



**Upper Lynn PAC General Meeting
Minutes
January 23, 2023
7:00 pm**

Attendance

Those in attendance:

Executive Committee Member:	Executive Committee Member:
Sandee Sangha	Jaco Wessels
Carmen Zimmer	Warren Beil

Staff Member:
Randy Holman
Lise Grendel

Parent Community:	Parent Community:
Rita Vilensky	Ludmila Cliett
Nafeesa Valli-Hasham	Linnea Harris

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Sandee acknowledged and thanked the Coast Salish people whose traditional territory North Vancouver School District resides on.

3. Agenda

The attendees reviewed and adopted the agenda for the meeting.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the December 5 General Meeting were approved.

5. Message from School Administration

Mr. Holman delivered a report from the school administration:

- Staffing: Ms. Ralie Nikolova (a new EA) has just joined us to fully fill out our EA staffing. Ms. Kristen Kerr (school counsellor) has been with us about a month now. Ms. Katelyn Compton is our new Family of Schools Leader working in the Argyle Family of Schools.
- Sports: Triple Ball (Volleyball) has begun; Ski program is also starting up – Thank you to all the teacher volunteers!
- We just enjoyed a performance – Black Dog String Quartet – Thank you for your support! This Thursday we will be educated and entertained by The Earth Rangers.



- Grade 6 & 7 classes have just about finished their First Aid Training. Thank you for your generous support!
- Collaboration Day – Wednesday, January 25th Early Dismissal (Writing Assessment Activity)
- Pro-d – Friday, January 27th (Focus - Robots; Celebrating Diversity planning session)
- Tennis program – February 2nd – February 16th. Thank you!
- Pro-d February 17th (District-wide Curricular Pro-d)
- Family Day BC is Monday, February 20th (no school).
- Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday February 22nd (some announcements; classroom activities)
- February is Black History Month. Upper Lynn will be marking the occasion with a variety of activities related to Black artists, including morning announcements, special guests, door decorating, and the popular t-shirt contest. Please encourage your child to enter the contest to create a design for a t-shirt that will be made and sold to other students
- Reminders: Late French Immersion for grade 5's (information session is tonight at Argyle); Band & Strings registration for 23/24 is now open; Kindergarten registration is now open at the District Central Registration Office.
- Grouse Ski Program starting February 7th. (February 7, 14, 21, 28 - Tuesdays after school).
- February 27th – 6:30 pm - Primary Choir performing at Eastview Elementary along with the Eastview Primary Choir under the direction of Ms. Nancy Wood, our music teacher.

6. Financial Report

Jaco Wessels provided a report on the finances. Mr. Wessels began by reviewing the income portion of the financial report. Mr. Wessels noted the fall session for hot lunch had produced a profit of \$5,783 and that there was a similar anticipated profit for the winter session. Mr. Wessels then noted that the “Card Project” was budgeted to bring in approximately \$2,000 and that a reminder about consent being required to participate. Mr. Wessels continued with his review and noted the After School Programs, though budgeted to make approximately \$2,000 would likely not meet this as lacking volunteers for the coordinator role. Mr. Wessels reviewed several other fund raisers and their results.

Mr. Wessels advised the meeting that the expenses were generally as expected. Mr. Wessels further advised that bursary funds were available for families to apply to make use of. A discussion ensued regarding the availability of bursary funds. Mr. Wessels then noted that field trip expenses had been increased to \$400 per division. Mr. Wessels continued his review of expenses noting the earthquake supplies. There were no questions to Mr. Wessels on his review of the financial information.

Mr. Wessels closed his review by asking if there were any further questions. As there were no further questions Mr. Wessels then explained that any questions could always be sent to ULEpacfinance@gmail.com.

7. Carnival

Ms. Sangha presented some information on the Carnival and confirmed that the vendor from last year had been booked again. Ms. Sangha also explained that she was contacting the Lyons to see if they would agree to manage and run a BBQ for the event. A discussion ensued about the environmental impact of having balloon animals be available for attendees. A further discussion



ensued about lessening environmental impacts of other areas of the Carnival. Ms. Sangha then reviewed the distribution of assistance for the Carnival and that it would be allocated based on tasks being assigned to parents of specific grade levels.

8. Traffic & Safety

Traffic in front of the school, please do not park where not supposed to. The Drop Off Zone is not for parking. Please use the crosswalks, do not jay-walk.

Ms. Vilensky reviewed several matters in respect of traffic and safety at the school. A discussion ensued regarding possible ways to further educate parents about how to safely drop off children or drive near the school.

Ms. Sangha asked Mr. Holman during “Bike to School Week” if the gym would be made available for safe bike storage. Mr. Holman explained he would confirm with the ULE PAC Executive on this point. Mr. Holman confirmed that Bike to School Week was scheduled for May 29 to June 2.

9. Pink Shirt Day

Ms. Sangha confirmed that “Pink Shirt Day” was February 22, 2023 and that it was proposed that shirts be sold with a new logo design. Ms. Sangha and Mr. Wessels confirmed that more shirts would be required to be sold to satisfy the order that could be placed.

10. Mural

Ms. Sangha confirmed that she would provide an update at a later time.

11. Fundraisers

There was no new information to provide.

12. Black History Month

Ms. Sangha confirmed that the hope was to re-engage with the educator that was present last year. Ms. Sangha also noted that the ULE PAC would have the T-Shirt contest running.

13. New Business

There was no new business brought before the meeting.

14. End of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.