

École Lac Des Bois – PAC Meeting

February 9, 2021

In Attendance: Bonnie White, Byron White, Julie Anderson, Tara Klassen, Jodi Nelson, Melissa Steidle, Tracy Hennessey, Andrea Makowichuk, Deanna McLeod, Deborah Young, Monique Engert, Stephanie Coates

Call to Order: 6:31pm

Adoption of Agenda: 1. Tracy 2. Julie

Adoption of Minutes: 1. Tracy 2. Melissa

Executive Reports:

President

1. Fridge is in. Received a thank you.
2. Hot lunch with Ambrosia – 4/200 errors. All report that food was excellent. PAC refunded errors. Taverna brought meals out on Monday.
3. Garden grant – did not receive. Need to make a decision for going forward. Need someone to spearhead the project and make sure it runs. Monique is going to contact Natalie Manhas regarding this.

Treasurer

Gaming - \$26,359.63 General - \$22,718.29

Cheques still need to clear. Cheque from General needing to go back into gaming for scholarship. Nexus Video & Julie need cheques.

DPAC Report

Welcoming temporary Superintendent – Cindy. Restart programs – students keeping on track for Math & Science. Hot lunch programs & Cold weather programs still going on. Access to online learning – parents having struggles. Went over bylaws to make sure they are up to date.

Principal's Report

- Current enrolment - 431 students. 44 registrations for Kindergarten. 437 students for start of next year, subject to change.
- Online transfer is open. March 3rd is deadline for transfers. Grade 7 students automatically register at Duchess Park. Must do online transfer if wanting to go to a different school for Grade 8.
- Staffing challenges – Mme Maloney has been off. Updates coming soon. Announcements hopefully coming in the next couple of days. Mike Kennedy is currently in the class and is doing well. Other staff have been off – been able to bring in French speaking subs and continue with the curriculum.

- Student Reports went home last week. Contact teachers directly if you want to discuss.
- Field trips starting to kick into gear – Otway, Skating on LDB ice rink, Ice Fishing with Indigenous Education
- Valentines Day – Parents check with teachers about what they are doing in the classroom. Paper cards, prewrapped goodies are ok. No baked goods from home.
- New Mask Protocol – staff are wearing masks, still a personal choice for kids. Most staff have been wearing masks the whole time.
- Daily Health Checker – Ministry of Education has worked with public health and BCCDC for daily health check website and app for families. Updated protocols will be coming out this week. Will be shared with families once they have been received.
- School District is soliciting feedback from families regarding the District Strategic Plan. Please provide input.
- Pink Shirt day at the end of the month – Feb 24th. Received half of the shirt/hoodie shipment. Hoping rest will be received soon. Thanked Melissa for offering the hot lunch program for paying for the fundraiser. Couldn't use it due to short timeline. Decision was made to run it in house. Will use it in the future. Using the funds raised for staff/student incentives and to boost morale. Shirts will be sent home when all received.
- Carnival – Committee is meeting on Thursday. Would like help distributing ice cream. Thank you for ear marking funds for ice cream and syrup. Volunteers can be put on hot lunch program.
- Kindergarten Registration – capped at 60. No lottery. Kindergarten registration is down across the district. Parents maybe waiting for September to see what COVID looks like.
- Reminder of \$500 in budget for Bon Citoyens

Old Business

- Seeking volunteers for Secretary and Vice President positions. Bonnie intends for this to be her last year as President. Deb Young volunteered for Secretary position. Tara Klassen thinking about Vice President position.

Fundraisers

- Easter Purdy's is set up online. Deadline is March 9th, delivery will be Monday March 15th. Pickup to start 16th/17th
- Make it Sow Seeds – Lindsay Brown is taking this on. Not sure if package has been received yet. No deadlines yet. Too late for Westcoast seeds – needs to be planned well in advance.
- Let Monique know deadlines – will forward to parents.

Bylaws & Constitution

- Already gender neutral.
- Duties of the executive
 - change wording on executive positions to “will/shall be” a signing authority to “may be” a signing authority on all positions.
 - Section 10 – Financial matters – currently says we will have 3 signing authorities – changing to at least 2, 3 if possible

Other Business

1. Have not received invoice for Ambrosia Greek Taverna lunch – held over for next month
2. **Motion to Pay Julie Anderson for circle bins - \$20.16 from gaming – 1. Bonnie 2. Tracy – motion passed unanimously**
3. **Donate a lunch option**
 - Email from parent regarding hot lunches not reaching all students. PAC helps fund hot lunches for students who may not be able to afford a lunch. Families should speak to teacher or M. Engert to arrange for PAC to pay for lunches. Put a button on the hot lunch program if parents would like to make a donation to that program/buy a lunch for students who may not be able to access the program. Melissa confirmed that lunches would be anonymous. Jodi proposed having an option for parents to request a free lunch through the hot lunch program. Melissa will add in as a menu.
4. **Deanna McLeod – Grade 7 Update**
 - January 28th – School District meeting regarding Grade 12 graduation. Inquiries made about Grade 7 – follow along the same guidelines as Grade 12. Make plans adaptable according to current COVID restrictions. Suggested approaching the school regarding doing something for the grade 7s within the school. Difficulty with grade 7s being in different cohorts. Ness Lake was suggested. 42 grade 7s in total. Need to look at what protocols would be at that time. Need to err on the side of caution. Being outdoors is recommended.
5. **Family Smart – February is Eating Disorders Awareness Month.**
 - Programming for concerned parents. Included in newsletter sent out today. Feb 24th 6:30 PM. Needs to be preregistered.
6. **Elizabeth Fry Society** - Bonnie posted on LDB website about assisting low-income families accessing grants

Vitamin D Study – Bonnie posted on website as well as requested

Indigenous Learning Circle – Stephanie is working with a developer out of Kelowna for an alternate proposal. Applied for a third grant – won’t find out until early April. Found out about another grant so applying for that. Wanting to finalize a design before going forward. Wanting to have it open June 21st – National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Mural – Michelle Bernard is getting closer. Asked if PAC wanted to be involved in meetings with Lheidli T'enneh and Bonnie said yes. Hoping to have mural done by the end of the year.

Next PAC Meeting – March 9, 2021