



# Upper Lynn PAC

## Upper Lynn Parent Advisory Council General Meeting – April 27th, 2016 Meeting called to order @ 6:30 p.m.

**PAC Executive in Attendance:** Mary Ann Bell, Caroline Chambers, Megan Ezart, Carrie Finlay, Tony Haller, Karen Iacoviello, Leslie Jaremchuk, Christie Owen, Christa Scott

**Regrets:** Danae Gale, Jan Morcombe

**School Administration in Attendance:** Joan Martins, Ilona Wardas

- 1 **Call to order**  
Christie Owen at 6:30pm
- 2 **Review and adopt agenda**  
Motion to adopt made by Tony Haller, seconded Mary Ann Bell
- 3 **Review and adopt minutes of previous meeting**  
Motion to adopt minutes of previous meeting made by Mary Ann Bell and seconded by Christa Scott
- 4 **Guest Speaker – Liz Bell, Argyle Principal: Argyle Rebuild**
  - a The project is currently in a holding pattern as there is no actual agreement in place to rebuild or refurbish Argyle. Waiting on politicians to sign a project agreement to completely rebuild
  - b Current plans is as follows:
    - Government funding covers the necessary seismic upgrade
    - North Vancouver School District is to cover the additional costs to rebuild
    - Additional \$2.4 million required to include the following in the rebuild: Seats for 100 extra students, community theatre, fitness centre
  - c Total completion timeline is anticipated to be 5 to 5 ½ years from an agreement signing date of June
  - d Ms Bell would like to see an agreement based on a minimum funding level and a maximum funding level to enable time to secure the additional \$2.4 million
  - e Current Argyle parents won't benefit from the rebuild so it's important that parents from the feeder elementary schools get involved. The Argyle PAC would like to create a steering committee comprised of current Argyle parents and future Argyle parents to start thinking about how we, collectively as a family of schools, guide the way. They'd like to see 2 parents per PAC participate over the next few years.

5 **Update from School Administration**

- a Thank you notes to the PAC from the students in Ms Zander's class were distributed
- b There will be 60 new kindies starting in September 2016. The kindie orientation will be May 10 and 11. Christie and Megan will make a presentation to the parents
- c School Fees – all fees need to be submitted to the Board and Trustees for approval
  - \$40 for kindie materials
  - \$6 for Agendas
  - \$20 cap on teacher requests for personal projects
  - EduPac fees are optional
  - Field trips = recovery costs
- d In response to a question about ePACT, Joan informed the group that as the district isn't ready, it would not be introduced in September.
- e Fun Day is Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> – also an early dismissal day.
- f Early in the year a \$2000 order was placed for standup desks and hokki stools. As at the meeting date, the order had been lost and still not delivered. It was confirmed that the funding would stay in place.
- g Staff have forwarded a wish list for the 2016/17 school year

6 **Track and Field**

- a Ilona has agreed to act as Upper Lynn's Track and Field Co-ordinator and the Zone 5 (Upper Lynn, Lynn Valley and Carisbrooke) Co-ordinator.
- b 12 teachers have volunteered to coach and sponsor, despite some reticence in volunteering their time to coach. Ilona identified barriers to volunteering as past experience with "passionate" parents. As a result a "code of conduct" has been created and 110 permission forms have been signed.
- c An Argyle student, Melina Stokes will be coaching the grade 4/5 high jump and distance

7 **School Planning**

- a The school mission statement has been redone and school strengths and areas that need improvement have been identified.
- b Goals will be brought forward to the PAC.

8 **Play First**

- a Two years ago the school switched to the Play First system of lunch and lunchtime play.
- b Joan has been approached by a few of the teachers who have asked to go and back to Eat First and asked those in attendance at the meeting for feedback. They feel that the afternoons are more challenging than they used to be as kids are sitting for a longer stretch of time.
- c The administration and aides prefer Play First.
- d Feedback at the meeting was that parents prefer Play First (note the meeting had very low attendance).

9 **Date of Next Meeting**

AGM – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm