



Upper Lynn PAC

Upper Lynn Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting – October 21, 2015

Meeting called to order @ 7:03 p.m.

PAC Executive in Attendance: Christie Owen, Megan Ezart, Jan Morcombe, Danae Gale, Mary Ann Bell, Tony Haller, Christa Scott, Leslie Jaremchuk, Tricia Eidnani

Regrets: Karen Iacoviello, Caroline Chambers, Carrie Finlay

- **School Administration in Attendance:** Joan Martins, Ilona Wardas
- **Call to Order:** – Megan Ezart @ 7:03 pm
- **Review and Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt agenda made by Leslie Jaremchuk and seconded by Mary Ann Bell
- **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes:** Approve meeting minutes dated 23 September, 2015 motion made by Lisa Kury and seconded by Tony Haller.

1. **Message from School Administration by Joan Martin and Ilona Wardas:**

- Acknowledged and thanked the First Nations peoples and land on which the school sits and where we live and learn.
- The new code of conduct is “The Code of the Bear”. Encapsulated by the headings Safe, Respectful and Responsible.
- School assemblies based around monthly “virtues”. For example October virtue is Empathy and November is Perseverance. The presentation from a recent assembly was shown.
- Issues arising in school are discussed in relation to these virtues – for example misbehaviour in and abuse of washrooms recently was used to explain how these actions impact on others – eg custodian, other students and wider implications - eg the wasting of resources (paper towels).
- There was discussion around the School Plan – and in particular how the School Goals tie in with the Core Competencies defined in the new BC curriculum, and how these core competencies can be taught and assessed.

- The details of the new curriculum can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>
The plan is based on national and international research and will reflect the changes needed for preparation for the modern workplace and for effective use of the myriad different forms of communication available now.
- The timeline for the process of introducing the new curriculum was outlined. By school year 2017/2018 all revisions will have been considered and the new curriculum and competencies will be in place.
- Noted that this is the first time that the whole curriculum has been revised and that the transition will be more difficult for “older” teachers.
- Planning is now starting to establish the future alternative to school planning councils. Attendees were asked for their input and ideas and spent a few minutes completing the sheets provided.
- Noted that Gymnastics sessions will be starting after Remembrance Day – 9 sessions per class paid for by the PAC.
- Information is now being circulated regarding the Argyle rebuild/upgrade.

2. Special Events

- **Halloween** – Everything is in place however more parent volunteers are needed. Email to be sent out via Class Reps tomorrow.
- **Entrepreneurial Fair** – Meeting held on Monday to discuss the idea in further detail.
 - The event will be publicized before Christmas
 - A planning sheet will be produced for each student applying to take part
 - A completed sheet plus a sample of the item to be made will be submitted in January
 - Plan to hold the event end February/early March (before Spring Break)
 - Discussion of possible ways the event could be set up and run throughout the course of a day
- **Card Project** – Artwork has been sent off, sample cards will be sent home on 6th November and orders will need to be placed a week later

3. Communications/Website

- **Clothing Drive** – Labelled collection bags sent out last week. Drop off is 3pm to 7pm Friday 6th November. Pizza lunch prize for the winning division (1 x junior 1 x intermediate)
- **Poinsettias** – Order and pay by 18th November, pick up 26th November. Email reminder to be sent out.

4. **After School Program**

- **Acting** – Classes started on Tuesday. Spots were filled very quickly. Will be run again for older grades.
- **Chess** – Will be run on Wednesday afternoons. Details will follow shortly. There will be a free lunchtime session on 2nd November for up to 25 students
- **Pilates** – Registration is open to book for all sessions. Also drop in available if space allows

5. **Speakers**

- Discussion around a possible visit to be organized for Dr Lisa Gunderson to visit from Victoria. A number of local schools would be interested in combining to fund the talk. Possibility of holding the event at a local high school gym?

6. **Any Other Business**

- Carnival – booked for 3rd June. Joan to book back field from 5pm to 9pm for the event.
- Megan advised that she has emailed the DNV regarding the school crosswalk requesting flashing lights. The visibility is poor with so many parked cars and with no sponsor for the crossing guard program it is chaotic at the start and end of the school day.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

- Thursday 26th November at 6:30pm. Speaker (Saleema Noon representative) to give talk to parents afterwards 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Norgate parents also attending.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:20pm