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

Date: January 14, 2026 (Tuesday)

Venue: Google Meets

Present:

Rahul Aggarwal (PAC Chair)
Felix Li (DPAC Representative)
Miriam Leung (Treasurer)
Margaret Lung (Co-Treasurer)
Jessica Liu (Social Media/Website)
Amelia Versteeg (Secretary)
Geri Gruft (Principle)
Andrew Fisher (Teacher)
Debra Locke
Alfie Lam

Alan Lam
Jovi Hsieh
Teri McCormick
Nathan Chan
Carolyn Yeung
Jilu Mathew
Agnes Mwambodze
Maggie Yang
Kristine Joy Espiritu
Sharon Oyola

The meeting was called to order by Rahul Aggarwal at 6:32 pm.

	Agenda Item		Details	Action Item
1	Welcome, Land Acknowledgment	Debra	“With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).”	
2	Approval of meeting agenda, last meeting minutes	Rahul	<i>Rahul motions to approve meeting agenda. Seconded by Margaret. Motion carried.</i> Last meeting’s minutes to be revised. Removing people’s names and revised language. <i>Rahul motions to approve last meetings minutes after revisions. Seconded by Miriam. Motion carried.</i>	Agenda approved. Minutes approved pending updates.
3	Principal’s update	Geri	School updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary and Intermediate assemblies. 2. Reviewed with students how to SOAR (Support, Open Minds, Awesome Attitudes, Respect) 3. Reviewed with students how to use their WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help) 	

			<p>4. Teachers are moving forward with training for a new written learning update on Spaces Platform. Term two learning updates will look different than previous</p> <p>Events and Activities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End of January Miss Ferguson organized a week-long dance program for k-7 students 2. February 19th & 20th Saleema Noon will be coming. 	
4	Treasurer update	Margaret	<p>Profit & Fundraising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spirit Wear Sales raised \$587 2. Dominos Sales raised \$337 3. Hot Lunch (Munch-A-Lunch) has an estimated profit of \$4665 for both terms. 4. Hot Lunch Fantuan term 1 profit \$848 <p>Expenditures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Music room projector \$1300 2. Basketball Hoop \$904 <p>Upcoming Commitments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paying vendors for hot lunch 2. Saleema Noon 3. Decodable Readers 4. Vendors for upcoming Fair 	
5	Purchase Requests	Rahul & Debra	<p>iPads</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why iPads vs other tablets <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Purchases must be made through the school board. Results in much better support and warranties. Chromebooks are not available through VSB 2. Is it better to wait until the next generation of iPads come out to VSB so these are cheaper. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Unsure about when that would be available to VSB 3. What is the usage rate of the current iPad cart. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The usage rate is full. There are currently 3 iPad carts: South building has 28 iPads on one cart; Main building has two iPad carts (one on each level). 	<p>\$7500 budget (plus \$500 for incidentals) to pay for iPads approved.</p> <p>Increased spring carnival budget by \$500</p> <p>Reach out for more volunteers for carnival</p>

- b. Older grades are leaning towards laptop usage vs iPads
 - c. Big concern with teachers is the time it takes to send a child to track down the cart and get an iPad
4. Dedicated iPads in the classroom is about promoting equity in the classrooms for students using apps. giving kids the tools they need to fully participate in the classroom.
 5. *Rahul motions for \$7500 budget to pay for iPads plus \$500 to pay for incidentals. Seconded by Amelia. Motion Carried*

Spring Carnival

1. Original date of June 5th is now changed to Wednesday June 3rd. Time will be 3-7pm and all must be cleaned up by 8pm.
2. Looking at 3 food trucks from Tin Lizzy. Hotdogs, burgers and fries; bubble tea and shaved ice; twirl potatoes
3. Fundraising 50/50 draw, balloons, photobooth, face painting, ring toss
4. Maybe a dance club or choir performance
5. Entertainment: Magic show, characters walking on grounds, petting zoo, dunk tank, DJ
6. Ask VPD or VFD to come
7. Potential marketplace like the craft fair
8. Still early stages of planning and figuring out cost of prizes and performances
9. Call out for more volunteers. Reach out to Churchill for grade 8 volunteers.
10. There is a committee already, but more volunteers will be needed later.
11. Suggestion to reach out Vancouver College as they do May Fair every year that raises \$100K
12. *Margaret motions to increase the committee budget by \$500. Seconded by Rahul. Motion carried.*

6	Other business	Margaret	<p>Follow up Discussion regarding children who seek medical attention during school day.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incident reports: some schools do them for head related injuries, some for any injury requiring first aid. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Laurier’s policy is if a child is taken to the hospital they do an incident report. They ensure any first aid that has been provided will be communicated with first responders. b. There is a concussion protocol that includes informing parents regarding head injuries. 2. Do parents get called if a child asks for their parents to be called due to an injury or ask to go home due to illness. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This is taken on a case-by-case scenario as children are being encouraged to learn independence. 3. If it is determined that child does need to receive medical attention later on, how are we rectifying the difference to the school’s first aid providers. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parents will need to connect with Geri directly so she can provide feedback. 	
7	DPAC Update	Felix	No updates	
8	Hot Lunch	Miriam	<p>Munch-a-lunch ordering is now closed for the term.</p> <p>Fantuan is still open for week-by-week ordering.</p> <p>A survey was sent out regarding the two programs. There were only 15 respondents. Everyone seemed happy with both programs. If forced to choose 60% said they would stick with Munch-A-Lunch.</p> <p>May send out the survey again for more responses</p> <p>Do we want to continue with both platforms or change back to just one. Fantuan does have fundraising on their platform. The big difference is Fantuan does all the admin work, but they have a 3% credit card fee that the parents would pay.</p>	

9	Other		PAC Board Summer – Tabled Other Business – parent wanted to add something to the agenda. Due to time constraint recommended to send their question to the PAC email and it can be addressed separately or added to February agenda.	
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Rahul motions to end the meeting. Seconded by Felix. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Next Meeting: February 11th, 2026. Venue: Google Meets