

PARENT ADVISORY FOR LAVINGTON SCHOOL

General Meeting

January 10, 2019

- **In Attendance:** Lance Johnson(Principal), Robert Lee(Trustee), Chelsea George, Jennifer Brandle-Mccall, Kylie Walman, Steph Wade, Jen Brown, Nicole Semkiw, Julie Kentel, Angie Meier, Elane Bapty

- **Approve Agenda**
 - Chelsea George 1st motion, Nicole Semkiw 2nd motion

- **Approve Minutes**
 - Nicole Semkiw 1st motion, Angie Meier 2nd motion

- **Trustee Report – Robert Lee**
 - Presentation and Governor General’s awards given to outstanding academic high school students
 - Request from Montessori use the extra room was not approved
 - Because there is a large subdivision approved and space will be required
 - New transportation committee formed
 - Committee is tasked with reviewing the entire transportation policy and process
 - It’s to make recommendations for the Board around Spring Break
 - Any concern/topic can be reviewed by committee
 - Trustee remuneration was passed
 - New taxation coming this January so the increase equals the new tax, net difference is zero
 - Entrepreneur/enterprise committee to be formed
 - Committee is formed to find existing or alternative ways to raise money independently of the money provided by Victoria
 - Any and all enterprise or business opportunities can be discussed
 - You can email suggestions to Robert at robert6lee@gmail.com

- **Principal Report – Lance Johnson**
 - Upcoming events
 - Jan. 15 – Kindergarten registration and student transfer process begins at 9:00 am
 - Jan. 16 – Basketball league games begin; Boys play Wednesdays, Girls play Thursdays
 - Jan. 21 – School performance (Cherryville to attend)
 - Jan. 28 – school assembly at 8:30
 - Jan. 30 – School OH&S site inspection
 - Feb. 7&8 – Student-Led Conferences

 - School Goal
 - Our school will complete our second whole school write in January. We will compare the student results to their first whole school write at the start of the year.

- Geo-thermal Installation Update
 - phase 2 will begin soon
 - running lines through the crawl spaces
 - in the summer, individual air units will be put into each classroom
 - boiler room and hot water tank will be eliminated
 - new ceiling T-bar system will be put in
 - maintenance may eliminate the painted ceiling tiles at that time; Lance is trying to negotiate with them to keep them

- Church Usage
 - as a signed affirmation is now required for the person in charge of booking the church and we have a variety of beliefs in our school, the school will no longer be able to use the church for school functions. Please direct any questions to Lance at the school.

- Gender neutral washrooms
 - my hope is that a gender neutral washroom will be completed by Spring Break
 - it will be very similar to what other elementary schools like Alexis Park, Hillview and Kidston have implemented at their schools already

- Math Curriculum
 - Perimeter and area calculations on 1 cm grid paper

- Reading Intervention Support
 - we have identified students that are not yet at their reading level
 - starting the week of January 21st, we will be taking these students out of the classroom 3 times per week to work with Ms. Jensen or myself for a half hour in groups of 2-4 students. Parents will be notified and must agree to the support as those students will be missing other subject area work during this time. The reading blitz will go until just before Spring Break.

- Basketball
 - we have one boys and one girls team entered in the grade 7 league
 - we have too many grade 7's on each team to enter in the grade 6 league
 - we will be hosting district championships for both divisions
 - those dates aren't finalized yet

- Hockey Helmets
 - Helmets must be sport specific helmets as per School District guidelines

- Spring Performance
 - The theme will be Jungle Book
 - all grades 4-7 students will perform as it's an opportunity for Natasha to work with these students at a higher performance level
 - try-outs for the main parts
 - looking at 2 afternoon and 2 evening performances (not for sure yet)
 - \$5 per ticket
 - any extra funds will go into a performing arts fund

- **Treasurer/Gaming Report – Nicole Semkiw**
 - Three volleyball concessions made \$591.57
 - Christmas Bazaar made \$1908
 - \$900 from tables and \$1008 from silent auction
 - Looking for help next year for the silent auction
 - Christmas Concert baskets made \$1899.50
 - Chequing account at \$11,295.25
 - Less committed funds for trees \$2500 install and \$1440 from donations
 - Gaming balance \$4163.22, will go towards bussing for yearend field trip and swimming lessons

- **DPAC – Max Russman (Angie Meier)**
 - Reviving it tradition of posing questions to each schools PAC.
 - DPAC rep then shares school PAC's answers, ideas, etc.
 - The question for discussion is "What presenter or presenting groups has your PAC reached out to?"
 - idea is to get names/feedback to refresh DPAC's list of potential people or groups who might be good presenters for future workshops
 - Anyone who has significant concerns regarding bussing contact Max by email russman@mussiogoodman.com or call 778-212-5322, preferable email
 - DPAC can act as a voice with the transportation committee in terms of bussing safety, accessibility etc.

- **Hot Lunch – Julie Kentel & Bronwyn Watson**
 - Net Profit is \$2267.18
 - Kitchen supplies needed are a griddle, it will be purchased
 - Hot lunch has received great feedback

- **Parent Presentation – Angie Meier**
 - Presentation on Anxiety in Youth, presented by Naaz Grewel, Canadian Mental Health Association
 - Topics will include, introduction to mental health, what anxiety in youth looks like, self-help techniques, what parents can do and what resources are available for youth in our community
 - Thursday February 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 RSVP to the school either dgame@sd22.bc.ca or 250-545-1710
 - Angie Meier made a motion to make a donation from PAC for \$100 to presenter – in lieu of asking for individual donations
Chelsea George, 1st motion, Nicole Semkiw, 2nd motion; all in favour - passed

- **Fun Fair – Nicole Semkiw**
 - Will be held February 21 from 6-8, concession run by this year's mayday parents
 - This will be Nicole's last year running fun fair

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next PAC meeting March 7 @ 6:30 pm

Note: These minutes are the best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting by Elane Bapty.
Any noteworthy errors or omissions are unintentional