

**October 15, 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. and Allison S., Lunch Committee

Astrid for Dustin B., DPAC Rep (*Dustin B. regrets*)

Parents: Jas S., Beverly L., Paula, Catherine G., Paula, and Sanj.

**Land acknowledgement by Principal Poitras recognizing we are on the traditional lands of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.**

### **1. Principal Report**

Principal Poitras advised that September and the first half of October have flown by; it has been very busy. In September, Lakeview acknowledged the date for Truth and Reconciliation.

Principal Poitras and Ms Buchanan worked together and taught each grade group, and more of that work will occur throughout year. Literacy and executive functioning is the emphasis this year. Principal Poitras will release teachers to work together around the school-wide writing baseline – making it purposeful for teachers to collaborate around our goals, and when we can, bring grades together and teach together. The hope is to provide that each month for teachers, or every six weeks.

Principal Poitras provided updates about activities. Cross-country finished. It was a big group, and Ms Sinclair did an amazing job. Volleyball starting this week. The school musical is starting, and auditions were finalized last week. Choir is starting.

New students have arrived every week. Lakeview has 287 students now, and has welcomed families from all over. There are no full classes yet, and throughout the year, more students will likely join. Families and students have welcomed the new students, and teachers have been accommodating.

Principal Poitras advised that the pack-it-in-pack-it-out to limit waste at school is still getting off the ground – especially for refundables and recycling. The school would welcome support from families as well; we need to get a team together and have interested parents support this initiative.

PAC parents discussed parking and dropping of students at Lakeview. In the front, some parents drop kids in middle of road. One parent has been seen to park in alley. This situation is

extremely frustrating and dangerous. Principal Poitras has heard from a few upset families. Discussion considered what occurs at other schools. Some schools have a parent group monitoring pick up and drop off, and working with older students to act as crossing guards – this is led by school staff. Some schools with crossing guards are on busier streets. There is the possibility of contacting the bylaw officers and seeing if they are willing to come out. However, people may listen for a couple weeks only. Also, crossing guards may not solve the issue. In the back cul-de-sac, people park in the middle of it. Principal Poitras will re-post reminders in the Weekly Newsletter.

A concern was raised about the present renovations to the roads to school; that there is no soil covering the ditch; it is not level to sidewalk. PAC concluded that while this is a serious concern, it may be an issue for the City rather than the school.

## **2. Treasurer Report**

Davina advised that PAC has started this year with about \$9 924. Some money came in for Hot Lunch, but not paid for anything yet. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, there is \$21 059. For the gaming grant, there was \$3085 at of end of last year. As of Oct 2, 2024, there is \$5 560 from the gaming grant – this is based on student numbers.

Allison S. advised that for the play, Ms Bourne asked for funds for the costs of sets and things. In relation to fundraiser relating to the play, for the evening show, PAC plans to do a 50-50 raffle; get a gaming licence and one for afternoon show and one for evening show, and raffle off a pair of front row seats to the show and VIP parking in staff lot. Those tickets are one for \$2, then three for \$5 for VIP tickets. These can be sold on Munch-a-Lunch.

## **3. Hot Lunch**

Allison S. advised that the Hot Lunch program has about 220 orders for this term. The cost increased for some items, though they tried to keep it as low as possible. There is now an entrée option now. About 30, 40 people have done single ones.

All the vendors are the same. If anyone knows any new vendors, let us know. As well, hot lunch is now pack-in, pack-out.

## **4. Spirit Wear**

Parents have inquired about spirit wear this year. PAC discussed whether there was sufficient interest, and there appears to be. Parents requested zip-up and regular hoodies, sweat pants, socks, and toques. There is a surcharge because of colours, and set screening per run of each item. It's about \$20 to \$25 per item. PAC thought that a good time to sell spirit wear is before Christmas.

## **5. Fundraising**

Allison advised that Purdy's dates are locked in for fundraising – come out middle November 2024. Movie night is anticipated for February 2025. Hot Lunch appears to be doing well.

Gift cards were discussed by PAC: if we want to let parents pay by credit card, then there is a fee. Allison advised PAC did not make too much two years ago. Also, Boston Pizza asked about gift cards. PAC discussed the convenience of etransfer, and practicalities of implementing a system to take etransfers, or auto-deposit.

Catherine G. suggested a fundraising event such as a fair with entertainment, band, tickets for sale, refreshments. Allison advised the last fair was shut down due to COVID and due to the amount of work. The money that comes out does not always paid off (there are expenses such as pay for custodians to be there). PAC discussed this further.

Paula suggested a photographer with sittings for families, and Catherine may have a lead on a very reasonably priced photographer.

Another fundraising suggestion is having a magician fundraiser...family magic night and sell tickets \$200 fee, and then try to raise money beyond that.

Carol suggested combining a few of these ideas into one – the fair, and perhaps students could provide their talents for entertainment.

Further discussion occurred. Timing for such an event could be spring; after the play when the weather is nicer. Sports could be worked in.

Charis suggested another fundraising idea such as a wine and cheese night for parents.

## **6. Funding for Crochet Club**

Allison advised the PAC received a request from Ms Chung and Ms Mott for Crochet Club for Grade 5's. Some Grade 6's wanted to continue, and are helpers engaged in more advanced project. They are requesting \$200 per year. The Club meets Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch time. They'll make lots of different projects. There are 16 kids. The funds will go towards supplies – special yarn, safety eyes and fibre fill, dish clothes, scrunchies. There was a motion to approve; it was seconded; and a third. Approved.

## **7. Recruitment for PAC**

Allison advised that a lot parents are leaving soon: Carol, Davina, Allison, and Charis. PAC asks for everyone to send out word for other parents to take over. Suggestion was made to put this

shout out in the Newsletter. There are a few new young parents doing Hot Lunch, and they may be interested.

Catherine sought a clear idea of what recruitment is sought. Allison confirmed it is at every level: Chair; Secretary; Treasurer; DPAC Role is open; Vice-Chair; and Hot Lunch positions. Under the "Parents" tab, then the "PAC Information" tab on the Lakeview school website, there is a direct link to the Constitution which describes each executive role.

Principal Poitras advised we can update the PAC portion on school website and include an overview of each of those roles, with a suggestion to send that to Kim, the Elementary Admin Assistant. Hopefully, the PAC minutes can be put online. Newsletters are linked on the website as well.

Paula suggested an invitation to all the families in addition to notice of PAC meetings in the Newsletter – that is, notices in more than one place. Paula advised that at high school, parents receive an email with a link with a message to please join us – thus, parents don't have to search and find it, and a lot more people attended. In person there are maybe 10, but with Zoom they have over 100 attending for high school PAC. Paula also suggested some signage to go outside Annex and back door in order to solicit interested in being part of PAC. Lots of parents there. Charis suggested on the day of the PAC meeting, a sandwich board can be set out to remind parents of Lakeview's PAC meeting. Principal Poitras confirmed that yes, they can do reminders of the PAC meetings, although the effort has been implementing a focused communication plan; getting parents to read the Weekly News. One-offs here and there are totally fine, such as a reminder of PAC meeting.

Catherine wondered about PAC and who is PAC. Charis responded that every parent is part of PAC even if you do not attend the meeting. Catherine expressed not feeling like part of PAC because of not having a role though she is attending these meetings. Carol advised that minutes of meetings list all the parents attending PAC meetings, and that she has followed instructions to send them to the Principal and the PAC Chair for posting on the Lakeview website. Parents discussed this, and one way to foster inclusion would be making more effort to post PAC minutes with first-names of all those parents attending.

**End at 7:57 pm.**