

June 20, 2023

PAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Principal Brad Winterlik

Allison S., Chair

Cori G., Vice Chair (regrets)

Davina C., Treasurer

Carol F., Secretary

Erika L., (regrets) Charis B. (with Allison S.), Lunch Committee

Dustin B., DPAC Rep (regrets)

Parents: Bev, Catherine

1. Principal Report

Principal Winterlik advised the last month or more has been extremely busy – calendar is too small to get all the events in. There has been swimming, tonnes of field trips, Grouse, run club, Playland, waterslide, bowling, buddy picnic, pottery, band performance, gardening club, the weather looks beautiful for sports day, months end assembly, and Grade 7 leaving ceremony. Almost every part there has been someone helping out.

Curriculum: For next year, there is going to be a District tech plan, and Mr. Winterlik has been involved in it. The tech personnel has been working on it. There will be a focus on lessons on digital literacy and citizenship. The access to tech is massive at all different grades and the intention is to be proactive. There are many resources out there on digital literacy, and our tech committee put together four lessons at each grade level. There are lessons, discussions, paper component, online component. Different resources – handouts, books, stories. It's based on digital accountability, online safety, tech and health, and literacy. Schools will be rolling it out start of year first term. Every school in Burnaby is doing it. All the kids will be doing this. Kids love technology as tool or toy, but those actual lessons on safety and health and accountability and social media – from K to 12 – will help. Some teachers are already addressing these issues. Others are not and this gives them resources. In the Fall the focus will be safety. After Christmas, it will be health and tools. There has been a very large parent component in this – how to talk to kids about digital literacy and online safety. PAC may want to look at putting on parent evenings. In Burnaby we have a Safe and Caring school specialist who intervenes in high school for bullying or threats or physical issues. This trickles to elementary. One thing they see is every time they were involved, is the issue had one component of digital literacy. Staff at Lakeview saw pilot for Kindergarten, and they loved it.

Pride month: The flag was up this week. Students had lessons the week before, and staff members Pat and Paula took lead – hitting all the classes, discussing the history of Pride flag, making announcements about terminology and clothing and choices. They are great conversations to get kids and families talking. After talking with staff and obtaining feedback, it would be nice to have a parent night. It's all about inclusion and working through those ideas.

September is coming quick: There are some emails going out over summer letting everyone know about Welcome Back and when the office will be open and what the first week look like. Lakeview has focused on growth mindset the last two years, and will focus on diversity for this next year – schoolwide. There will be a meeting with an author who has written beautiful books about who you are. Lakeview anticipates 271 students next year. That changes over summer counting those leaving and those registered for next year. Currently there are 273 so the numbers are not change much.

Staffing: Lakeview is losing Ms M but hiring two new EA's so will have increased by one. Lakeview is losing Ms Woolley, but has hired Maria Stevens for Grade 3. Ms Stevens has many years of diverse experience, and strengths in leadership. Mr Smith, the ELL teacher, is leaving and going back to high school. The new ELL teacher has a tonne of experience and great vision. Ms Edwards' position is ending. There is a posting for Grade 5 – the last position to fill. Ms Suh will be 5/6 next year. Ms Suh jumped to 5/6 because with Ms Chung if she took 5/6 she would have had some students three years in a row.

Sports day: Grade 7 is out practising the events and did a great job of games etc. Monday is school year end assembly at 10:45. And at 1 pm everyone is joining in gym again to say good bye to Ms Woolley. Thursday is the Grade 7 leaving ceremony. All classes go to the assembly. There are awards etc., and then dismissal at 10:15 or 10:30.

Vice Chair: No parent has come forward for this position, and the search continues in the next weeks or September.

Query from Parent: Who are the teachers assigned to different grade 3 – how many classes? Principal Winterlik advised that Lakeview won't know until September for sure as it depends on the numbers and building the classes on that. A Grade3/4 split is not ideal because that means merging intermediate with primary, and class sizes for 3 versus 4 are supposed to be different.

2. Hot Lunch

Hot lunch is losing a lot of current Grade 7's parents. Spread the word – PAC is looking for hot lunch volunteer parents! Even if a parent assists with hot lunch once in a three month term, it is of great assistance. The time commitment is about 1 hour from 11:30 am to 12:20 pm. Hot lunch has done really well – for instance, White Spot has almost 200 orders.

Cory has been on the PAC for years – **thanks to Cory!**

Query from Parent: Could the hot lunch program explore a nutritional hot lunch – such as meals where children sit down and real good food.

Allison advised that there is no cafeteria. There are some schools that offer more comprehensive meals, particularly the government-run meal plans for schools that qualify for funding. With respect to healthier options, there are not that many – one or two are very

expensive and would eliminate many families. In the past, the days that had healthier meals, would receive only 1/3 of the orders and were so expensive that many parents complained.

3. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Davina C. is not present, but sent the budget to PAC in advance of the meeting. Allison reviewed the budget in detail. Of note, each class has a smart board, and they are old and breaking. There are no replacement parts so they need to be replaced and there is a phased-in schedule.

Principal Winterlik advised that it costs \$11000 to replace about seven of them. The school has some funding and is looking to PAC for additional funding. Allison reviewed some aspects of the PAC budget that could be applied for this funding. Allison and Davina will look and see if additional fundraising can be undertaken for projectors.

The budget was approved for next year.

4. Miscellaneous/Questions

Principal Winterlik queries PAC for suggestions for school wide events that parents want. Lakeview did pottery this year, but there are others – arts, sports, educational. PAC feedback at the meeting suggested experiences that kids do not ordinarily get exposed to, such as martial arts, or wrestling.

Query from Parent: Do kindergarten parents have their own separate event in Fall?

Principal Winterlik advised that the kindergarten parents will invited to the school events for the first day, in addition to any other event specifically for kindergarten.

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