

Minutes of Lavington Elementary School PAC

Regular meeting held online via Zoom, November 10, 2020

In Attendance:

Guests: Lance Johnson (Lavington School Principal), Debbie Vandesande (Teacher at Lavington)

Members: Julie Kentel (President), Lara Konkin (Director), Chelsea George (Treasurer), Jennifer Brandle-McCall (Secretary), Kylie Walman (D-PAC Rep), Nicky Dunlop (Vice-President), Christina Milum, Angela Barnes.

1. Welcome

Julie Kentel, President, welcomed those present. Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.
Quorum present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Nicky D. to approve the agenda. *CARRIED*.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting

Moved by Lara K. that the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting be approved. *CARRIED*.

4. Guests

Introduction of guests:

- Lavington Teacher – Debbie Vandesande
- Lavington School Principal – Lance Johnson

5. Reports

5.1. Principal's Report (Lance Johnson)

Updates were given on the Geothermal Work (complete now), Boys and Girls Club (will host after school gym time on Tues/Fri), possible preschool January start, after School Child Care (still seeking go ahead, in progress).

No more fieldtrips to Eagle Bay due to changes in the host's policy whereby they now will not accept transgendered participants.

Incoming principal, Nigel Maccagno, will be visiting our school over the following months.

Performance appraisal of our current principal, Lance Johnson, will occur this year. Participation and feedback is welcome.

5.2. Teacher's Report (Debbie Vandesande)

Parent Teacher conferences went well using a new online system for the first time.

OSMO kits have arrived and waiting to be set up and used.

The energy in the school is good.

A considerable discussion took place on the topic of how PAC can further support the teachers' efforts and any supplies they require, especially with Covid considerations, in the classrooms. The need is higher in the younger grades as sharing of manipulables and use of several hands-on types of materials is necessary for learning.

Christmas performances or celebrations may happen but will be different, discussions on how they may occur are beginning now and will be discussed at the next staff meeting.

5.3. Treasurer's Report (Chelsea George)

Regular account balance \$5,377, with \$2500 deposit from Tolko reserved for school – available \$2,877

Gaming fund of \$5,163.02, will transfer \$4350 via cheque to regular to cover paid field trips and classroom support of \$1600, and \$2750 respectively. This will leave \$813 to cover year end field trip, or battle of the books etc. that may occur this year.

Received gaming Grant of \$3,300, which is \$20/student enrolled at time of assessment

Total available funds today November 9, 2020: \$7,982 (+ \$2500 reserved donation from Tolko)

GIC locked in until September 2021 - \$5236.19

A request was made to ask teachers directly if they need anything to help Lavington school kids have a full experience at school, despite Covid's impact on processes. Lance will ask teachers at the next staff meeting. **ACTION.**

5.4. DPAC Report (Kylie Walman)

A DPAC meeting was held on Oct.29.

Highlights from the meeting were provided including: one case of Covid in Vernon School district so far, attendance at school has been good, transportation is the big item on the School district's agenda, district budget is down by 86 students/1.2 million in funding, international students are beginning to return to Vernon schools, still heavy stress load for teachers, DPAC is reviewing compliance with certain school district bylaws.

5.5. Hot Lunch Program (Julie Kentel)

New menu came out today.

Combined Pizza Days into a single process with other hot lunches so no more ordering pizza on the day of delivery.

Keeping shorter runs on the future ordering, about 4 weeks.

6. Old Business

6.1. Action Items

Jennifer reviewed all the action items from our last meeting.

6.2. Tabled Motion Vote

Nicky D.'s tabled motion from the October 1 PAC meeting was put forward for consideration. Considerable discussion took place.

The motion made at previous meeting: Lavington PAC supports Lavington children having priority access getting into the daycare begin built in the community park, and that an accompanying letter of support be sent to Coldstream Council and Maven Lane Daycare to that effect. *CARRIED*

6.3. Preschool and After-school Care Programs (Nicky Dunlop)

Was already discussed previously so moved on.

6.4. Fundraising Committee (Nicky D.)

An update on committee work was given. The committee will meet again in about 2 weeks.

\$275 was raised by the Sweetlegs fundraiser.

Grade 7 fundraiser making Christmas swags was combined with the Poinsettia ordering form.

Mom's Pantry fundraiser was well received. Lara spoke about the snack bag fundraiser idea.

6.5. Days of Recognition (Nicky D.)

A meeting will happen this week and will report back.

7. New Business

7.1. Teacher Support (Julie K.)

A discussion on how to financially support the extraordinary needs in the classrooms that teachers may be experiencing due to Covid.

Julie K. moved that the PAC approve a contribution of \$1,200 to be divided between the 8 divisions, the Learning Resource Centre, and the Aboriginal Education Centre. *CARRIED*.

7.2. Super Intendant Gift (Julie K.)

Super Intendant Joe Rogers is retiring. Each school is contributing an item as a gift.

Julie K. moved that PAC will cover the cost of a spirit wear hoodie to recognize super intendant Joe Rogers upon his retirement. *CARRIED*.

7.3. PAC Website (Julie K.)

The School District has revamped their website and our PAC specific info/documents/minutes has been removed.

We need to consider prepping a website for our PAC to house our documents and info.

Nicky D. will post a request on our PAC Facebook page, on behalf of PAC, looking for a parent or someone to volunteer to build a webpage and maintain it. *ACTION*.

7.4. In Camera Discussion

Re: Principal's parting gift and new principal's welcome gift.

8. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held December 3, 2020 at 6:30pm

9. Meeting adjourned 8:39 p.m.

Secretary: Jennifer Brandle-McCall

Note: These minutes are the best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting by Jennifer Brandle-McCall. Any noteworthy errors or omissions are unintentional.