

October 16, 2023

PAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Principal Brad Winterlik

Allison S., Chair

Charis B., Vice-Chair (newly elected)

Davina C., Treasurer

Carol F., Secretary

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

Dustin B., DPAC Rep

Parents: Catherine, Ida, Sanj, Jas

1. Principal Report

Principal Winterlik advised the start to school this year was smooth, and was positive number-wise. School numbers are interesting – with a good number of grade 7's leaving last year, Lakeview was expecting 263 students, but now there are 279. Even last week, Lakeview acquired 5 new students. The gain of 16 to 20 students is a good thing for the District and school. There are lots of new families to the school. Burnaby has over 700 students that were not expected. Our school is doing well space-wise, but many schools are over-maximum capacity.

With respect to professional development, the school growth plan has been updated and is going to be added to the website. There are growth mindset goals without being repetitive. There has been discussion about what is different and age-appropriate, and the area chosen is effective feedback. There are workshops on that idea; a section on a book; guest instructors; and district individuals coming in to develop different strategies for praise, process praise, and how peers evaluate their own/each other. Feedback is important especially with the present reporting usage (which no longer uses "A and B", or "7 out of 10"). Feedback is important. Work continues on strategies to make feedback effective, and to make sure families are reading about it.

The other part is the incorporation of Indigenous learning in classrooms in many different subject areas. On the first Pro-D day, there was a great speaker for many schools on the subject of Indigenous trauma and equity. (Ms Buchanan and Ms Ross did great job).

With respect to staffing, Ms Keller is anticipated being on maternity leave in the next month to two months. Lakeview has Ms Nakano as the new ELL teacher from Burnaby North. She has elementary background, and has been getting assessments and paperwork done so servicing requirements are known. There are 120 students on her caseload (a high percentage). Ms

Short and Ms Tang have filled positions, but there is an ongoing concern filling positions district-wise. With the increased population, there are certain positions that remain hard to fill. There are six intermediate classes at other schools that do not have a permanent teacher. For some schools, no one is applying. Lakeview has been very lucky.

School-wise, the calendar is not big enough! This is a great problem to have; it helps build community and culture. There are so many opportunities being offered at Lakeview. Cross-country was great this Fall. There are a large number of kids volunteering – classroom monitors, veggie monitors, hot lunch and Grade 7 helping. There is Grade 2 gardening, intermediate choir, Grade 7 crochet, Grade 6 and 7 volleyball. Run club started today. Lakeview is very busy school with lots of kids in lots of different things, and staff is getting involved so different ideas are to open many individuals and students can connect to the school very early (for example, the fruit and veggie volunteers).

This week is our safety drill week. The earthquake drill was this morning, there will be build-up, and this week will end with a full lockdown. “Hold and secure” is Tuesday – this is when there is an outside threat but students continue working. Next is if there is a dangerous threat in the neighbourhood, then there will be closed blinds and doors. Lastly there is lockdown where the classroom is barricaded (a little scarier, but good to practice). Today was great – the drill occurred at 9 o’clock and caught 14 late students. This allowed staff to figure out what to do when things change, and was purposeful.

2. Vote in Vice President / Chair

Allison S. advised the Vice-Chair or President position opened as end of June, and Charis volunteered. PAC members voted (and welcomed) Charis into this position.

3. Treasurer Report

Allison S. for Davina C. advised that everything is looking good. The budget is healthy from last year; there are decent funds leftover. We added in budget for technology for the school for the screens, and have money for that (no additional fundraising is required). Davina submitted the gaming grant and received notification of approval for gaming funds which helps fund field trips for the year.

Query from Parent: How much is received from the gaming grant? Davina C. advised that \$20 is received per student so depending on number of students last year, so we are projecting \$5000 or \$4000. AS confirmed the sum is around \$5480.

Principal Winterlik advised that an order for new projectors has been placed because Lakeview had 3 days of projectors, but 2 went down and are not serviceable because they are so old. Phase 1 had 7 projectors but 6 went down with the same problem. Phase 2 has 5, and there is

a phase 3. They take some time to get to the school, and supply is quite difficult, so Lakeview has borrowed portable projectors which are not as good, but projectors are such a great teaching tool that the school is lucky to have this – not all schools have them.

Query from Parent: Do we anticipate big monetary spends for this year? None that we anticipate at this time.

4. Hot Lunch Update

Allison S. advised hot lunch is up and running, and the first term looks great. Normally the numbers a bit less (usually high 100's), but there are over 200 orders. Every class has people ordering. Kindergarten is lower which is usual until they see what it's all about. White Spot is most popular. Hot lunch had to raise prices on some items. For instance, chips have gone up in price and there are supply chain issues with Old Dutch, and Lays is a lot more.

The first few sessions of hot lunch showed the Grade 7's are doing an overall good job. A few teachers mentioned having the Grade 7's down earlier, and Principal Winterlik advised that this is a staff meeting item. The issue has to do with the fact that a lot of Grade 7 deliverers are also monitors. Grade 7's do perform a lot of tasks, and a balance is required.

Hot lunch kept all the same vendors, but always keep its eyes out for options. Some people love Wok Box, some hate it. If anyone has suggestions, let Allison S., Charis B., or Erica L. know.

5. Fundraisers

a. Family Photo Night

Allison S. said family photo night will likely occur every other year. Most people seemed interested. Mountain West is not everyone's favourite. A company called HPT runs the same. Cherry Blossom is no longer in business. This will be similar as last time: pay 20 or 30 dollars for the sitting fee, the photo comes to PAC, and you can do your borders.

There is also a booth option, and they usually do an 8x10 and/or digital copy. Everyone in attendance requested digital. Allison S. will look to set this up in November so people have it ready for Christmas.

b. Movie Night

Allison S. advised that movie night is popular to do once each term, and perhaps it can take place near end of November as December is too busy. Pencil in Nov 24th (which is a Pro-D day although staff are still at the school), or November 23rd, or November 17th. PAC will need people to help. There will be a concession, and Allison S. located butter-flavoured oil (Orville

Reddenbocker). It worked well to have a teacher working the door. The tickets will be done on munch-a-lunch so there will be no cash on door, and a flat per family entrance fee.

PAC will chat further, and Allison S. will check with the teachers to see their availability.

c. Purdy's

Allison S. advised that the Purdy's fundraiser is done every year. They are limiting shipping slots, but Allison S. sent the request so it will come out at the end of November.

d. Other Fundraisers

Allison S. advised that last year PAC tried gift cards, but they were not that popular, and PAC was charged for credit card, so it reduced the return.

6. Pancake Breakfast

Allison S. advised that Pancake Breakfast is Thursday, December 21st which is the last day of school. Charis B. will execute the Pancake Breakfast event, and will have a sign up for help as the date gets closer. More details are to come.

7. Miscellaneous / Questions

Query from Parent In past, the whole school skated at Burnaby Lake around Christmas – is this possible? Principal Winterlik advised that someone in our staff has to take that on. They have debated different activities as school-wide event going forward, and tennis will come in this year. Brainstorming by staff will continue, such as Young Actors, and physical activities. Note that individual classes undertake activities on their own. Buses and scheduling is hard to organize, but if we look into it now, we can see if it's feasible.

Query from Parent: Is there going to be Christmas pageant? Principal Winterlik advised that he does not think Lakeview has had a pageant in the past, but there has been a free concert where each Division performed a song or number, and Grade 7's acted as hosts. There is no play this year. PAC discussed the prospect of a winter concert with enthusiasm, as well as the impact of any costs.

End at 7:45 pm.