

École Lac des Bois PAC minutes

September 16, 2021

In attendance: Bonnie White, Deborah Young, Julie Anderson, Monique *Engert* Modian Thiessen, Andrea Makowichuk, Byron White, Melissa Steidle Laura Weller, Alison Kramer, Jennifer D, Alena, Sam, Karla and Jose, Chantelle Beck, Selena B, Bernadette, Anita O, Angela M, Kaelyn Vandenburg and Ren Goldberg

Welcome, Call to Order 6:03pm

Adoption of Agenda & Minutes 1. Deb Young 2. Richard Parks

Executive Reports

- no reports for this new school year, Bonnie will fill in as acting president for this meeting

DPAC report

- Laura Weller- trialing hybrid meeting with , monthly theme for meetings, this month: advocacy,
- survey to engage with parents and offer information on how to resolve conflict
- attending committee meetings at the school district level, resignations, special advisors reports, strategic level
- email and FB page to access DPAC information
- executive boot camp for newer PAC's, information session to help support PAC's and schools
- evening with Ivan Coyote, SOGI speakers, paid live event, ticket price tba through eventbrite

Principal's Report

- Welcome back to a new school year
- Thank you to last year's PAC and all parent volunteers for their support and hard work during a challenging year
 - We are looking forward to a fun-filled year
 - Leadership is already under way with the support of Mme Orlando and M Mathiscyk – We can't wait to see the commitment and dedication that this incredible group of grade 7 students will bring to our school community
 - Volleyball will be starting soon
- 18 Divisions
 - Fully staffed with an incredible team
 - Corina White and Navid Mathiscyk – District FRIMM Support Teacher one day per week
 - We are welcoming the following new staff:
 - Jessie Adam (K)
 - Linda Castley (K/1, 1, LA)
 - Maya Murphy (Gr. 2/3)
 - Sabrina Frenette (Gr. 4/5)
 - Veronika Laurin (Gr. 4/5)
 - Eleni Stampoli (Music Prep)
 - April Tschampa (Library Tech/Supervision Asst)
 - Ermine Tamazian (EA)
 - Full staff list available on the website
- Parent volunteers
 - We are hoping to start welcoming more parent volunteers into the school soon - Covid dependent
 - Stay tuned for more updates

- Bell Schedule
 - To maximize learning time, we have moved a 22-minute learning block from the end of the day to the just before lunch
 - This only impacts lunch hour by 22 minutes – students eat lunch at 11:52am now instead of 11:30am
 - Updated schedule was in the newsletter and on the website
- COVID
 - Asking parents to make an appointment if want to come inside the school
 - Asking parents to pick up/drop off students outside
 - This will help to minimize the number of people inside the school
 - Assemblies – plan to have most students participating via Zoom/Teams for now
- In-days
 - In-days are only called in the event of extreme weather (ex: -20 degrees or less, lightening)
 - In the event of an In-day, students will eat lunch in their classrooms and remain in their classrooms during the outside portion of lunch
 - In the event of an in-day in the morning, students will be let in via Door #5 (off of Rainbow Dr.). Half of our school will be asked to sit in the gym with as much physical distance between them as possible, while the other half of the school will sit outside of their classrooms. Students will be supervised.
- Open House
 - In consultation with staff and due to Covid, we have decided not to host an open house this fall
 - More information to come regarding our Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 5, 6, and 7th
- Gracie, our Therapy dog, is back starting next week
 - Gracie is a trained therapy dog (currently working on Level 4)
 - Great source of comfort for students – she is very quiet and calm
 - Students are not required to be near Gracie if they prefer
- Terry Fox
 - Our school will be participating in our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon of September 29th
 - We are asking for donations: Toonie for Terry – school goal is to raise at least \$600
 - Request for PAC to support with popsicles or somethings for afterwards
 - We are asking that this event be a student only event, again due to Covid
- School Plan for Student Success
 - Will be posted on our website before the first week of October
 - Goal is to align our school plan with the district's new Strategic Plan
 - Live document, so we will make adjustments as required
 - We will be reaching out to our parent community for feedback

Old Business

1. SIG account closed June 2021
2. \$13.69 donation from Doyon/Mitchell (gaming)
3. Year end pizza day was a great success! Thank you to all volunteers for help.
4. Fruit and veggie program is a go again this year!
5. mural update: Carla Joseph is available to complete the mural, approved motion from last year, would like to carry motion through to this year to produce artwork that is sensitive to reconciliation in our school community, support awareness, on the unceded territory of the Lleidh Tenneh. **motion for up to \$1750 to complete mural including installation from gaming by Bonnie White 2. Richard Parks, passed unanimously**

New Business

1. Watch for Colibri fundraiser
2. Resignation of president/secretary, vice president open
 - a. Elections
 - president: Melissa Steidle

-vice president: Richard Parks

-secretary: Julie Anderson switched roles from DPAC rep

-DPAC representative: Laura Weller, already a member of DPAC

Hot lunch coordinator position (non executive): Kaelyn Vandenburg

Other Business

Grade 7's pursuing Quebec trip

Lack of crosswalk at Reid, community concerns

Looking at options to beautify school: trees, flowers, paintings etc

Parking lot issues discussed

Orange shirt, every child matters sponsorship by PAC

Next PAC meeting: October 2021