

**Leigh Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 3, 2015**  
**7:00 pm– School Library**

**In Attendance:**

Laura Cain, Kuelli Yee, Michelle Tuan, Jana D’addabbo, Stacey Stephen, George Tuan, Lori Baker, Carly Foster, Sean O’Callaghan, Ingrid Bahng, Mary Sng, Kelli Forster, Maya Abdou, Danielle Hancock, Silvia Jorge, Tanya Kirby, Natalie Walker, Natasha Sheppard, Tia Tang, Jessica Cardos, Christine Cyr

**Call to Order at 7:05 pm**

**Approval of Minutes from LPAC meeting - January 12, 2015**

Motioned to approve by Laura Cain and seconded by Ingrid Bahng and passed

**President’s Welcome – Laura Cain**

- Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer roles on the PAC for school year 2015/2016 will be open for election in May 2015. Consider if you might be interested in taking one of those roles next year.
- There will be no playground meeting to vote on equipment as it was clarified that the allocated money was already voted on and put aside so there is no need for another meeting and vote on the subject.

**Principal’s Report – Remi Collins**

- 62 registered for Kindergarten already on Feb 3rd
- Received around a 100 applications for kindergarten next year (max is 88) and at least a dozen indicating interest in cross-catchment to different schools.
- Last year finished with over 100 registrations and then it was closer to 80-90 by the beginning of the school year.
- Grade fours will start FSAs.
- Jessie Miller may come talk to grade 3 and up about internet safety for children on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration last week went very well, great presentations by the kids.
- Thank you for the technology funding last meeting from Remi and the teachers.
- Yesterday there was an incident by the school fence. Two girls were offered chocolate by a stranger as was reported by e-mail to the parents.

Other measures taken:

- RCMP officer came, gave both families information and other schools have been notified with description of the person.

- At recesses and lunch, consistently have 7 adults outside, supervisors (SEAs) and teachers. Most of the supervisors are in the forest area, and going forward all will always wear yellow vests (not just teachers).
- Spoke to all kids/classrooms about how to handle these incidents and reinforce rules
- Also went around and talked about not sharing food for dietary issues etc and definitely not from strangers.
- Asked children not to wave at cars and not talk to strangers (on or off the school yard) or even known people walking by
- Closed off the forest area for now to be safe
- Putting up gates with a latch to make it more difficult for possibilities for in and out, (for example by Toronto) or could possibly close off some of the accesses completely.
- Discussed pros and cons of increasing fences and barriers or increasing education and awareness for children and parents
- Also discussed having more parent involvement during lunch or recess, can be some issues about rules around that, proper identification/visibility, process to choose and background checks etc.
- Discussed how best to ensure this is not happening – more supervisors, placement of supervisors, thinning out the forest.
- Agreed to see if it is possible to block off some of the entrances, mid way point and Sobal and Victoria. As well as possibly thin the forest a bit for better visibility. Remi to report back to the PAC on these efforts and which will be undertaken.

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

- Budget update – key changes since last meeting are the hot lunch deposits and we need to still pay for the lunches
- Currently still a balance of 24K after the additional expenses approved last meeting

#### **Committee Reports**

- Hot Lunch Coordinator – Mary Lo-Sng
  - New menu started last Friday, mostly positive feedback on it
- Communications Coordinator – Shelley Verbeek
  - If you have any content, please contact Shelley
- Fruit & Veggie Coordinator – Lori Daoust-Chow
  - No update
- Grade 5 Committee – Kay Friio
  - Field trip has been booked, swimming and bowling (Tues, June 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- DPAC – Ingrid Bahng
- Snowflake Ball – Shelley Verbeek

- Food items have been donated from restaurants. One parent donating 40 gluten free pizzas (approximately) for the evening and also have subway coming. Are taking cash for donations to buy more food.
- Last day to donate cash for more food, on Munch-a- Lunch, is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

### **Fundraising:**

- Tape the principle to the wall
  - Remi has agreed to the event – children tape to the wall – if goes well can use, may be able to incorporate into carnival
  - Details to be sent out
- Family game (bingo) night
  - can be fun and easy to put together
  - More details to follow
- Movie night
  - Schools are able to run without license
  - Need to pick dates
- Boy's Night – Natasha Sheppard and Tia Tang
  - Planned for: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - A meeting will be set up to discuss the event (after Snowflake Ball)
- Carnival date and first meeting date/time
  - Meeting is Tues, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Carnival Date: will check with other schools on what date they are doing it on so that we do not have conflicts. Likely end of May.
- Plant Sale - Allison and Ingrid
  - Tentatively scheduled – Pick up on May 8<sup>th</sup> (Friday before Mother's Day)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm

**Next meeting will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Babysitting is available.**