

**Leigh Elementary PAC**  
**April 7, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Ingrid Bahng, Laura Cain, Mary Lo-Sng, Tia Tang, Christine Cyr, Carrie Smith, Jinous Goerzen, Remi Collins

**Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm**

Motion by Laura to pass March Minutes

**Presentation by Michael Charrois of Evergreen Cultural Centre**

Evergreen has arts and educational programs for children, adults and families. Evergreen wants to be the fieldtrip of choice for schools. Visual arts programs are tied to gallery presentations. There are after school programs available. Evergreen can also bring the programs to the students at the schools. Evergreen offers Free Play programs which are very popular. Leigh Elementary can consider scheduling an instructor to come and teach several classes in a day.

**PAC Chair Report – Laura Cain**

Two portables at the school have arrived and been installed but we are still waiting for two more to be delivered. We are not sure where the two additional portables will be installed, a permanent location on the school has not yet been decided. The sandbox and/or changes to the gravel park may need to be moved so we will hold off on the installation of additional playground items as previously approved. We want wait for the portables to be permanently installed before adding any additional playground items.

Elections for vacant PAC positions (vice-president, secretary and treasurer) will be held at the May 5 meeting. We also have many committee positions that also need to be filled for next year. We really need people to come forward and fill these positions in order to have a running PAC.

**Principal Report – Remi Collins**

The computer/projection carts purchased by the PAC have arrived and are in the classrooms, a big thank you to the PAC.

A shout out to Hayley Seguin for organizing and running the BOKS program every Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

We will most likely have only two evening and one afternoon Christmas concerts this year. We will have close to 450 sets of parents at the school and will have to figure out the schedule for daytime/evening concerts. Not sure if we can do the same format in 2016-2017 as space in the gym with all the chairs is becoming very hard to manage.

Welcome to Kindergarten presentation will be held on April 21. Would be a good opportunity for a PAC representative to attend and present as well.

Video games that are not age appropriate are being played by kids at the school. They are also watching You Tube video tutorials for these video games. We would like to play an educational video for parents at the May 5 PAC meeting to educate them on the dangers of these types of games (warning: there may be some graphic violence to demonstrate the level of violence in these games).

#### **Treasurer's Report- Christine Cyr**

Invoice for the carts has come in. We are currently in a good cash position. Hot Lunch is also on track to meet budget.

#### **Committee Updates**

##### **Hot Lunch/Snack Days – Mary Lo-Sng**

We are looking for a job share partner to help Mary out with the duties. We also need more volunteers to come out and help with the distribution of the lunches and snacks. The distribution of the lunch takes at most 15 minutes of your time, please volunteer if you are able. Hot Lunch brings in close to \$5,000 for our school.

##### **Newsletter/Parent Communication – Shelley Verbeek**

If you have any material that you would like to include in the LPAC Newsletter please send to Shelley.

##### **Grade 5 Committee –Kay Friio**

We would like to have the grade fours attend the Grade 5 leaving ceremony/assembly. They are all in split classes and have been spending the year together so it would be nice to have them there.

##### **Carnival – Laura Cain**

We still need volunteers for the carnival. If you are available to help with preparation beforehand or the day of please contact Laura.

##### **Plant Sale – Ingrid Bahng**

Flyers have been sent home and Munch a Lunch is open for orders. The delivery will be the afternoon of Friday, May 8. We will be asking grade fives to help with unloading the plants from the delivery truck.

##### **Staff Appreciation Day – Ingrid Bahng**

Date has been set for Tuesday, May 5. We will be asking for food donations or \$5. More information to follow.

##### **Fundraising – Laura Cain**

Still looking for a date to try the "Tape the Principal to the Wall" event.

##### **New Business – SD43 Budget Process**

If you would like more information on the District 43 2015-2016 Budget Process please visit the district website at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) and click on the Budget Process section. You can also obtain information on the budget process via twitter using #sd43budget. Coquitlam is currently the lowest funded district in the lower mainland. It has been a challenge for the schools to just keep up with inflation. International Education has been very successful bringing in \$15 million to the district. The budget recommendations will be presented at the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Special Public Board Meeting at 7pm in the Winslow Centre Gymnasium.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm