



Upper Lynn PAC Meeting

November 25, 2019 | 7:00 – 8.30pm

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Location: Upper Lynn Elementary.

School Administration present: Randy Holman & Lise Grendel

PAC Executives present: Mary Ann Bell, Sandee Sangha, Rita Vilensky, Lucy Ana van Egmund, Natallia Dzmitryeva, Leslie Jaremchuk and Holly Castle.

PAC Executive absent with regrets: Susanna Smith, Caroline Chambers, Jacquie Kydd, Jess Sprowson, Megan Renzitti, Michelle Buxton, Victoria Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Mary Ann Bell

| Agenda Item & Presenter | Discussion | Action / Responsible |
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| 1. Review & Adopt Agenda (Mary Ann Bell) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA |
| 2. Approve October 21 meeting minutes (Mary Ann Bell) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The minutes from October 21 were approved by Christie Owen and seconded by Holly Castle. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA |



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| <p>3. Message from School Administration (Randy Holman / Lise Grendel)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair December 2-5. Ms Ieke is also hosting a parents only shop event December 5, 6:30-8pm. • Basketball was a huge success. Boys and girls teams did a great job! Huge thanks to the teachers that supported the teams and extra thanks to Mr Edgar who led the group and gave a ton of his time. • Ms Mort filed in while Ms Rubin was on short medical leave. • Parent Teacher interviews are December 2, 3 and 4. All three days will be an early dismissal day (2pm). • Online sign up for Parent teacher interviews is now live. Extra thanks to Ronnie in the office for getting it up and running so smoothly. • Question from the floor: The sign up form has a “one interview time per student” rule that does not allow for parents to book an appointment with additional teachers (ie. Mr Piggot). • The Band Concert will be held December 12 at 1pm and 7pm. • Report Cards will be issued December 13 • The primary concert will be held December 17 (In the event of a snow out, December 19) • The last day of school (complete with Flashlight Friday and a holiday carol sing-a-long) is December 20.(School reopens January 6) • Heating system upgrades are almost complete. There have been a few heat disruptions during the upgrade, but were resolved quickly and with minimal issues. • ULE swings have been approved and ordered. • Bathroom renovations continue, with a completion target of February, and noise levels are being managed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible workaround is to add an “additional student name for the additional interview. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from the floor: A student noticed water in the water fountain tastes like paint. Seconded by another parent who child had mentioned it. • Question from the floor: Parent requested to have more detailed communication regarding Student Council events. Especially when related to events with a cost. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fountain to be checked. (Randy) • Information will be passed on to the Student Council staff lead. (Randy) |
| 4. Financials (Natallia Dzmitryieva) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to the budget include the final figures for the Drive In movie \$1,600, the Fresh To You Fundraiser \$200 and the Halloween party \$3,000. • Technology Fund has raised \$3,500 to date. Donations to be included for this tax year, must be made before December 31, 2019. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share a tech fund reminder with parents. (Mary Ann) |
| 5. DPAC Update (provided by Jacquie Kydd via email) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVPAC is hosting a strategic planning session for the school district on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 7 pm at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave., 5th floor). Details regarding registration can be found at www.sd44.ca/Board/StrategicPlan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA |



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| <p>6. Speaker Program (Lucy Ana van Egmund)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ULE Proposed Speaker Series 2019-2020 has been posted online (printed copies were provided at the meeting).• The goal of the proposed list was to provide a balanced list of topics for both students and parents.• There has been a lot of discussion around the topics being covered this year and to ensure every parent is able to voice their questions and concerns in a manner they feel comfortable, a new anonymous form has been created on the ULE PAC page for parents that wish to maintain confidentiality.• Questions from previous discussions, included a strong desire from a parent to include Pridespeaks in this years confirmed speaker list. (Details about Pridespeaks are available on the proposed speaker list provided on the ULE PAC website.)• Discussions around teacher concerns with the amount of presenters this year and the need to ensure speakers are not overtaking the core curriculum teaching time was brought forward by Randy. After further discussion around the overlap of topics covered by Saleema Noon and Pridespeaks, it was determined from a school perspective, offering Pridespeaks this year (in additions to Saleema Noon) was not an option as the list of class time presenters has been maximized. However, the content is noted as a topic of importance and Pridespeaks will likely be offered in the 2020/2021 school year.• Comment from the floor: ULE is developing a reputation as a wonderfully accepting school environment. | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent only presenters will continue to be offered to ULE parents as the overall feeling is that presenting information to the parents opens up discussions and conversations in the home. Suggestions to include families from the Argyle Family of Schools (FOS) is being explored by Lucy Ana to maximize attendance and networking of parents from other schools in the Upper Lynn community.• <u>Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth</u> with Colleen Drobot will be held on March 6, 2020. Location TBD at one of the Argyle FOS elementary schools.• <u>Bullies Their Making and Unmaking</u> with Colleen Drobot will be held on April 16, 2020. Location TBD at one of the Argyle FOS elementary schools.• Question from the floor: are Stay Safe and the Babysitter Course being offered this year. Stay Safe will be held after school on January 29 (early dismissal day) and the baby sitter course will be offered (for kids 11Years and over) on a Pro D day (TBA).• Parker Johnson, a speaker suggested for Gr 6-7 students is being considered to speak about racial diversity, establishing boundaries and the “bystander effect”. PAC has approved the costs associated with the speaker and administrative approval will depend on the information provided on the final program details.• Question from PAC co-chair: Can the Parker Johnson program format be changed to an an assembly type of format that includes Grade 4 & 5 students. Randy will look into this option, however, it should be noted that all assembly time slots are already booked. | |
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| <p>7. Fundraising / Charitable Event Recap</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The ULE Bike Drive was a huge success! Thanks to some parent volunteers and a handful of Grade 7 students who braved the rain for 4 hours, ULE collected over 60 bikes! These bikes will be refurbished by Obsession Bikes and redistributed to kids through Family Services of the North Shore.• The ULE Toy Drive was an equal success, with each class division filling holiday boxes with toys and gift cards for kids of all ages. Representatives from the Christmas Bureau, Family Services of the North Shore, were over whelmed with the donations from ULE families. Thank you!• Holiday Poinsettias arrived for pick up today. There are a few items still to be picked up and final numbers will be reconciled soon.• Purdy's chocolate sale is ongoing and Wednesday, November 27 is last day to order (or pay for your existing orders). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA |
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| <p>8. Announcements (Rita Vilensky, Veronica Bartlet)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hot Lunch</u> ordering for Winter Session will be open Dec 11-18 on MunchALunch. • The Hot Lunch program runs on volunteers and we are looking for some new faces. Its a short time commitment and lots of fun (added bonus, we feed you!) Volunteer on MunchALunch or send an email to ULHotLunch@gmail.com. • Unusually high numbers of kids are coming down the PAC Kitchen asking for different/additional meal options. We ask that parents take a moment on Hot Lunch days to let their kids know what was ordered for them that day. • <u>Emergency Preparedness Committee</u> has completed their emergency classroom supply audit and sales of the emergency kits have been reconciled. • \$140 was raised for ULE from the sales of the emergency kits and the kits will be sorted and prepared for parent pick up at the school (due to the size/weight of some items). Pick up date to be announced shortly. • Funds from the sales will be put towards replacing batteries and smaller supplies in the classroom emergency kits. • It was noted that sales from this years sale was lower than the sale 2 years ago, likely due to the fact that we have not felt a tremor on the lower mainland in the last few years. • There are a number of classes with outstanding comfort kits (divisions 4, 7, 10,12 & 22). Veronica will work with class reps to contact families with outstanding comfort kits. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kits to be picked up and sorted for parent pickup at the school. (Veronica) |
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| <p>9. New Business (All)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment from the floor: Carrie Finley is hoping to start a mountain bike program for the spring (much like the school ski/snowboard program). Endless Biking has expressed interest in offering an after school program to ULE with a proposed drop off/pick up at Fromme parking lot. The estimated cost is \$250 per student. Pending final details and approval from admin, Carrie will provide information to the parents and gage interest. • Carnival Committee is meeting at Waves Coffee Shop (Lynn Valley Road & Mountain Highway) on December 3, 7:30-9pm. This meeting is open to all parents wishing to be involved in the Carnival planning. • Mural Committee is waiting to determine how to proceed with prep of the Kindergarten pick up area mural wall. Concerns about graffiti and how to minimize the impact on the art work have been addressed with a graffiti resistant “top coat” included in a submitted quote for wall prep. The School District to advise on how to proceed with outsourcing the prep work and/or the use of parent volunteers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final details to be discussed with admin to determine feasibility of offering mountain biking as an after school activity. (Carrie Finley) • Invitation to the Carnival Committee planning session at Waves to be sent/posted on PAC Facebook page (Dana Dykema) • Follow up with School district (Randy) |
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.