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

Date: April 17, 2019 (Tuesday)

Venue: School Library

Present:

Armin Samiei (Principal)

Ann Mukai (Chair)

Anita Parkinson (Vice Chair)

Anita Chui

Emily Tsen

Naomi Kidd

Katy Won

Karen Lidhar

Winola Chu

The meeting was called to order by Ann Mukai (Chair) at 6:40pm.

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda:

February and March Minutes and agenda with modification to move Sensory Room discussion to after Treasurers Report approved. Moved by Winola Chu, seconded by Ann Mukai. Motion adopted.

3) Principal's Report (Armin Samiei)

a) Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring the presentation on Teenage Brain for our Gr. 5-7 students and the community.

b) Events @ School:

- Ms. Boucher is leading the Track and Field Team 2019 with the help of Mr. Fisher, Ms. Virvilis, Ms. Sprintzios, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Wong and Ms. Jennifer (our student teacher). The team is open to Gr. 4-7 students.
- Mr. Holdham is leading the Badminton Team 2019 with the help of Ms. Patricia Lee. Senior Boys and Girls (Gr. 6/7).
- Tennis BC will start April 23rd to May 10th.
- Geering Up UBC Science and Engineering for Kids schedule:

Workshop	Date	Time	Teacher Name	Grade	Workshop Name
	Wednesday, May 8	9:00-10:25am	Rowena Cacapit	4/5	Oh my organs
	Wednesday, May 8	10:50-12:10	Patricia Lee	5/6	Phenomenal Forces
	Wednesday, May 8	1:00-2:30pm	Ryan Hong	4/5	Phenomenal Forces
	Thursday, May 9	9:00-10:25am	Andrew Fisher	7	Charge-Up
	Thursday, May 9	9:00-10:25am	Vivian Lee	1	A-Maze-Ing Bots
	Thursday, May 9	10:50-12:10	Kelly Moore	1 / 2	A-Maze-Ing Bots
	Thursday, May 9	1:00-2:30	Aimee Boucher	2/3	A-Maze-Ing Bots
	Thursday, May 9	1:00-2:30	Sabrina Wong	3 / 4	Elemental Energy
	Friday, May 10	9:00-10:25	Andrea Millman	2 / 3	Crazy Chemistry

Thursday, May 23 9:00-10:25 Jeanette Murphy 6 A-Maze-Ing Bots
Thursday, May 23 10:50-12:10 Mike Holdham 2 / 3 A-Maze-Ing Bots
Thursday, May 23 1:00-2:30pm Michelle Sprintzios K Phenomenal Forces

- Safer Schools Together: Workshop on Digital Responsibility: May 30th for 2 student sessions:

1. 9:20-10:20 grade 3-5
2. 11:00- 12:00 grade 6/7

Funding for these sessions are provided by Ministry of Education.

Student Session Overview:

Social Media, Digital Citizenship, and the erase Report It Reporting Tool [60-minute presentation]

Please note that this information is presented by age group so each presentation should be grouped accordingly: Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 & 10-12 The student presentations focus on lessons and content that is most applicable to the particular age group. These presentations cover all things digital, from digital citizenship and how to be a good digital citizen to the criminal consequences of cyber-bullying. Sessions also include an in-depth walkthrough of the newly released online anonymous reporting tool available to all students in BC.

Topics covered will include:

(Based on age-range of students.)

- How to practice netiquette (online etiquette)
- How to recognize and respond to cyber-bullying, the criminal and social consequences of cyberbullying behaviour and the possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting)
- Digital media habits and oversharing, digital addiction, piracy and plagiarism
- The permanence of online posts
- The significance that your digital footprint plays in how others perceive you, particularly college admissions officers as well as potential employers
- The illusion of anonymity online will be spoken to in cautioning students from misrepresenting themselves online and creating false profiles
- Geo-locational settings will be covered including the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- A full walkthrough of the new Erase Report It online anonymous reporting tool that is now available to all students throughout BC

4) Treasurer's Report (Emily Tsen) – **Appendix A** "Financial Report"

- a) Motion to approve the \$73.23 that the tables and logo painting exceeded the budgeted \$3000. Moved by Ann, Seconded by Winola. Motion adopted
- b) Finances are looking good to finish on budget or in the black
- c) Propose to save any surplus at end of year as reserves for Earthbites commitment

5) Hot Lunch Update (Karen Lidhar and Anita C.)

- a) Huge thank you to new team: Winola Chu (payments) Kate Chang (Munchalunch) & Katy Won (paperwork and ordering). We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator

6) Sensory Room

Some parents have perceived a change in the sensory room over recent years and would like to provide items to help their children. This prompted a suggestion for a discussion at this meeting. We learned the following:

In fall 2016 a sensory room was established in the portable. In fall 2017 the portable was converted to a classroom and the sensory room was discontinued. In fall 2018 the portable was again available and a motor lab for the Ready Body Learning Minds was created. This is a place where students go to participate in the Ready Body Learning Minds program – learning takes place at scheduled times. It is not a place for students who may be over stimulated, agitated or have other reasons for soothing. As the school is working on being an inclusive environment, children are to remain in the classroom. Each classroom will have a sensory area with a bin of items so the child can self-sooth within the classroom.

An equipment wish list for the Ready Body Learning Minds program was established to equip the room. Thank you to the generous parents who have purchased items from the list for the room! If parents would like to purchase items on the list, their donation would be appreciated. They are also welcomed to buy items for the bin for their children’s classroom in consultation with the school.

Ms Samiei has reported on the program on Twitter and in the December newsletter and also provided this description for these minutes

Ready Bodies, Learning Minds (RBLM) offers a series of activities that provide a foundation for the reflexive, vestibular, proprioceptive and tactile systems. RBLM provides children with a strong foundation on the basic knowledge and use of their bodies. It is a powerful approach to sensory integration, motor learning, and academic success. RBLM helps children develop the skills necessary for learning readiness and mastery of the environment.

7) Events & Fundraising:

a) Past Events

- Parent and Social Outreach: Gary Anaka “brain coach” : Evening was well attended and the students were engaged in their session
- Pancake Breakfast: Thursday March 14
Great success and great work by all who came together to pull it off!
Thank you to Liang and Wynash Consulting for sponsoring the event!
- National Volunteer Appreciation Week: Thank you to all our volunteers

b) Upcoming Events

- Craft Fair: Wednesday April 24. Will sell t-shirts: Winola, Emily and Naomi volunteered
- AGM Potluck: Tuesday May 21: Remind all to bring own dishes and utensils
- Sports Day: Thursday May 16: Request to have hotdogs for hot lunch
- Staff Appreciation: Wednesday May 8: Have ordered from Veggie Chow. Consider offering Chick Peas for next year. Ask Starbucks for coffee donation
- Aboriginal District VP Chas Desjarlais. Tuesday June 4. Waiting for confirmation
- Seleema Noon 2019/2020: \$945 for one day session with students and parent session. Anita P to work with school to choose day and make booking

8) AGM Tuesday May 21:

- Elections: Elections for next year’s executive. Ann, Anita, Donna and Emily have agreed to run
- Emily will prepare draft budget
- Need to propose schedule of meetings for next year – proposal to alternate between Tuesday and Wednesdays to increase attendance

- Send home notice with events and with list of positions for election. Add Hot lunch volunteer coordinator.

9) Laurier Team/Competition Sponsorship

Discussed sponsoring individual/small group teams representing Laurier. PAC prefers to spend money on events/activities open to all students.

10) DPAC Update: Anita C and Emily attended the Treasury 101 session. They came away with a renewed appreciation for Ms. Horne and the great communication that exists between PAC and our school!

11) Reiderman Residence Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

PAC members have continued to push for a meeting at least once per school term.

12) Other Business

- a) Concession at games, meets. Discussed the possibility of hosting a concession when there are sports events at the school. Will discuss again in the fall
- b) Visit by MLA. We have had an offer for our provincial MLA to visit a PAC meeting.

(Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm)

Next Meeting

The next PAC will be the AGM and will be held on Tuesday May 21, 2019 @ 6:30pm