

PARENT ADVISORY FOR LAVINGTON SCHOOL

General Meeting

September 5, 2019

- **In Attendance:** Lance Johnson (Principal), Robert Lee (Trustee), Julie Kentel, Bronwyn Watson, Mara McMorrان, Kylie Walman, Lara Konkin, Chelsea George, Nicole Semkiw, Jennifer McCall, Nicky Dunlop, Stephanie Wade, Chad Bachelder, Christie Bachelder, Angie Meier, Elane Bapty
- **Approval of Agenda:** 1st Angie Meier, 2nd Nicole Semkiw
- **Approval of Minutes:** 1st Angie Meier, 2nd Nicole Semkiw
- **Trustee Report – Robert Lee:** No meeting yet, will have something to share in October
- **Principals Report – Lance Johnson:**
 1. Upcoming Events
 - Sept 11th – Welcome Back BBQ 5:30-7
 - Sept 13th – Fire Drill @ 1:50
 - Sept 20th – Fire Drill @ 1:50
 - Sept 23rd – Professional Development Day (Chromebook/Google Account Training: Writing)
 - Sept 26th – Terry Fox Run
 - Sept 27th – Stone Soup Day (Bronwyn & Julie to organize)
 - Sept 27th – Fire Drill @ 1:50
 - Sept 30th – All classes will have completed an earthquake drill
 - Oct 1st – Student Photo Day
 - Oct 3rd – Earthquake Drill #2 (school wide)
 2. School Goal:

Our school is entering the 2nd year of a writing focus with our students.
 3. New Reporting Procedures

Communicating Student Learning begins this year

Teacher training will start on Tuesday

The school district is in the process of finalizing information that will be sent out to parents

The biggest first change is that Parent/Teacher interviews will have the student present in the meeting and the main purpose of the meeting is for the Student/Teacher/Parent to develop a learning goal for the student to work on and refer to throughout the school year.
 4. Safety

You will notice that the concrete at the front entrance has been removed and grass natural to this area has been planted in its' place. I felt the previous concrete set-up was unsafe and had our maintenance supervisor come out to inspect it. He confirmed that it

didn't meet code so we came up with this solution which is a bonus as it makes our school look more inviting too.

5. Ski Programs

Cross country skiing cost our school \$232.18 last year

Due to having to pay for volunteers to ski and rent equipment

Bus costs which are never 'stable'

One of the four days got cancelled last year. The cost to the school would have been more if we went the fourth time.

Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding cost our school \$237.61 last year

Many schools go 3 times for skiing/snowboarding, our school went 4 times

Bussing costs are where the monetary cost comes from

I have been able to save parents money by covering classes on the ski days. I can't guarantee that I can maintain that practice. Typically, TOC costs are factored into the cost of the ski programs. It is not always possible for me to cover a class and we need to factor this into the programs too.

This year, cross country bussing costs will get charged to 35ish students. Downhill skiing/snowboarding bussing costs will get charged to 35ish students. The costs for our school are more than others because a bus can hold around 60 intermediate students and we never fill the busses.

Is PAC able to offset skiing costs or do we look at increasing the costs of the programs to individual families?

6. New Staff

Michelle Johnson – Fine Arts Teacher

Pam Sophonow – Kindergarten Teacher

Meghan Greer – Grade 4/5 teacher

Christine Trickey – Grade 1/2 teacher

Tracey Barrie – Teacher Librarian

Elsa Haug – School Based Resource Teacher

Lissa Shellest – Counselor (Tuesdays)

Gary Smith – NOYFSS (Friday mornings)

- **Treasurer's Report – Chelsea George:**

Regular account: \$9561.14, GIC: \$5236.19, Gaming account: \$43.26

Nicole made motion to move gaming account from CIBC to Vantage One after gaming funds are received. All in favor

- **DPAC – Max Russman/Kylie Walman:** Meeting are 3rd Thursday of the month, will have an update in October

- **Hot Lunch – Julie Kentel/Bronwyn Watson:** Hot Lunch will begin with Stone Soup September 27
Menu will be available for order in a week; will run from October 4 - November 22
Hot Lunch moms available September 25
 - **Old Business**
 - **Committee for review of constitution – Jennifer Brandle-McCall**
Jennifer Brandle-McCall makes motion to form an ad hoc Governance committee with a purpose to review Lavington Elementary PAC's outdated constitution and bylaws, by which it is currently governed, and provide a fully revised document to the PAC for approval before the end of the 2019/2020 school year.
1st Chelsea George, 2nd Angie Meier. All in favor
Committee will consist of Angie Meier, Kylie Walman, and Nicole Semkiw
 - **Garlic Scapes Fundraiser – Nicky Dunlop**
Fundraiser earned \$300; funds will go towards the community garden as agreed in the spring.
It will be put in the community garden trust account to be used as needed
 - **PAC Facebook Update:** Nicky Dunlop will take on updating the page
 - **School Wear discussion:** Lara Konkin has sourced many options of t-shirts and hoodies for the leadership group to decide which they would like to wear. Will then get some options out to parents
 - **New Business**
 - **Events and Dates – Nicole Semkiw**
October 23/24 – Grade 7 Silent Auction Fundraiser
November 14 – Indigo's Fundraiser, will offer discount to parents and percentage of profit to school, between 6-9pm
November 28 – Xmas Bazaar
December 12 – Christmas Concert
February 20 – Fun Fair
 - **Welcome Back BBQ:** Needs parent volunteers to help setup and take down tables and chairs
 - **Budget:**
 - Basic Expense Budget
Home Lynx \$ 200
Ceiling Tiles \$ 400
Scholarships \$ 500
Miscellaneous \$ 500
Performing Arts \$1,500
Swimming (Gr2/3) \$ 850
Office Supplies \$ 200
Free Hot Lunch \$ 400
- Grade 7 Banquet \$ 450

- o \$\$25/student
 - o 18 students
 - o Minimum \$400
- Total: \$5000

Nicole Semkiw makes motion to approve budget

2nd Kylie Walman, all in favor

- o Gaming Funds Budget
 - Per Class (for Teachers) \$2,000
 - 8 divisions @ \$250/ea.
 - Increased from \$150 that was given in 17/18 and 18/19 school years
 - Library \$ 250
 - Performing Arts \$ 250
 - Resource Centre \$ 250
 - Athletic Fees \$ 270
 - Battle of the Books \$ 300
 - Class Field Trip \$1,600
 - o 8 divisions @ \$200/ea
 - Hockey Helmets \$ 150
 - Bouncy Castle \$ 0
 - o Rental used to cost \$500
 - o Fire hall provides for free
 - o Last year we gave \$300 donation to Fire Hall
 - o Tabled for later discussion
 - Year End Field Trip \$ 0
 - o Kal Beach
 - o Covers Insurance, lifeguards, bussing
 - o Tabled for later discussion
- Total \$5070

Nicky Dunlop makes motion to increase \$150 for each division, including Library, Performing Arts, Resource Center, to \$200

Lara Konkin amends motion to increase funds to \$250

2nd Mara McMorran

Lara Konkin makes motion to approve Gaming Funds Budget, 2nd Christie Bachelder

Meeting Adjourned 8:44

Next meeting October 3 @6:30

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