

## École Lac des Bois PAC Meeting

Jan 12, 2021

**In attendance :** Bonnie White, Julie Anderson, Byron White, Lindsay Carlson, Andrea Makowichuk, Tara Klassen, Melissa Steidle, Monique Engert, Stephanie Coates, Carole Moses

**Call to Order:** 6:33pm

**Adoption of Agenda:** 1. Julie 2. Andrea

**Adoption of Minutes:** 1. Tara 2. Julie

### **Executive Reports:**

President: 1. Welcome back  
2. mural update: Michelle Bernard in consultation with SD 57  
3. farm to school grant idea- Natalie Manhas assuming lead  
- school yard farms and hands on learning  
4. hot lunch referendum for 2 hot lunches per month, closes  
Jan 31, Wasabi closes Wed, no late orders and PAC will  
not be answering requests for consideration  
5. Family Smart in the Know topic is Self Harm, there is always hope,  
-free educational for parents & caregivers, Jan 27 6:30 registration required

Treasurer: Presented by Bonnie

**Gaming** \$27477.67

**General** \$20454.79

Cheque for scholarships and bursaries written in error from gaming account so a cheque has been issued from general to gaming to correct error

DPAC:

- Rewriting DPAC constitution so lots of bureaucracy and motions
- Questions about COVID exposure in schools - 29 out of 15000 students have tested positive, mandatory for masks for all visitors and if you are not in your cohort, 15 exposure letters, process for notification

### **Principal's Report** (Monique Engert)

Thank you to our École Lac des Bois Families and PAC for their continued support of our school.

#### **Outdoor Learning Space**

- Have obtained the following two grants so far: Indigenous Education Grant (\$5000) & Northern Resilient Communities Grant (\$5000)

- Thank you to PAC for their donation as well (up to \$10,000)
- We are now applying for TD Friends of the Environment grant

### **Carnaval**

- Team of teachers working on a plan to host our LdB Carnaval in a Covid-friendly way. We are hoping for the second week in March. Stay tuned for more information
- Thank you to PAC and Engage Sport North for offering to support

### **Pottery**

- Joanne, our potter, is coming back again this year
- Thank you for your support

### **ADST Grade 7 Elementary Trades Paddle Project** in partnership with SD57 Curriculum and Innovations department:

- Two of our grades 7 classes are currently participating in the ADST Elementary Trades Project
- Students will design and make a paddle. They are learning safety procedures when working with tools and work with tools to make a paddle
- Students can extend the activity after building their paddle and decorate it in class with meaningful art

### **Field Trips:**

- Teachers are starting to take their classes on field trips
- All field trips will follow both school Covid-19 protocols as well as those of the field trip location

### **School Fundraising**

- Stockings for Seniors drive: Thank you to all parents for their generous donations
  - We were able to support Gateway and Laurier Manors, as well as Phoenix Transition House
- Winter concert/Spectacle d'hiver
  - The concert was a great success. Students were very proud of their work
  - We raised approximately \$1500.00 for our music department
- Thank you to all parents for their generous donation to our music program

### **Sports**

- Continuing with 'no contact' sports and by learning groups
- Volleyball wrapped up before the holidays
  - Great season
  - Approximately 70 students participated in total from 2 separate learning groups
- Gearing up for our next sport - badminton

### **Rink**

- Thanks to Erik Lang and Todd Molland for once again setting our rink and taking care of it
- Once the weather turns colder, classes will be able to start taking their students outside for a skate

### **Farm to School Grant**

- We have submitted an application for the Farm to School Start-up Grant (\$3000)
- Initial focus will be around the creation of an indoor growing space

### **School Plan:**

- Our District (and Ministry) are setting common educational goals.
  - Overall, the goal is to close the gap between all students including students with diverse learning needs, Indigenous students, and students in care.
- At LdB, our specific objectives are to
  - Focus on the building French literacy skills in order to improve our retention of students with diverse learning needs and students experiencing challenges in French language development.
  - All students will demonstrate growth and achieve grade level learning outcomes with a specific focus on numeracy
  - The number of Indigenous learners who meet or exceed expectations in literacy and numeracy will be similar to those of non-Indigenous learners.

### **Student Registration - See SD57 website for more details and to register**

- Kindergarten Registration
  - Online Kindergarten Registration for September 2021 opens January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am
  - Only 60 seats available (siblings of LdB students are automatically given a seat)
  - If more than 60 registrations, a lottery will be held on February 2, 2021 at 4:00pm with our PAC Chair, Bonnie White
  - All documents must be received prior to the lottery to be part of the lottery
- Online Student Transfer
  - A student who is currently registered in a SD57 school may request to attend another school using this process
  - Opens February 3, 2021 and closes March 2, 2021

### **Student Learning Surveys**

- Student Learning Surveys (Grade 4 and 7) this week

### **Communicating Student Learning**

- January 21 is our first Primary Report Card Writing Day
- Reports coming home first week of February

### **Microsoft 365:**

- Teachers sent out a permission form to parents via email to Grades 3 - 7 for Microsoft 365 Accounts
- Parents are asked to register their child
- Student accounts include a personal district email address as well as access to programs such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneDrive, OneNote, etc.
- Microsoft Office 365 enriches the learning experience providing students and teachers the ability to communicate, store files and collaborate on documents and presentations from school or home, all within a secure online environment

### **Winter Weather Policy**

- Schools shall not be closed because of cold or inclement weather
- The decision to keep a student at home for the day because of winter weather conditions shall be made by the parents
- Temperature alone does not warrant an "in-day" although the guideline that has been used for quite some time has been (-20°C). Taking into consideration the many factors of inclement weather such as wind, rain, particulate matter, snow and temperature, safety of staff and students is always our first priority
- During *in days*, students will be asked to go to their classrooms and work on activities quietly at their desks. Teachers will let them know what activities are appropriate.

### **Old Business**

- A.** Seeking volunteers for executive and hot lunch- many volunteers answered the call via the hot lunch program – have had some interest in executive positions but no firm interest, not at PAC meeting tonight
- B.** Gift cards from 2019 Christmas- **motion** to donate to breakfast program at LDB **1. Bonnie 2. Tara passed unanimously**
- C.** Fundraising projects
  1. Colibri (\$300.50) Natsuko Komine
  2. Created by Kids (teacher clearing account \$2465) Jodi Nelson
  3. Purdy's (\$1380.11) Jodi Nelson/Bonnie White
  4. Dielhman's Julie Anderson

5. Fundscrip (\$74.41) Bonnie White

6. Poinsettias (\$867.35) Brooke Farr

- these are the amounts that each fundraiser raised, our One Stop Christmas shop was quite successful, thank you to all of the volunteers who worked on and assumed responsibility for these projects

### **New Business**

Request to replace Breakfast/kitchen fridge as the old one has quit working - consideration that PAC has previously created the kitchen space and the thought was originally to provide the full kitchen - questions over a donated fridge which isn't a possibility based on SD guidelines - **motion** by Bonnie White to spend up to **\$900 from gaming** to pay for full sized fridge 2. Byron White **passed unanimously**

Request to support Carnaval – PAC has always paid for La Tire and its variations in year's past, **motion** by Tara Klassen to spend up to **\$500 from gaming** to contribute to Carnaval celebrations 2. Melissa **passed unanimously**

In our annual budget, we had passed \$100 per division for bussing – last year we passed \$150 per division and this year there is less opportunity for sharing busses due to COVID - **motion** by Bonnie to increase bussing funding by **\$50 per division from gaming** 2. Melissa **passed unanimously**

### **Other Business**

Cheque Payments:

1. J Nelson Purdy's refund \*motion\* \$218.40 **general 1. Bonnie 2. Tara passed unanimously**
2. Video Nexus DVD's \*motion\* \$1764.00 **general 1. Bonnie 2. Tara passed unanimously**
3. Up the Creek hoodies \*motion\* \$1598.72 **general 1. Bonnie 2. Tara passed unanimously**
4. Subway hot lunch \*motion\* \$935.00 **general 1. Bonnie 2. Tara passed unanimously**
5. B White domain renewal \$20.99 general (annual budget no motion needed)
6. Scholarship/bursary 2 years \$1000 general (annual budget no motion needed)

Mask policy for students at school, need clarification because students are getting mixed messages in the library, Monique will speak specifically with parent

Upcoming spring fundraisers

- a. Easter Purdy's – Jodi Nelson
- b. Make it sow seeds – Lindsay Carlson
- c. Spring flowers and plants – Brooke Farr

Next PAC meeting: February 9, 2021