

Minutes of Lavington Elementary School PAC

Regular meeting held via Zoom online on May 6, 2021

In Attendance:

Guests: Nigel Maccagno, Debbie Vandesande

Members: Julie Kentel (President), Lara Konkin (Director), Chelsea George (Treasurer), Jennifer Brandle-McCall (Secretary), Stephanie Wade (Director), Genevieve Dunbar, Bronwyn Watson, Nicky Dunlop (Vice President), Kylie Walman (DPAC Rep), Angela Barnes.

1. Welcome

Julie Kentel, President, welcomed those present. Meeting called to order at 6:31 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 April 1, 2021 meeting be approved. *CARRIED*.

4. Guests

Introduction of two guests:

- School Principal – Nigel Maccagno
- School Teacher – Debbie Vandesande

5. Reports

5.1. School District Trustee (Robert Lee)

A written report was circulated in advance of this meeting. No in-person presentation was available.

5.2. Lavington School Teacher Report (Debbie Vandesande)

Parent/Student/Teacher conferences were well attended and went well.

PAC efforts to raise spirits, provide hot lunch, and financial support to purchase extra items for classrooms were noted and teachers are grateful for the support. Disc Golf being used by classes and well enjoyed by all.

Debbie Vandesande exited meeting following her report.

5.3. Principal's Report (Nigel Maccagno)

Saleema Noon-Sexual Health Educator will offer a parent workshop on June 1st and student presentation on June 2.

2021-2022 Planning is underway: staffing is coming together, bell schedule will be different from this year with 11 additional minutes of instruction each day, lunch timing will change, and still looks like 8 divisions will be in place.

There was a question about the 25 year contract with the city that allows Lavington Elementary to be a community centre as well as a school. The contract has expired and we still don't know when a new contract will be signed.

Nigel will ask about the contract with the school district. ACTION.

90% participation rate for Spring Parent/teacher/student conferences. Very successful.

RCMP Liaison Constable came to help with the lockdown drill. Visited primary classes and talked about cyber safety.

Field Trips-going well, collaboration among teachers to do joint trips and the district has subsidized the costs of busing.

PAC and Community Support-all that the PAC does helps with lowered resiliency due to pandemic, lifts spirits, and supports the school getting through these difficult times.

Moved by Bronwyn W. to invest \$100 by PAC in order to purchase the "Secret Stories" program for January Peebles' grade 1 class. *CARRIED.*

5.4. Treasurer's Report (Chelsea George)

This month was quiet, not much activity other than hot lunch revenue and some spirit wear.

\$11,000 in the bank account.

With expected expenses, will likely leave PAC with \$3,346.50.

We would usually take about \$5,000 into the next year (roll over), so we are down a little this year.

Chelsea will put together a draft budget for next year and present it at our AGM, which will be based on typical spends at the year's start. ACTION.

5.5. Sponsorship Report (Bronwyn Watson)

Tolko supported our spirit wear efforts and paid for the costs to provide every student at Lavington with a spirit wear t-shirt and also paid for the ice-cream truck on Spirit Day. Huge thank you to Tolko!

Gaga pits were discussed. Tolko may provide the wood to build one.

Bronwyn will follow up with Tolko about the gaga pit. ACTION.

5.6. Hot Lunch Report (Julie Kentel)

A written Hot Lunch report was circulated ahead of time.

Hot lunch orders are closed for the next section. 117 people are being fed.

Bronwyn will not be returning to help with the hot lunch program next year.

Moved by Lara K. that PAC cover the cost to enroll a new parent in the Foodsafe Certification program. CARRIED.

6. Old Business

6.1. Review Action Items (Jennifer B.M.)

There were no action items from our March PAC meeting.

6.2. Spirit Wear (Lara K.)

Hats were made in different sizes and are available at \$15 each. Anyone can order them by speaking with Donelda.

6.3. Scholarship Selection (Chelsea George)

The committee met and made their selections for the scholarships and sent the list of successful candidates to the school district. No PAC participation in a formal presentation is necessary this year due to Covid restrictions.

7. New Business

7.1. Gaming Grant (Chelsea George)

Chelsea is working on the application for gaming due soon. We are asking for the same value per student as we've asked for in past years.

7.2. Facebook (Nicky Dunlop)

PAC Facebook Group Policy-Nicky D. led a discussion on whether teachers should be allowed to join our FB group.

Moved by Julie K. to allowed teachers to join our PAC Facebook group. CARRIED.

7.3. Disc Golf (Lara Konkin)

PAC supported \$650 towards the purchase of a Disc Golf set and other Grade 7 funds were going to be used to top up the purchase total as a legacy gift to the school. But, due to various costs that have come up, no enough funds were available to cover the rest of the Disc Golf costs.

Moved by Lara K. that PAC cover the remainder of the costs for the Disc Golf set at the cost of \$1110.85. CARRIED.

7.4. Fundraising (Nicky Dunlop)

Reviewed the fundraising taking place through to year end.

7.5. Elections (Julie Kentel)

Our PAC AGM takes place June 3. All positions are open and need to be filled. Stephanie and Lara will run the elections as it is part of their positions as Directors. AGM tab is available on the website with positions and descriptions.

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 3 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 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.