

June 24, 2024

PAC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Principal Amelia Poitras

Allison S., Chair

Charis B., Vice-Chair

Davina C., Treasurer (regrets)

Carol F., Secretary

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

Dustin B., DPAC Rep (regrets)

Parents: Jas S., Bev L., Shruti W., Sieg P., and unnamed parent.

1. Principal Report

Principal Poitras advised that April, May and June have been busy – there have been lots of field trips. Ms Poitras extended thanks to all parents for supporting those. Highlights included the Grade 3's going to Camp Capilano; and an honouring ceremony honouring two students who designed the orange shirts. The hope is that as we move forward together, we can highlight students in ways that fit their families and are culturally relevant to them.

Next year Lakeview is likely staying with 12 Divisions, but awaits the approval of the District. We have 271 students for next year. There is a shift in how the classes will look because Grade 7's this year amounted to one class, but that is not the case next year. The intention is to focus on doing combined events for a grade in order to make sure there are grade-a-likes working together, particularly as we work around the school plan and goals.

Over last three months, Ms Poitras has taken data and looked at what is standing out for students – areas that show students to be really strong, and areas where we can put more emphasis. Across the board, students are strong in math; they are an energetic group; they know and understand what growth mindset is; and they know how to accomplish goals. But across the grade, literacy, specifically around writing, will be emphasized, so we will shift to focus on writing. All students in Fall will do a school-wide “write” to get a baseline, and then collaborative assessment to obtain a good understanding as to where students are; to determine what is proficient at each grade level. And there will be opportunities for self-development for strategies to support writing and assess that later in year. In addition, executive functioning assessment came out differently in each class – an area where students need more support. There will be work with speech and language to build skills in Kindergarten or middle years or intermediate years. We will start right away with two executive functioning strategies. One strategy is turning what you want to see into a job, such as being “a good hall

walker” or “good lunch eater”, and there is work with the school plan to rewrite some of those goal areas. Ms Poitras would like to share those strategies with parents.

Ms Poitras advised that she is trying to keep up with Weekly News, and would like to funnel all information through that one source. There are things that come up unexpectedly, but the intention is that everyone focus on Weekly News. And, if PAC wants to send anything out, that can be put in the Weekly News. Another focus is to keep the Lakeview school website up to date, and the new secretary will take that project on.

Ms Poitras spoke about the garbage around the school grounds, in the playground, and in the school. There are a number of different ways to address this issue. One is to try to pack-it-in and pack-it-out to try to lower some of our garbage and litter outside, as well as some of the management of the recycling. Stay tuned. Principal Poitras will provide an update in the August welcome back newsletter.

Allison S. added that with respect to garbage, the grandparent who has been picking up recycling (from which PAC receives money from refundables), can no longer continue doing so. Hopefully another parent can assume this role, or we will let it go. The Green Team has had this dirty job. Great job this year, Grade Fours!

Allison S. also asked that over the summer, parents start to think of PAC positions for next year. There will be a number of current PAC members departing after next year, and thus, many positions will need to be filled.

2. Treasurer Report on Budget

Allison S. advised that the budget is the same, except this year computer tech was reduced from \$6000 – rather, PAC contributed \$3000. Everything else has stayed the same.

For last two years, gardening tubs are in the budget now with the buddy classes. They grow flowers, fruits and vegetables. And, PAC is providing permanent funding of \$500 for various reading/book events which enables Ms Buchanan to purchase more books, thus more than one child can read that book at the same time.

Allison S. estimated that in 2025 PAC remains in a solid position with approximately \$10 000 in the PAC account. [The budget was passed with a vote of meeting attendees].

3. Miscellaneous / Questions

None.

End at 7:19 pm.