

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

Minutes of Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wed. April 15, 2015
Venue: School Library
Present: Janet Souther, Principal
Paola Baca (Co- Chair), Lisa Juan (Secretary), Sherry Ng (Treasurer), Clement Law,
Anita Chui, Ray Lam, Karen Lam
Teacher Rep: Alanna Wong (Teacher – Librarian)
Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda:

MOVED by Sherry Ng and SECONDED by Clement Law. Minutes and agenda adopted.

Principal's Report by Janet Souther:

School News - April Highlights

Our last PAC meeting was held on February 25 so this report includes events in March and April. Some highlights include –

- March 3, District Choral Festival at John Oliver
- March 5, Library post unveiling
- March 24, Ashley Spires author visit
- Many in class workshops, including Artist in Residence (fabric art, Psyanky, soapstone carving) UBC Food Workshops, young Actors Project, Engineers without Borders
- Gymnastics program – ongoing

Many of these special opportunities require additional parent support with cost and in-class help. The teachers at Laurier are constantly looking for ways to enrich their students' learning by carefully selecting from among the many opportunities schools are offered. We are tremendously fortunate to have the support of parents so that we can offer these special experiences for our students. Thank you.

School Plan

Core Competencies are the sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning and become thoughtful, ethical citizens.

- Communication
- Thinking
- Personal and social competence

Parents will begin to see changes as teachers and students continue to explore and implement with new way of learning. The key areas of literacy and numeracy are still the foundations of all our skills, but the content areas have shifted and broadened to reflect varying interests and passions of our students.

In addition to being at the centre of their learning, students will increasingly be at the centre of their own assessment, and parents can expect to see more student involvement in the creation of e-portfolios and similar self-evaluation tools.

These are exciting changes to education and they increasingly reflect our increasingly complex world for which we are preparing students. Parents are encouraged to find out more at the following Ministry link: www.bcedplan.ca/

2015-2016 - Registration

Our current 2015-2016 registrations for the main school are at 294 students with 12 divisions. We are carefully monitoring our school population and having to be very careful as we continue to expect an increased number of families with school-aged children to be moving into the new developments along the South Cambie corridor. We rely on parents letting us know as soon as possible if you will be moving prior to the next school year as this information helps tremendously with our planning.

2015-2016 Staffing Changes

It is with mixed emotions that I tell you that both Alanna Wong and Jeff Shoub have announced their retirements for the end of this school year. Both Alanna and Jeff leave very large shoes to fill and they will be dearly missed by students, staff, and our parent community. While we are sorry to see them go, we are delighted to wish them both good health and much happiness for well-earned retirement.

2015-2016 Events and Dates

We are in the process of scheduling events for next school year and setting some dates.

- Saleema Noon presentation confirmed: October 1, 2015 Parent presentation evening
October 8, 2015 School-wide student sessions
- Stream of Dreams – information is anticipated in June about grant application.
Possible September 2015 implementation
- Other programs such as Earthbites, school-wide sports program (eg. curling) we will need to know if there is interest by PAC to continue with this support for next year
- Other parent initiatives – eg. Kids Learning Code proposal

Teacher Report by Alanna Wong (Teacher Librarian)

Resources:

-Check out our Links Page for our students, there are lots of websites that support your child's learning, LearnNowBC has online tutors

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/laurier/Library/Pages/Links.aspx> -please come and see me if you would like a tour of our site

-MakerSpace in our Library Learning Common (available before school, during school with teacher permission)

- A space where students come together to collaborate while sharing tools, resources, and knowledge
- Knex (was bought with our Book Fair profits! Thank you), more materials to be purchased

-Learning With Technology Inquiry project, 5 after school sessions Our Ipad Journey

- several staff members were part of the VSB project for investigating learning opportunities using technology
- please have a look at our video of what was done this year so far...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=be2vtndgkZk&feature=youtu.be>

-Twitter @LaurierMain to see more glimpses of learning in our school

Events:

Book Swap April 13-20 Leftover books to be donated to www.booksformeancouver.org

Digital Fair April 29 4-5:30pm John Oliver Secondary-all parents invited to see not only Laurier Student projects but other projects from K-7 from other schools.

Non-fiction author Ainslie Manson Mon May 4 1-3:00 Div. 3,4,5,6,7 Cost: \$400 she will be doing 2 sessions. Thank you to the PAC for supporting our author visits.

Family Literacy Games Night Thursday May 21 6-7pm K-Grade 5 students with parents

- Games in Library, Staffroom, Room 101 Mr. Wortley
- Discovery Toys table (games for purchase)
- Notice to go home in May with more details.

Year of the Library Learning Commons April 2015-2016 (World Wide)

<https://sites.google.com/site/yearofthelearningcommons/home>

- Our school was part of a document for transforming School Libraries to Library Learning Common, please check it out !
- From School Library to Library Learning Commons
http://bctf.ca/bctla/pub/documents/2014/SL2LLC_ReviewingCopy.pdf

Many collaborations involving the Library Learning Commons:

- Habitats and Communities
- Book Trailers and advertisements
- Aboriginal stories and retelling (primary and intermediate)
- Student portfolios
- Literature circles

Some Skills/Strategies used:

- -finding appropriate resources, use the school library and electronic sources
- -using print and web resources
- -locating information
- -read and understand
- -note-taking, main idea, subtopics
- -citing sources
- -connecting to topic, writing and sharing information
- -summarizing

Treasurer's Report by Sherry Ng:

Draft Budget 2014-15

	Budget 2013-14	Actual 2013-14	Budget 2014-15	Actual As of Feb 24,2015
Income				
PAC Account carried forward	\$5,518.32	\$5,518.32	\$2,700.00	\$2,703.09
Gaming Account carried forward	\$7.16	\$7.61	\$11.27	\$11.28
Fundraising Account carried forward	--	--	\$2,008.57	\$8.58
Direct Appeal	\$5,000.00	\$19,840.00	--	0
Hot Lunch Net Revenue	\$15,000.00	\$17,366.14	\$15,000.00	\$17,073.24
Gaming (\$20/student)	\$5,600.00	\$5,660.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,460.00
GST/PST Refunds	--	\$30.50	\$4,500.00	--
Interest	--	\$311.15	--	\$107.43
Fundraising	\$7,000.00	\$6,152.70	\$2,000.00	\$6,187.47
Total	\$38,125.93	\$54,886.42	\$31,819.84	\$31,551.09

Expenditures

PAC Admin: Expenses	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$80.00
PAC Admin: Bank Charges		--	--	--
PAC Admin: DPAC Membership	\$75.00	--	\$75.00	--
PAC Admin: Munch A Lunch				
Service Fee	\$350.00	--	\$350.00	\$336.00
PAC Admin: Office Supplies	--	\$30.43	\$100.00	--
Parent Directory	--	--	\$100.00	--
Family/Community Events	\$325.00	\$243.59(1)	\$325.00	--
Staff Appreciation	\$450.00	\$237.91(2)	\$500.00	\$393.60
Churchill Scholarship	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	--
Classroom Funding (\$300/staff)	\$4,560.00	\$4,560.00	\$4,860.00	\$4,845.00
Sport (Kung Fu 12/13, Roller Skating 13/14)	\$2,000.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.00
Parent Outreach (Saleema Noon)	\$500.00	\$712.00	\$500.00	--

Technology Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Primary Class Funding 2011-2012	--	--	--	--
Teacher/School Requests	\$1,000.00			
-2015 Ottoman for library		\$831.00(3)	\$2,000.00	\$447.92
Author Visits		-- *	\$500.00	\$262.00
Playground Loan Repayment (Churchill School)	--	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,000.00
Playground Sign	--	\$940.80	--	
Playground	\$20,000.00	\$39,615.00	--	--
Total	\$30,360.00	\$52,096.73	\$19,350.00	\$14,464.52
Net	\$7,765.93	\$2,789.69	\$12,469.84	\$17,086.57

2014-15 Fundraising

Gift Cards
Purdy's chocolates
Panago Pizza Certificates

School Requests:

7 library computers @ \$550
13 Laptops @ \$1000
Garden program with Rocky Mountain Flatbread co.
Library Seating
Board games for School family literacy night @ \$300

2014-15 Classroom Funding:

12 Divisions at
\$300 ea \$3,600.00
Ms. Wong (100%) \$300.00
Ms. Chung
(100%) \$300.00
Mrs. Lum (90%) \$300.00
Mrs. Morris (98%) \$300.00
Mr. Lam (20%) \$60.00
\$4,860.00

Balance per Accounts as of Feb 24, 2015

	Accounting	BMO
Chequing	\$10,619.19	\$11,849.08
Gaming	\$2,639.63	\$2,644.00
Fundraising	\$110.85	\$111.08

- \$2000 of gaming money can be used to support field trip such as canopy walk, botanical garden, UBC farmer..... Janet S's suggestion: author visit, performance, art's umbrella programs....etc.

- Teachers' Wish List 2015
 - 2-3 Paint drying racks
 - Stools for library (\$400)
 - Additional fund for author's visit @ \$150

- New frame for Sir Wilfrid portrait
- Odin books – Source for parents and teachers for social emotional learning.

Big thanks to Sandy Hsu for organizing Panago Certificate sale, the certificate sale went fast and was a big success.

Upcoming Events: Sports Day, Playground Celebration, Parent Events

- Sports day (May 15) – need volunteer coordinators – order, distribute pizzas, snack sale.
- Playground celebration potluck event will be held on June 10, 2015
- During February PAC meeting, PAC approved to sponsor a Saleema Noon workshop outline B (Outline B - 90 min parent info night & workshop for students, 1 day, 2 grade/group assembly) for students and parents in the upcoming months.
- The dates of workshop have been confirmed – October 1st 2015 for parent group.
October 8th 2015 for student group.
- New ideas of winter breakfast event from Anita Chui – ticket sale, event can be held on school day morning, photo with Santa, entertainment, raffle ticket sale, silent auctions, choir singing.

Other Business

- VSB budget – Please check VSB budget website for 2015/2016 budget information. There will be public input sessions. Everyone is welcome to attend.
<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/20152016-budget-process-timeline>
- Food that Fit workshop will be held in Van Tech Secondary on May 21, 2015 from 4:00pm – 7:30pm. This free, interactive workshop is for parents, students and staffs involved in food sales to students at all Vancouver schools and school events. The workshop is designed to support the learning of students by offering healthy, local, sustainable, safe food at school while reducing waste as much as possible.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjournment at 8:55pm.

MOVED by Clement Law and SECONDED by Lisa Juan.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at 7 pm.