

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School

Minutes of Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday September 13, 2016

Venue: School Library

Present: Risha Golby, Principal, Paola Baca (Acting Chair), Clement Law, Anita Chui, Karen Lidhar, Mary Angeline Remorin, Hollie Quan, Ann Mukai, Elanor Eden, Jo-Anne Pringle, Nadine Wesley, Joey Wesley, Elaina Cai, Janet Fraser, Megan Fan, Samantha Cho, George Han, Anita Parkinson, Kelly Huang, Herman Leung, Alice Liu, Sherry Ji, Jenny Yu

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Approval of Minutes from June 2016:

MOVED by Karen and SECONDED by Anita. Minutes adopted.

Principal's Report by Risha Golby:

Risha welcomed all returning and new students, families and staff. New school staff are:

Mike Holdham – Division 11 K/G1 teacher

Kathy Virvilis – Division 12 K/G1 teacher

Shazia Sayedain – Student Support Assistant

Grace Robillard - Student Support Assistant

Massako Chiba – Supervision Aid – welcome from the Annex

SOAR - This month students have been challenged to earn 1,000 SOAR tickets, for demonstrating examples of being Supportive, Open Minded, Awesome and Respectful. Teachers will teach what these concepts look like in all school environments and will watch for kids showing these pro-social behaviours and give a SOAR ticket. When 1,000 tickets have been earned the Laurier SOAR committee (student council) will plan a fun day to celebrate.

Walk to School Week will be the first week in October and we are hoping for great student and family participation.

Sports Jerseys - The art work has been done for new jerseys for Laurier sports teams and with parent volunteer help and order can be placed. Thank you to the Annex PAC for the generous \$3,000 donation towards the purchase of new jerseys.

Election of PAC Executive 2016-17:

MOVED by Anita and SECONDED by Karen that the following executive be elected with signing authority:

Chair Ann Mukai

Vice-Chair Anita Parkinson
Treasurer Clement Law
Secretary Lisa Juan (to be confirmed as Lisa was not present at the meeting)
Immediate Past Chair Paola Baca

The motion was carried unanimously.
The position of DPAC Representative remains unfilled.

Treasurer's Report by Clement Law:

There is about \$9,500 to carry forward from last year. As the PAC executive was not elected last year a budget for 2016/17 has not yet been developed – the newly elected executive are planning to bring a proposal to the next meeting, including how to fund the Earthbites program (\$10,000).

Paola will find out cost of the SOLO program (online safety) for the students and we can split the \$750 cost of the SOLO parent program with Churchill for SOLO.

PAC Lunch Update

PAC lunch is the major fundraiser during the year and last year with two days a week we raised more than \$8,000. Anita and Karen are the PAC Lunch co-ordinators and this term are trying lunch five days a week, with drinks for sale on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please give lots of feedback about the lunches and how well the five days a week program works for your family. However, to make this work we need volunteers – it's lots of fun and this is a great way to help our school, get to know other parents and your children can see you help at school.

PAC Meeting Schedule for 2016/17

Proposed dates are October 11, November 8, January 17, February 7, April 11, May 9 and there will be a June meeting if required.

Organization of Fall Events

Meet the Teacher/Potluck will be on Thursday September 22. Please bring some food to share and more details will be sent to parents. This evening is a great opportunity to meet the school community and the PAC will be asking for volunteers to help with setting up for the potluck and clean up afterwards.

Our principal, Risha Golby, will schedule coffee clubs during the school year for parents to learn about or discuss issues. In the fall the Churchill principal is usually invited to talk about transitioning to secondary school and in the late spring the topic is summer school.

Two evenings in October have been booked for PAC family photo nights and dates/details will be sent to parents.

New Business

Fundraising was discussed and options include a pancake breakfast, selling Purdy's chocolates, and a direct appeal. The PAC executive will meet before the next PAC meeting to consider these options as part of developing a budget for the year.

As the PAC had already been informed would happen, the old metal playground equipment was removed over the summer for safety reasons.

There was discussion about how ELL students are taught English as they start their education in Canada.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 11 at 6:30 pm.