

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

Minutes of Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Wed. September 23, 2015

Venue: School Library

Present: Risha Golby, Principal

Paola Baca (Acting Chair), Lisa Juan (Secretary), Christina Suh, Nirg Ding, Maxine Ma, Samantha Cho, William Boyd, Paul Williams, Eva Chen, Sunny Lian, Grace Chen, Aly Woodward, Karen Hamilton, Karen Lidhar, Sherry Ng, Ray Lam, Karen Lam, Clement Law, Anita Chui

Teacher Rep: Ms. Altman (Teacher – Librarian)

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

Earthbites Presentation by Ms. Suzanne Fielden, Co-Founder, Rocky Mountain Flatbread Co.

The Earthbites program was found by the Rock Mountain Flatbread Education Society. Earthbites was designed to provide a positive support structure for school gardens. The program inspires and informs students, teachers and parents to participate hands-on & acquire life skills to nourish them.

3 Objectives

- Urban Gardening – Garden planning , planting, growing
- Health & Nutrition – Create healthy snacks, exploring nutrition benefits of foods
- Sustainability – Produce Eco-Crafts & Green products
 - Host pocket market which allows students o gain invaluable entrepreneurial skills and raise funds to sustain their school gardens.

Outcomes & Benefits

- Students & teachers are provided hands on learning that connects growing foods with nutrition and the production of foods.
- Teachers are provided with resources to lead garden sessions independent of Earthbites.

Program Outline

- **Sept/Oct** – Fall Harvest & Winter planting
- **Oct/Nov** – Apple Festival
- **Nov/Dec** – Crafting & Winter market
- **Jan** – Garden Planning - including companion gardening & planting more native plants. Creating a winter smoothie to keep the colds at bay.
- **Feb** – Exploring the world of pollination
- **March/April** – Garden & Soil preparation. Spring planting
- **May/June** – Spring gardening

Cost

\$10,000 a year – Fee includes each class participating in 5 Earthbites sessions a year with our educators.
2 X Pocket Markets
\$500 float for the Pocket markets

2 x School wide feast

Payment method – Flexible, works with school and PAC.

How you can get involved

- Volunteer in a class
- Volunteer in a session & clean up in the garden
- Volunteer in a pocket market or feast
- Sign up for one of awesome adult gardening or cooking class.

More information can be found <http://rockymountainflatbread.ca/community/earthbites/>

Learning Commons Presentation by Ms. Altman (Teacher Librarian)

- Philosophy - Heart of the school
- Learning Commons

School library is open before school at 8:40 – 9:00 am, and after school at 3:00 – 3:15pm.

- What’s happening in the library this term
 - Inquiry bases unit - grade 6/7
 - Election project - grade 6
 - Light and sound unit - grade 4
 - ESL
 - Database workshops and how to evaluate websites
 - kindergarten – come each week for stories, book exchange and getting to know the library.
- Read to and with your child
 - Read to improve their reading
 - Read for enjoyment

Approval of Minutes and Meeting Agenda:

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

PAC Executive Elections :

Paola Baca	Chair
Sherry Ng	Treasurer
Clement Law	Co- Treasurer
Karen Lidhar	Hot Lunch Coordinators
Anita Chui	Hot Lunch Coordinators
Lisa Juan	Secretary
Open	Members At Large
Open	Communication Coordinator

Approval of Executive Positions:

All parent attendees were in favour.

Principal's Report by Risha Golby:

See attached document.

Treasurer's Report/Planning for 2015-2016 by Sherry Ng :

Laurier PAC Accounts (September 20, 2015)	\$7,587.57
Gaming Account	\$2,147.23
09/21/2015 Saleema Noon Presentation/workshops	(\$892.50)
	\$1,254.73
Fundraising Account	\$111.63

Gaming money will be used to support Earthbites program and author visit.

Hot Lunch 2015-2016 by Paola Baca

Hot lunch will be available on every Wednesday and Friday.

Vendors for 2015-2016

- Subway
- Wok Work
- Sushi
- Pizza Hut

More Volunteers needed. Everyone interested in volunteering, please contact hot lunch team.

Direct Appeal for 2015/2016 by Paola Baca

• It is Laurier PAC's tradition to do direct appeal each year. From our last PAC meeting in May, a Fund raising goal has been set as - to purchase one ipad cart (30 ipads, APP, cart) at \$13,000, and continue supporting Earthbites program.

• Direct appeal letter is scheduled to be out in October.

Laurier Constitution by Paola Baca/Clement Law

- Our PAC currently doesn't have one.
- Constitution by law is a general guideline on how a PAC to be operated and vote.
- A draft of Constitution by Law will be generated and distributed before next meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Welcome Back Potluck and meet the teacher night on September 24
- Saleema Noon Presentation – Parent section on Oct 1, Student section on Oct 8

Adjournment:

Meeting adjournment at 8:50pm.

MOVED by Anita Chui and SECONDED by Karen Lam.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 7 pm.