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

Date: January 15, 2019 (Tuesday)

Venue: School Library

Present:

Armin Samiei (Principal)

Ms Boucher

Ms Moore

Ms Virvillis

Suzanne (Earthbites)

Ann Mukai (Chair)

Anita Parkinson (Vice Chair)

Anita Chui

Bruna Witt

Donna Lei (Secretary)

Emily Tsen (Treasurer)

Katy Won

Karen Lidhar

Liza Mae El Zarif

Mustapha El Zarif

Naomi Kidd

Paola Baca

Rainer Vieira

Winola Chu

The meeting was called to order by Ann Mukai (Chair) at 6:35pm.

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Earthbites Presentation (Suzanne)

- a) The 10K comes from Gaming and fundraising (gaming is only \$7248 this year) and the school has paid the remaining \$2000 to \$3000.
- b) Principal Armin confirmed that Earthbites will proceed with the spring modules but have not confirmed summer maintenance yet
- c) Ms Boucher, Ms Moore and Ms Virvillis, commented that Earthbites is a great resource for teachers to teach students with different language and students become more out-spoken. They make snacks from the crops and learn about the life cycle of the plant and insects.
- d) It is a great program and Principle Armin suggested to form a committee to discuss the funding strategies for the upcoming years cost.
- e) Please see the slides (**Appendix A**) and curriculum (**Appendix B**) enclosed

3) Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda:

MOVED by Anita Parkinson and SECONDED by Winola. Minutes and agenda adopted.

4) Principal's Report (Armin Samiei)

- a) Teachers are all very busy to finalize the first written progress reports for students, which will go home on Jan. 31st, 2019. As you all know, we are at the second year of this pilot project. The report will highlight the strengths, areas for growth and ways to support student learning. The communication of student learning is ongoing.
- b) District has started painting our SOAR logo in the gym.
- c) We have Young Actor Project happening at the primary level. The Young Actors Project introduces kids to the art of acting. But what else does it do? Drama empowers kids with self-

confidence. Kids need to believe in their creative ideas and have the bravery to express them in front of others. YAP school workshops make that kind of risk-taking fun, not scary. Students communicate characters, feelings, and stories, which increase their focus and exercise their imaginations. They develop trust through cooperation and collaboration with their peers – learning to accept and build on each other’s creative ideas. These are skills required not just for the stage – but for the stage of life.

- d) Friday, Jan. 25th: We have a school-based ProD. Our teachers will have two workshops on formative assessment and critical thinking in am and pm, and our Support Staff will attend another workshop facilitated by district resource teachers on that day.
 - e) On Feb. 1st, we have Khac Chi Bamboo presentation at 1:30pm. This group is composed of Vietnamese musicians. They showcase rare and unique musical instruments that are made by bamboo.
 - f) Feb. 15 is the curriculum implementation day and staff will attend many workshops offered district-wide or provincially. Families will have a four-day long weekend with Feb. 18 being the family day.
 - g) Our two-week holiday will start from March 18 to 29.
 - h) Laurier has Girls and Boys Senior Basketball teams in the VSB league
- 5) Treasurer’s Report (Emily Tsen)
- a) Estimated cost for hot lunch this term as \$5,000 with new vendors
 - b) T-shirts Budget of \$800 was approved for purchasing of the school T-shirts: There are multiple colours
 - c) PAC purchased 20 tables for the school which costed \$1,800. Old tables were recycled.
- 6) Hot Lunch Update (Karen Lidhar and Anita C.)
- a) The 144 orders hot lunch received almost \$19,000 gross sales
 - b) With ample notices (email, notices, PA announcements) provided earlier, late orders were denied as per policy.
 - c) Asked for students to bring boxes back to volunteers downstairs
- 7) T-Shirts
- More T-shirts will be sold on Sports Day
- 8) Upcoming Events:
- a) Committee has formed for the Pancake Breakfast but not for the Lunar New Year celebration yet. Pancake Breakfast will be held sometime in March. Committee to meet before Spring Break to meet and decide on date. and the Lunar New Year will be Thursday, Feb 7, with Chinese New Year functions after school.
 - b) Principle Armin had registered with UBC Robotics and the program will be opened in May or June.
 - c) Staff appreciation day will be on May 8
 - d) Sports Day will be held on May 16
 - e) Spring Craft Fair will be Wed April 24
 - f) Still looking for ideas for the parent and Social Outreach presentation: there is interest in online safety
 - g) Reiderman Residence Community Advisory Committee (CAC): Next meeting Jan 24

9) Other Business

- Churchill has again invited us to present the scholarships we donate at their graduation. Anita C was selected to represent PAC

(Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm)

Next Meeting

The next PAC will be held on Tuesday February 19, 2019 @ 6:30pm

2019 PAC meeting dates: March 12; April 16 and May 21 (AGM)