

# Minutes of Lavington Elementary School PAC

Regular meeting held online via Zoom, October 1, 2020

In Attendance:

Guests: Robert Lee (School Board Chair & Trustee), Lance Johnson (Lavington School Principal), Kara Durant (Lavington School Teacher)

Members: Julie Kentel (President), Lara Konkin (Director), Chelsea George (Treasurer), Jennifer Brandle-McCall (Secretary), Kylie Walman (D-PAC Rep), Nicky Dunlop (Vice-President), Stephanie Wade (Director), Christina Milum, Angela Barnes, Jaime Royston, Lauren Barrie, Elane Bapty, Genevieve Dunbar, Bronwyn Watson.

## 1. Welcome

Julie Kentel, President, welcomed those present. Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.  
Quorum present.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

*Moved* by Nicky D. to approve the agenda. No amendments. *CARRIED*.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of meeting

*Moved* by Lara K. that the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting be approved. *CARRIED*.

## 4. Guests

Roundtable introductions – Those in attendance introduced their names and connection to children at the school.

Introduction of guests:

- Lavington Teacher - Kara Durant
- School Board Chair & Trustee – Robert Lee
- Lavington School Principal – Lance Johnson

## 5. Reports

### 5.1. DPAC Report (Kylie Walman)

Highlights were given from the DPAC meeting including an update on how teachers were coping during the pandemic: exhausted, few breaks, carrying a heavy load. Reminder to parents to keep this in mind and be kind and forgiving.

Also an update on DPAC and PACS communications to Gaming asking that their focus on distributing the second half of funds be on extracurricular activities. Asked for a loosening of perimeters for fund use. No input was requested by Gaming from DPAC for the first half of funding allocations.

## **5.2. Trustee's Report (Robert Lee)**

Reported on the work of Committee of the Whole which focused on Transportation issues. Looking at Pay-for-Service bussing. Also considering removal of "eligible" vs. "Courtesy" riders.

Answered the question as to how other school districts have tackled transportation issues. Kelowna does charge higher fees. Other districts don't charge at all.

## **5.3. Teacher's Representative Report (Kara Durant)**

Start up to school has been challenging but Lavington teachers are happy to be back, kids are settled into new routines and processes. Thanks to parents for their support.

OSMO kits have arrived. Waiting for tech support for implementation.

Thanks for the PAC's contribution of classroom funds. Field trips this year are being considered and may have to be individual trips with no chance of sharing costs with other classes/schools. More funds may be requested from PAC due to an increase in costs because of this.

## **5.4. Principal's Report (Lance Johnson)**

Geothermal work is almost done and then the gym will return to the school back for use.

Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day were successful.

Parking issue along School Road has been resolved.

Refillable water stations- the school may be eligible for federal funds for installation. We will wait to install until these funds have been allocated to see if we can save funds and donated services.

Pinnacle Pellet fire-Many parents were concerned about their children when the fire broke out. Lance called management at the plant and had good communication. Senior plant manager met with Lance and a plan for future communication during crisis will be put in place.

## **5.5. Treasurer's Report (Chelsea George)**

There is \$8,739 in regular funds. \$1,800 in gaming funds. \$5,300 in GIC funds.

Gaming funds are typically approved by Sept 30th each year. This year this notification has been moved back to Oct 31st, with likely receipt of funds by early November.

Minimum that we will receive per the website is \$20/student so depending on what date they select as the student count this could be \$3260 ( $\$20 \times 163$ ) For reference our funds received last year were \$2960

Our application is currently showing a status of "in progress".

We can use Gaming Funds for field trips.

## **5.6. Hot Lunch (Bronwyn Watson)**

Hot Lunch program is being offered this year. October 16 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> order which is now open. Lunch runs will be shorter with the first set lasting 4 weeks long.

Pizza Tuesdays-previously staff handled Toonie Tuesday but this year Lance has had discussions with Domino's Pizza and they can supply pizza and are willing to pre-package pizza to abide by new Covid-19 protocols. This will result in larger pieces of pizza which will be sold for \$3 instead of \$2 each. PAC may make less profit but the kids will still benefit by enjoying pizza.

Ordering pizza will be possible online through the same system as Hot Lunches.

*Moved* by Julie K. that the PAC will take over the Tuesday Pizza program, provide online ordering and payment, place weekly order, and organize volunteers. *CARRIED.*

*Moved* by Bronwyn W. that PAC will cover the cost to train more volunteers for Food Safe Certification. *CARRIED.*

Julie K. and Bronwyn W. will contact a few people about Foodsafe training who have helped with hot lunches before.

Genevieve D. offered to help with Pizza Tuesday and was interested in getting Foodsafe Certified.

## **6. Old Business**

### **6.1. 2020/2021 Basic and Gaming Expense Budget (Julie K.)**

*Moved* by Julie K. that PAC approves the 2020/2021 Basic Expense Budget, as reviewed and revised at the September 17 PAC meeting. *CARRIED.*

*Moved* by Julie K. that PAC approves the 2020/2021 Gaming Expense Budget, as reviewed and revised at the September 17 PAC meeting. *CARRIED.*

### **6.2. Saleema Noom Parent/Student Workshop (Nicky D.)**

Nicky connected with workshop presenters and confirmed that they are offering it online, not in person. The cost to PAC to offer the workshop for parents and each school class last year was \$1,720. Offering it with other partner schools, the cost was \$672. This year the fees may go up: \$900 + GST for a 1 Day program with students or \$1,450 + GST for a 2 Day program with students.

Nicky recommends waiting until the in-person presentation comes available again, for maximum benefit and enjoyment. The PAC group agreed to support in-person program, rather than online.

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

The Boys and Girls club resubmitted their opening plan last week to the School Board. Now waiting to hear the resulting decision.

Drop-in program may be removed from the offerings due to exposure increase re: Covid-19.

Lance offered the school board trustees a tour of the facility and to answer questions.

Daycare being built in Lavington park, estimated opening is November.

*Moved* by Nicky D. to have Lavington PAC support Lavington children having priority access getting into the daycare being built in the community park, and that an accompanying letter of support be sent to Coldstream Council and Maven Lane Daycare to that effect. *TABLED.*

Discussion followed with focus on how to gauge if other parents at the school would support this motion. How to invite responses from parents? Poll on Facebook?

*Amendment to motion was made to use the word 'residents' instead of 'children'. Amendment was DEFEATED.*

**It was suggested that a Zoom online meeting be held to discuss how parents feel about children getting priority spots at the new daycare. Nicky D. to arrange Special Meeting. Motion was tabled until next PAC meeting. ACTION.**

#### **6.4. Spirit Wear Sales (Lara Konkin)**

There may be technical difficulties with online orders. Donelda resent order form today with a week before deadline for ordering. Seems sorted out now.

**Lara will have Donelda circulate paper copies of the order forms to students for their planners. ACTION.**

#### **6.5. Gender Affirmation Parent Presentation (Nicky D. on behalf of Steph W.)**

Nicky D. moved that PAC approve offering this online presentation for parents on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30pm, and postponing our monthly PAC meeting to Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>. *CARRIED.*

#### **6.6. Fundraising Committee (Nicky D.)**

The committee met last night. Looked at last year's new ideas, next steps, and how it will look in a different year.

Overview was provided: Art cards, Lunch Moms, etc. other brainstorming. The committee will meet again.

Sasquatch Savings Coupon book update (Julie K.) no new info.

#### **6.7. Waterfilling Stations (Lance J.)**

Nothing to report.

#### **6.8. Days of Recognition (Nicky D.)**

A list of special days was sent to Lance so that he could provide his feedback on which days to proceed with as school celebrations. More time is needed to finalize.

#### **6.9. Sub-Committees (Nicky D.)**

Reminder to use the committees for special work.

#### **6.10. Halloween in our Community**

Fire hall will not be hosting fireworks this year.

Dr. Henry will send protocols this week. No Direction has been given from administration yet.

Need to stay in cohort groups for any celebrations. Hot lunch will be providing a Halloween treat to everyone.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Reconciliation in School (Nicky D.)**

Truth and Reconciliation Committee recommendations were formally made by Government.

**Nicky D. will ask for ideas from local supports. Charity presentations. ACTION.**

Will gather more info to bring to next meeting.

Could be a subcommittee to look at this and work to gather input from the greater community.

## **8. Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm via ZOOM

## **9. Meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.**

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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.