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## Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School Minutes of Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

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**Date:** February 15, 2023 (Tuesday)

**Venue:** Zoom meeting

**Present:**

Armin Samiei (Principal)  
Bill Martin (Co-Chair)  
Carolyn Yeung (Secretary)  
Martin Esnaola (Fundraising and Events)  
Cameron Clow (DPAC representative)

Natasha Harry  
Debra Locke  
Winola Chu

The meeting was called to order by Bill Martin at 6:40pm.

	Agenda Item	Executive	Details	Action Item
1	Welcome, Land Acknowledgment	Bill	I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples – Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Səl̓ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (TsleilWaututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations. Brief round of introductions.	
2	Approval of meeting agenda	Bill	Moved by Bill, seconded by Cameron. Motion carried.	Agenda approved.
3	Approval of last meeting minutes	Bill	Moved by Bill, seconded by Tasha. Motion carried.	Minutes approved.

4	Principal's Report	Armin	<p><b>Principal's Report.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) List of events and activities coming up:</li> <li>2) February focussed on friendship, love, compassion, community service: Food bank drive, Book drive until Feb 24th for StrongStart programs. Pink Shirt Day - SOAR committee is working on organizing some activities and SOAR fun day;</li> <li>3) Feb 16 - gym will be used for Science event to learn about the ocean; UBC Kung Fu will come again x 3 for Wushu/kung fu sessions with each class during PE class (covered under universal student affordability funds). There will be biking sessions for grade 5, 6, and 7 for 4 sessions (covered by a grant), planning a presentation on Black History, there is a Vancouver Opera session in April as well, Young Actor Project sessions in April; and Tennis BC in May/June.</li> <li>4) Sensory Room - no further updates at this time. Tradespeople came to assess the spare room and now we are waiting for an estimate.</li> <li>5) There are 69 new kindergarten students, and there are 31 students from this school year who remain on the waitlist that were placed in other schools out of catchment. We are waiting to see what will happen from the District to be able to place all these students, especially as there have been lots of families that have recently moved into the area.</li> <li>6) Student and Family Affordability grant: individual families, classroom snacks, and some money for universal use for the student programs, and another portion will go to the replacement of the planters (nutrition), and painting benches as well. If there is anything left, the plan is to purchase gift cards for next school year.</li> </ol>	
5	Treasurer's Report	Tasha	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Today's report is up to the end of Jan 31, 2023;</li> <li>2) We received \$1681.35 from HL payments in January. Budget was \$13k at the beginning of the year, we are about \$3k from the budget.</li> <li>3) Cheque for Earthbites was sent out but not yet deposited by them.</li> <li>4) Direct Appeal: We received \$890 in cheques/cash. We will get the online donation report next month. It has been strongly suggested that we make donations online-only in the future, because it is a tedious process for providing tax receipts to the donors otherwise.</li> <li>5) Expect updates in Direct Appeal numbers, online auction, and T-shirt sales coming up.</li> </ol>	

6	PAC programs and Fundraising	Bill, Martin	<p>1) PAC programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Earthbites (Bill): We will be redoing some of the planters. Waiting for the 2nd cheque to be deposited.</li> <li>b) Online Auction (Martin) - The online auction will close on Feb 18/2023. We have a variety of items available. Hopefully we can organize the distribution of auction items by the beginning of March.</li> <li>c) Movie Night (Martin) will be March 2nd. Hoping to get a call for volunteers. Have not decided on the movie yet.</li> <li>d) DPAC (Cameron)- Next meeting is next Thursday. No minutes available yet. Check the website for new committees and working groups. They are putting a call out for all PAC members to join.</li> <li>e) Looking ahead - Grade 7 celebration, Staff appreciation.</li> </ul> <p>2) Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Direct appeal - as above.</li> <li>b) T-shirts - We want to ensure that the cost is not a barrier to students who want to have a shirt. Not much profit from T-shirts as we want to make this accessible as well. We should get the delivery on Monday evening or Tuesday morning, and will distribute them on Tuesday. We have opened up Pink Shirt sales, will close on Saturday; and plan to have another T-shirt sales period prior to Sports Day. May consider line item and T-shirt purchases every other year going forward.</li> <li>c) Purdy's Easter fundraiser - David will be putting this together in the next few weeks. Hopefully we can have ordering completed before Spring Break.</li> <li>d) Can we run a swap meet, or flea-market type event at Laurier? (Debra) - Can reach out via PAC email and present the idea, and organize the plan.</li> </ul>	PAC will look into whether we can help support the school for the chairs.
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7	Other business:	Armin	<p>There are some concerns about cars doing U-turns on the street in the mornings. There are also cars parked in the drop-off area. We had some traffic officers around the school yesterday. They will probably come back and reinforce the parking rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Street proposal email re: closing off the street in front of Churchill during pick-up/drop-off times. Armin is not aware of this proposal. This would impact our school and neighbourhood streets as well.</li> </ul>	
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Motion to end the meeting was moved by Bill, seconded by Winola. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 8 2023 @ 6:30pm.**