

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

Minutes of Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wed. February 25, 2015

Venue: School Library

Present: Janet Souther, Principal

Lisa Juan (Secretary), Sherry Ng (Treasurer), Clement Law, Anita Chui, Ray Lam, Karen Lam

Teacher Rep: Alanna Wong (Teacher – Librarian)

Guest speaker: Debra Graham, Andrea Mah – Programmer of Marpole Oakridge Community Centre.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda:

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

Presentation by Debra Graham – Programmer of Marpole Oakridge Community Centre

Debra has been with Vancouver park board for 28 years and became the programmer of Marpole Oakridge Community Centre since September 2014. She came to share with us the programs that Marpole Oakridge Community Centre has been offered and what's new to the centre.

- The centre offers various children and adult programs including affordable camp programs (Spring and Summer), special events eg. family movies night, special speakers for adults.....etc.
- The program information can be accessed through 2 websites – www.marpoleoakridge.org as well as <http://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/marpole-oakridge-recreation-programs.aspx>
- Summer day camp registration starts on March 9th.
- There are 10 leader positions available for summer program. Any university students who are interested can apply.
- New coding program for spring break.
- Centre will try to contract or employ quality instructors.
- New user-friendly registration website will be launched soon.
- Low income families are welcome to apply for special financial support.
- Possible satellite programs at school.
- Centre's another member – Andrea Mah has worked and involved with Laurier CFL on several events – talent show, community Pot-luck with movie afterward, after school sport programs at Laurier, playground leader training to lead activities.
- All comments regarding to programs and how to improve them are welcome. Debra can be reached via email: debra.graham@vancouver.ca

Principal's Report by Janet Souther:

School News

February Highlights

February 2015 included two school-wide performances. Scrap Arts Music transforms scrap into art and art into music. Their presentation was lively and engaging. Alida Kinne Starr is a Juno-nominated Hip Hop and spoken word artist who had the students creating rhythm and beat with their bodies and voices. In addition, we have an Artist in Residence working with division 6, field trips to Burnaby Art Gallery, and a presentation by UBC Health Professionals students for our grade 4, 5 and 6 students. Be sure to follow us on twitter [@LaurierMain](https://twitter.com/LaurierMain) to get up to date photos and information!

Classes are continuing to work on a wide variety of projects emphasizing the new BC Education curriculum core competencies of Thinking, Communication, Personal and Social Development. Students are engaged in inquiry learning and increasingly demonstrating their understanding using technology. It is exciting and engaging work! One change that naturally follows from the new curriculum is a change in the way assessment will be done and communicated to parents. Students will become more involved in presenting their own learning and evaluating where they need to go next. You may start to see some changes even with our upcoming conferences. Go to <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/assessment> for more information on assessment changes.

At our last Professional development day, Laurier hosted two other schools as we focused on Social Emotional Learning. SEL is becoming an area of increasing interest to educators as we see increased anxiety and stress in our students. The BC Centre for Ability has done a great deal of work in this area based on evidence that shows better outcomes for children and youth who have social emotional competence in 5 areas including: self-awareness, self-regulation/management, social awareness, relationship skills and problem-solving/social responsibility. While the mandate for the Centre for Ability is working with children and adults with disabilities, their work on social-Emotional Learning is applicable to all people, and is increasingly being used in many Vancouver schools. I encourage all parents to check out these websites for more information. <http://bccfa-seed.org> and <http://bccfa-seed.org/?page=4>

2015-2016 - Registration

At this time we have a total of 290 students registered for next year and we expect to have 12 divisions again. We currently have 298 students. We have quite a number of cross-boundary applications, including many kindergarten students and some international students. Before being able to accept any cross-boundary requests, we will be working closely with Human Resources to ensure that we will have sufficient space moving forward as our in-catchment numbers increase in the coming years. The Vancouver School Board is making every effort to provide information to families as soon as possible about September placements.

All Laurier families are being requested to let the school know their plans for next September as this information greatly helps with our planning. Please be sure to fill out the pink sheet and tell us whether your family plans to stay at Laurier for the 2015-2016 school year.

School Board News

New Superintendent

The Vancouver School Board has selected a new Superintendent, **Mr. Scott Robinson**. Mr. Robinson has been an Associate Superintendent for several years and knows the Vancouver context well. We are looking forward to working with him.

Ministry News

Grade 4 and 7 Satisfaction Surveys

The Provincial Satisfaction Survey gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. The Satisfaction Survey is completed online. Information has been sent out to all parents of grade 4 and 7 students along with an individual logon number required to access the survey. Grade 4 and 7 students will have the opportunity to complete the online survey at the school in April. Parents are encouraged to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

Teacher Report by Alanna Wong (Teacher Librarian)

Resources:

-Check out our Resource Page for our students, there are lots of websites that support your child's learning <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/laurier/Library/Pages/Recources.aspx> -please come and see me if you would like a tour of our site

-VSB Pink day 2015 video: What does Pink Day mean to you
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHE8a2-Tkxw>

Events: Red Cedar Challenge: Feb.1-March 31 Grade 4-7 students, read nominated books, get prizes, vote for their favourite book

Library posts Unveiling ceremony Thurs March 5 at 12, thank you to our local artist Mila Kostic Mila@milakostic.com and students in Div. 12,3,4 for painting the posts. It looks beautiful! Seating will arrive next week.

Book Fair was very successful. We sold \$3625.00 in products and made back \$2359.88 in new books for the library. Thank you to all the parents (over 20) who helped and a special thank you to Sandy Hsu for organizing all the volunteers. Congratulations to our Question of the Day Winners: Aiko, Disha, Eddy,

Charles and to Longman and Ms Ellis for the \$25 Book Prize each.

VPL librarian will read stories, and talk about Spring Break programs Friday March 6 11-12:10 Div. 6,7,8,9,10,11,12

Author Ashley Spires to present March 24 1:00-3 Div. 8,9,10,11,12 \$250 +gst Thank you to the PAC for the support.

Possible Non-fiction author Ainslie Manson Tues May 5 1-3:00 Div. 3,4,5,6,7 Cost: \$400 She will be doing 2 sessions.

Many collaborations involving the Library Learning Commons (some presentations this week):

- Extreme Weather
- Light and Sound
- Ancient Civilizations
- Autobiography
- Fur Trade/Gold Rush/Building of the CPR
- Red Cedar

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	\$8,338.52
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	--	\$75.10
Fundraising	\$7,000.00	\$6,152.70	\$2,000.00	\$5,082.42
Total	\$38,125.93	\$54,886.42	\$31,819.84	\$21,678.99

Expenditures

PAC Admin: Expenses	\$200.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$396.00
PAC Admin: Bank Charges		--	--	--
PAC Admin: DPAC Membership	\$75.00	--	\$75.00	--
PAC Admin: Munch A Lunch Service Fee	\$350.00	--	\$350.00	--
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	--
Parent Outreach (Saleema Noon)	\$500.00	\$712.00	\$500.00	--
Technology Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	--
Primary Class Funding 2011-2012	--	--	--	--
Teacher/School Requests	\$1,000.00	\$831.00(3)	\$2,000.00	--
Author Visits		--	\$500.00	--
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	\$10,634.60
Net	\$7,765.93	\$2,789.69	\$12,469.84	\$11,044.39

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 (100%)	\$300.00
Mrs. Morris (98%)	\$300.00
Mr. Lam (20%)	\$60.00
	<u>\$4,860.00</u>

Balance per Accounts as of Feb 24, 2015

	Accounting	BMO
Chequing	\$4,802.89	\$6,364.79
Gaming	\$5,495.80	\$5,495.80
Fundraising	\$110.85	\$110.85

- \$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.

Approval of Authorizing \$150.00 Extra Fund for Author's Visit:

MOVED by Anita Chui and SECONDED by Clement Law. All parent attendees were in favour.

Approval of Authorizing \$600.00 (gaming fund) for Tennis Program Support:

MOVED by Anita Chui and SECONDED by Clement Law. All parent attendees were in favour.

Approval of Authorizing \$400.00 Payment for Library Stools:

MOVED by Anita Chui and SECONDED by Clement Law. All parent attendees were in favour.

Parent Events by Anita Chui

- PAC will sponsor a Saleema Noon workshop for students and parents in the upcoming months. Saleema Noon is a sexual health educator. <http://www.saleemanoon.com/>. There are 2 options that PAC were considering.

1. \$1250 + GST
Outline A - 90 min parent info night & workshop for students, 2 days, 2 grades/group + individual grade groups
<http://www.saleemanoon.com/workshops/elementary-program/elementary-outline-a/>
2. \$ 800 + GST
Outline B - 90 min parent info night & workshop for students, 1 day, 2 grade/group assembly
<http://www.saleemanoon.com/workshops/elementary-program/elementary-outline-b/>

- PAC voted to sponsor Outline B - \$500 will be paid by gaming fund.

MOVED by Karen Lam and SECONDED by Clement Law. All parent attendees were in favour.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjournment at 8:45pm.

MOVED by Clement Law and SECONDED by Lisa Juan.

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday April 15, 2015 at 7 pm.**