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

Date: March 8, 2023 (Wednesday)

Venue: Zoom meeting

Present:

Armin Samiei (Principal)
Bill Martin (Chair)
Carolyn Yeung (Secretary)
Anita Parkinson
Winola Chu

Natasha Harry (Treasurer)
Debra Locke
Michelle
Shenna Ramroop
Ping Zhao (Hot Lunch Coordinator)

The meeting was called to order by Bill Martin at 6:38pm.

| | Agenda Item | Executive | Details | Action Item |
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| 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), Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (TsleilWaututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations. Brief round of introductions. | |
| 2 | Approval of meeting agenda | Bill | Moved by Bill, seconded by Anita. Motion carried. | Agenda approved. |
| 3 | Approval of last meeting minutes | Bill | Moved by Bill, seconded by Winola. Motion carried. | Minutes approved. |

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| 4 | Treasurer's Report | Tasha | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Today's report is up to the end of Feb 28, 2023; 2) Hot lunch - \$1250 revenue has come in so far for Spring term orders. 3) We have provided classroom funding to the school. 4) T-shirt sales - we had almost \$700 in Pink shirt t-shirt sales, and Sports Day ordering is coming up in May. 5) Laurier online auction - we raised just over \$600. 6) Movie night - will be provided with next month's summary. 7) Purdy's orders are due March 20, 2023. 8) We are still waiting for the remainder of Spring Term hot lunch orders. We are expecting to reach close to our budget of \$13,000 for hot lunch orders. There may be some adjustments due to field trips. | |
| 5 | Principal's Report | | <p>Principal's Report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Last day of school is Friday March 10, 2023 before Spring Break. First day back is March 27, 2023. 1) We collected over \$500 for the Food Bank, and collected 508 books for the Strong Start program! 2) We have started a Road Safety campaign at Laurier. There are cars doing 3-point turns into the alley in the mornings, or cars parking in the school zone. Armin reached out to the Traffic Officer, and was contacted by the Active Transport Program, and "Think of Me" campaign. They will launch the program on March 28th with speed reduction signs, and pavement markings. The Kerrisdale/Marpole-Oakridge Community Policing Centre did Road Safety presentations. This was different from the Pedestrian safety presentations at the beginning of the year. "Think of Me" campaign - the kids will create warning tickets with their own messages and artwork. 3) Grade 7 Leaving Committee - celebration will be on June 26, 2023. Parents that are interested in joining the committee can volunteer, and there will be a meeting on March 31, 2023. 4) We have 3 planters in our garden that we want to replace. It can only be done after school or on the weekend. This project is led by a highschool teacher who will also build the planters for us. They will empty the 3 planters and build 3 new ones. We will need a truck, and more volunteers to help on April 2, 2023. | Armin will arrange the Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony parents' committee after Spring Break. |

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| | | | <p>5) Updates on how we have been using the Student and Family Affordability grant. We bought \$15,000 of gift cards, most of it went to families who self-identified to cover costs for food and clothes. We used the fund to cover a few performances and activities: Lion's dance, Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', Kung-Fu sessions; "Mighty Woman" project, Young Actors Project from K-3 (April), Vancouver Opera (April), and Tennis (May). We also anticipate having some money for painting the bench as well. We plan to cover for specific students needing financial assistance for field trips and Grade 7 camp. Food and nutrition: we bought some snacks for each classroom, and the cost for the planters will also be covered.</p> <p>6) We have 62 kindergarten registrations, after Choice program placements. Armin is awaiting direction from the District regarding where the additional students will be placed.</p> | |
| 6 | PAC programs and Fundraising | Bill | <p>1) PAC programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Earthbites - no specific updates. b) Hot lunch - ordering closes today. c) Purdy's - ordering is open and will close on March 20. A reminder will go out this Friday. d) Online Auction - Shout out to the organizers. e) Movie Night - It was a great turnout. Thanks to the organizers and volunteers. f) Sports Day - we will open up T-shirt sales prior to Sports Day. g) Grade 7 committee - Armin is helping to arrange. PAC will provide \$800 to support the celebration. h) DPAC - no updates today. i) Looking ahead to the AGM on May 24, 2023- when we elect a new PAC executive and create the budget. Hopefully we can get more parents to join the PAC executive team. j) Gift Card fundraiser - is still ongoing, but no activity recently. k) Sports Day is on Friday, May 19. | <p>Bill will send a reminder to Armin for this Friday's newsletter re: Purdy's ordering.</p> <p>Ping will start organizing Sports Day committee after Spring Break</p> |

Motion to end the meeting was moved by Bill, seconded by Winola. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 18 2023 @ 6:30pm.**