards a \$70000 playground and this may motivate parents to get involved. Discussion to prioritize the necessity of a playground as opposed to technology. Remi – for \$3800 he can get 10 IPAD 2's. For \$10,000 he can get 2 class sets and 2 LCD projectors. Remi thinks this is a good start towards updating our technology. Remi, along with 4 or 5 teachers are interested in using these in the classroom. Remi's vision is to start small and do it well. K and 1 teachers looking to update centre equipment and buckets and shovels for outside. Primary teachers are always looking for donations for classrooms. We do have \$2500 in "school support fund," that could be used for supplies in classrooms. Perhaps we can put this request in the PAC newsletter. Remi suggests putting some money into K/1 considering how the school is growing. He will make a list of needs after discussion with the teachers. Suggestion made to ask builders up the hill to donate money towards playground and have their name on a plaque – "Donated by..."

Remi will meet with staff to discuss a wish list and get back to us.

**Create a committee to review and update the Leigh PAC Constitution and By-laws** – request for committee to be added to PAC newsletter. May need to look how family members can vote at PAC meetings (ie. Blended families etc.); sufficient notice to post agendas for PAC meetings etc.

**Entertainment books fundraiser report** –raised about \$1900. Ms. Hourihane and Ms. Letkeman's class won a pizza party. Shelby Johnson Rose won hot lunch for the year from PAC. Sean Wotherspoon won principal for the day. Danika P. won lunch with the principal. Prizes for entertainment books coming November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Motions:**

To set aside \$35000 from PAC general account to pay for future Leigh playground

Anthony moved to spend \$10 000 (2 sets of 10 IPADs and 2 LCD Projectors) to begin to integrate technology into day to day student learning. Seconded by Christine. All in favour

**Family Photo Night** - looking at dates 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2013.

Motion to Adjourn by Michelle, seconded by Tricia at 9:32.

# LPAC Treasurer's Report

November 7, 2012

Submitted by: Anthony Bischoff

## Bank Balances:

(As of November 7, 2012, including cheques written, but not cleared.)

Vancity – general:       \$52,991.79

Vancity – gaming:       \$6,602.10

Total Bank Balance       \$59,593.89

## Fundraising: 2012/2013 target is \$18,500

Completed Fundraising:       \$4,467

1. Martial Arts Program
2. Mom's Night
3. Family Photo Night
4. Value Coupon Books
5. Grade 5 Hoodies

Ongoing Fundraising:       \$2,560

1. LPAC Hot Lunch Program
2. Lunch Lady Program

## Budget report:

The year-end planned surplus is \$3,368.

Based on the fundraising and expenses to date, ***LPAC is ahead of plan by about \$1,700.*** The positive variance is mainly due to the Mom's Night and the Value Coupon Books exceeding their fundraising targets and to the Hot Lunch Program getting off to a great start.

Well done and congratulations!

# District 43 PAC Meeting – October 24, 2012

Notes taken by Ingrid Bahng, Leigh Elementary DPAC Representative

## Learning Without Boundaries

There is a review of Learning Without Boundaries (see SD43 policy below) which will provide tools to PACs. Principals will be trained first then staff. The thought stream allows PAC Chairs to interact with parents. Community consultation will be conducted but what does it mean to us (DPAC).

### **LEARNING WITHOUT BOUNDARIES - *Increasing Success in Life for All***

#### **OUR PURPOSE**

The Board of Education accepts its responsibility to provide a quality and equitable public education for the success of all learners, within the limits and resources available.

#### **CORE BELIEFS**

The Board of Education believes in...

- Public Education and the need to advocate on its behalf
- Instilling a passion for learning
- Learners as the most important focus
- High quality and equitable learning opportunities
- Innovation, creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and sustainability
- The essential value of District/Community/Global Partnerships
- Safe, inclusive and socially responsible learning communities

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

1. Learning is a lifelong process.
2. Public education, while not the sole responsibility of any one person, group or organization, is particularly the responsibility of the Board of Education.
3. The Board of Education's mandate is to provide an education which is secular in nature and free from biases.
4. The Board of Education will provide all students access to a wide variety of educational activities within the least restrictive environment that is appropriate to the individual student's needs.

5. The Board of Education is committed to its Code of Conduct which requires responsible attitudes and behaviours on the part of the students, their parents/guardians, staff and the community.
6. It is important that all personnel will have due regard for the integrity and well-being of students, so that freedom of thought and speech and the right to personal dignity are assured.
7. The Board of Education must make best use of the resources provided to it and seek to cooperate with parents/guardians, partners, community, and government agencies to enhance educational opportunities.
8. The Board of Education is committed to providing all staff and students with safe, caring and enabling physical and learning environments.
9. The Board of Education is committed to the motions of due process, due diligence and due regard for all members of the educational community.
10. The Board of Education realizes the importance of all employees to attainment of its "Purpose" and is therefore committed to staff development.
11. The Board of Education realizes and embraces its connections to our diverse multicultural community.

### **Amanda Todd**

There is sometimes an increase in suicides after a public one like Amanda Todd's. There is currently heightened awareness around vulnerable kids in middle schools and high schools. There should be thoughtful conversation around this issue and proper education on social media. Many rumours are circulating but it should be known that Amanda had lots of support with Tri-Cities Mental Health.

People are asking what the legislation around cyber bullying is. Social media such as Facebook is redefining what "my community" means to someone. It's no longer just people you meet in person but over people you meet over the internet.

What kinds of things can we do to increase awareness? Some schools sponsor a Pink Shirt Day. Suggestions were made to mix up the classroom seating plans around more often so cliques aren't formed so easily. Provide internet safety session such as Parenting the Next Generation by Dave Sands ([connectandprotect@wikispaces.com](mailto:connectandprotect@wikispaces.com)). We should partner with Tri-Cities community mental health. One asks several questions: how do you fix bullying and how to build empathy. We should find ways to empower the victim and help them build a sense of self.

Brene Brown ([www.brenebrown.com](http://www.brenebrown.com)) is an excellent educator that presented a session to SD43 on what we can do to work together to reach more students and parents. Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW is a research professor at the University of Houston [Graduate College of Social Work](#). She has spent the past decade studying vulnerability, courage, worthiness, and shame. DPAC will provide a link to Brene Brown's presentation on their Facebook website. A presentation by Dr. Lynn Miller was made to SD43 on How to Deal with Your Children's Anxiety.

What does common civility look like. What other forms of government will be involved with bullying. Erase Bullying Strategy will be revealed by the Premier soon (see preliminary June 2012 draft below). The Strategy will make available many resources. We should talk to mayors of tri-cities and let them know we not only want safe schools but also safe communities. There is still much work to do in this area.

ERASE Bullying (Expect Respect And a Safe Education) is a comprehensive strategy that will make British Columbia a leader in addressing bullying and harmful behaviours. The 10 elements of the plan will begin in the 2012/13 school year and include:

- A five-year, multi-level training program for educators and community partners to help them proactively identify and address threats.
- New online tools, including a Smartphone app, for kids to report bullying anonymously.
- Dedicated safe school co-ordinators in every school district.
- Stronger codes of conduct for schools.
- Provincial guidelines for threat assessments.
- New online resources for parents.
- Formal protocols to guide and co-ordinate the work of school and community partners.
- A provincial advisory committee with representatives from police, school and social agency partners.
- Focusing one of the existing six provincial teacher professional development days on anti-bullying.
- Anti-bullying and threat assessment training for pre-service teachers.

The Amanda Todd video should not be used in classrooms unless the teacher is trained on how to deal with possible reactions. They need the principal and counsellor available and also the parent's approval. Parents should be aware that there is a "remixed" version of the Amanda Todd video on You Tube.

### **Teacher's Contract**

Teachers will be renegotiating their contract in March. There has been talk about a possible 10 year contract. It's an election year so anything can happen.

### **Capital Projects**

The district does not look at projected changes when deciding on capital projects, they will only consider the current population of the schools today. If there is lots of new housing being built in the area that will not be something they will take into consideration such as the Glen Elementary area and also Burke Mountain.

At the public consultation regarding the sale of school lands (Porter and Parkland Elementary) there was discussion on how the funds should be spent. Some suggestions were to spend 75% of the funds on SD43 capital projects only. The district wants to see a larger plan and how they can meet the needs of schools. The other 25% should be spent on Qnet and maintenance costs.

DPAC website is located at <http://inspire.dpac43.org/>