

March 4, 2024

PAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Principal Amelia Poitras

Allison S., Chair

Charis B., Vice-Chair

Davina C., Treasurer

Carol F., Secretary

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

Dustin B., DPAC Rep (regrets)

Parents: Jas S., Sanj G., Astrid, Bev L.

1. Principal Report

Principal Poitras commenced by acknowledging that we are guests on Indigenous lands. She also acknowledged the support of the Lakeview parent community to date.

Ms Poitras advised that January and February have been busy. For literacy week this year the staff chose to switch read-a-thon to Family Literacy day. Last year was a huge success with fundraising so read-a-thon will occur every other year. This year, the goal was to keep the spirit of the week, and focus on fun literacy activities to build family involvement and excitement about literacy using different activities. The guest community readers brought a great energy to the week, and some would like to come back.

Tennis took place with Coach Chill – thanks for the large contribution from PAC. Every class had three lessons, and in that time they built skills and excitement about the game. Coach was very pleased with the groups.

Hundred Day in the primary classes occurred, and everyone got into it. The fun generated was a testament to the engagement of family and communities.

Boys and girls have participated in basketball. Thanks to Charis B. for coaching the girls team.

50 students signed up for skipping club. Ms Sinclair and Ms Mah hosted skipping. It was well-organized and a busy group. Interest in skipping continues – every recess and lunch little ones ask to grab a skipping rope.

After spring break, track begins for the grades 4 and 5, as well as the grades 6 and 7 groups. Ms Ross and Sinclair will coach grades 4 and 5, and Ms Bourne and Ms Chung will coach grades 6 and 7. Notices are going home to families this week.

Student-led conferences are next week on March 13th (with early dismissal at 1:45 pm). Families are invited between 2 and 6 pm to come and spend time (about 30 to 45 minutes) with children to go through their work. Students take their family through all the things they are proud of, and tell of the learning that has occurred in class. There is a community and celebratory feel at student-led conferences, and hopefully everyone can come. Some classes arranged it so certain groups go first, but staff have assured that a sign-up is not necessary.

It is registration time. There are currently 281 students right now at Lakeview school, and projections are pretty stable for similar enrolment next year. About the same number of Kindergarten students are anticipated for next year. There are a number of out-of-catchment applications that go to the District process, but enrolment is looking stable.

Coming up after spring break on April 8th Lakeview is hosting a parent presentation to families on healthy relationships. The focus is on navigation of friendships through and at the different ages; healthy peer conflict; and how parents can support and use tools to work with their child through that – whether the child is experiencing consistent peer conflict or having a hard time connecting with peers in appropriate ways. This presentation is geared towards any age and will be on Zoom. Suzanne Bardy will be presenting, and Ms Poitras will be coordinating technical aspects and managing questions. Ms Bardy has worked with a number of different schools and this program has useful tools for families. More details will come in the Newsletter next week and in the first week back from break. This is open to anyone interested.

Processes to work on the school growth plan will continue after spring break. Goals have focused on growth mindset and common language, with engagement of student, staff and families. Consideration has been given to how to provide effective feedback for students. In the next step, feedback from families and students is needed to continue with school growth. We have staff feedback, but need voices from students and families. At this point, the evaluation focuses on whether we need new goals; do we shift those goals; or do we need additional goals. After spring break, this engagement in the process with families and students will occur. Also to be considered for this process is report card and indices data.

2. Treasurer Report

Allison S. for Davina C. provided the financial report for February. We are in great shape; everything is going well. In relation to this year's gaming grant provided by the BC government, which is usually about \$5 500, we received an assessment questionnaire (this is not an audit), and received the results. We did very well, but have two things to correct: one is on our checks. Another issue, for PAC input, is on the voting of board members – it is not as democratic as we should be. Majority of PAC are current board members, and the government would like us to have broader representation to include all parents so when voting we need to

look at getting more parents to attend meetings to vote to have an accurate representation of school membership. Anyone who has thoughts about how to get more parents involved, please let PAC know. This is not going to result in the government pulling funding. It's just a recommendation to improve.

Discussion about how to effect this continued. It was noted that vacant positions are in Newsletter and sent in email; parents are always encourage to attend; and PAC cannot control who attends. This is a common issue: hard to get people to attend. Ideas are welcome.

Discussion continued as to whether parents have to be at the meeting to vote – that is, could we send a ballot? Parents have to be at a meeting to vote. The government looks at who attends the meeting and it's always the same.

Sewing Club

Ms Chatt started sewing club again this year for grades 6 and 7, and two lessons have taken place so far. She has a few less kids (around a dozen) this year, but they do not have to share machines. There is a request for a little less than \$150 for repetitive notions. All students are charged \$5 for fabric, and the \$150 is for the other recurring basics. This year, sewing club will take on more challenging projects: bucket hat; drawstring bag; quite a few projects. PAC agreed by vote to provide the \$150.

Hot Lunch Update

Allison S. advised that notices for hot lunch for the next term are in teachers' boxes. Ordering is open today for the final term. Everything is going well: funding is on track; hot lunch is making the amount of money that it usually does. Next semester, there are a couple more treat dates. There are no new vendors. There's been the odd issue with Pizza Hut, and White Spot.

One parent asked about vendors. If anyone knows anyone new, let the hot lunch group know.

Erika L. advised that items have been shorted, things have come early, and things have come late. Hot lunch has been really struggling since COVID to get things to run smoothly. They have tried to make sure to check in with vendors before, but nothing is helping – the industry is struggling, even the consistent and reliable vendors.

Erika L. suggested trying the Dollar store for Old Dutch chips, and Allison will inquire.

5. Fundraisers

a. Family Fun Night Proposed

Allison S. said we have met all our fundraising goals, and proposed a summer family fun night as long as the weather is good – noting that we no longer have the welcome back barbecue in Fall since COVID. The idea: Bingo could take place in the gym (the school has a bingo machine). There could be Lakeview trivia, giant Jenga blocks, and a craft table for kids (with a call out for crayons and other items). There would be no food trucks but we could use munch-a-lunch for Pizza Hut pre-orders or TCBY, or families can bring own. This event would include staff and families.

Other activity ideas were suggested such as pool noodle light sabres; and PAC agreed to brainstorm on this event further.

b. Movie Night

Allison S. advised that movie night will hopefully be in April.

Miscellaneous / Questions

None.

End at 7:37 pm.