



**PAC Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2020 held on Zoom Video Conference**

PAC Committee Members in Attendance

Co-Chairs	Tanja Phillips Catharine Macrander
Vice-Chair	Melissa Wandt
Past Chair	Cynthia Springate
Secretary	Katie Corbeil
Treasurer	Hollis Philling
Class Parent Coordinator	Marina Heidt
DPAC & CPF Rep	Julie Elliot
Members-at-Large	Stefanie Simpson, Amy Guelpa, Tracy Merry

Regrets: Treasurer Susie Fang & Joy

Total of 45 Members present at meeting plus Principal and Vice-Principal

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

Welcome & Introduction

1. Tanja P. welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for joining. She noted the unusual circumstances of the pandemic which had created the need to hold the meeting via vidoconferencing. She also noted that it was great to see so many Laronde members present. She informed the members that all participants would be muted to allow the person speaking to be heard clearly and requested that any questions they might have during the meeting be submitted via the side chat option. Tanja P. then introduced the other members of the executive who were present.

Approval of Agenda

2. No amendments to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Melissa W and seconded by Cynthia S. All in favour. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

4. Mme. Niro requested that the minutes be amended to replace the word 'People' from the District with 'Presenter' from the District under First People's in Residence paragraph in the Principal's Report.
5. Motion to approve minutes from PAC Meeting held Jan 31, 2020 with the requested wording change moved by Melissa W and seconded by Catharine M. All in favour. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

6. Mme Niro thanked the PAC for making support available for Laronde families in need. She also thanked all of the parents for their support, patience and cooperation with online learning. She asked that parents send feedback to staff to continue to help them figure out the right amount of work to give and on individual needs/issues. Looking to know if another survey now that we are few weeks into the online learning, would be welcomed.
7. Students and parents have access to Supports SEL, reading and numeracy assistance by reaching out to Mme Niro, Mme Burden, Mme Carter, Mme Pilai, Mme Montgomery, and individual teachers.
8. Mme Montgomery, our Librarian, continues to have her Weebly website up to date and has been sharing videos of her reading books online.

9. Numerous devices have been loaned out to families who needed them for digital learning. Additional iPads and laptops are available, if needed, contact Mme Niro. The District has also provided low cost internet at \$9.95/month to some families.
10. In school learning will likely not happen until September. However, if the Provincial Government and Dr. Henry were to allow schools to re-open this school year, the Surrey District would need about two weeks to coordinate this return.
11. At this time there are no students whose parents are Tier 1 Essential workers needing day to day access to school however once Tier 2 opens they expect some students will be working at the school.
12. The school would like to host a school wide event using TEAMS. Consideration is being given to a live: dance and/or sports day and/or dance workshops. Mme Niro would like for the grade 7 to be included in this somehow. Catharine M. suggested the possibility of a digital literacy night.
13. Planning for 2020-2021. Anticipate having 20 Divisions again and likely will include 4-5 combined grades again at different grade levels which can not be avoided with the required classroom composition. Which classes are identified as possible combined classes will not be identified at this time.
14. The Bell schedule for the next school year will change by a few minutes to adjust for the shorter school year start date of 8 Sept. Bell schedule will be 8:40 and 2:40.
15. The following questions were asked:
- a. Personal Items. When would families be allowed to pick up personal items at the school? The District is not allowing the pick up of items at this time except perhaps prescription medication or eyewear that may have been left. The school will advise when personal items will be available for pick up;
 - b. Challenges with identifying deliverables from teachers. It was identified that it is sometimes complicated to know what the teacher has assigned as it is on various platforms such as Fresh Grade, Email, Teams, etc. Suggested that teachers use one document to identify what the students are required to accomplish. Mme Niro will make the suggestion to the teachers however teachers have the option to use whatever method works for them although having a checklist of assignments will be recommended;
 - c. Central location for all learning tools. Teachers are all using different websites and assigning different work that could be useful to other classes and families. Suggested that one central site be created so teachers and parents could see what is offered and assigned to other classes to help assign additional work to own child if they are capable of handling more. Mme Niro will provide the link to the SurreyOne site again in her next newsletter which could be a resource for families looking for additional work or resources to support learning from home;
 - d. Parent concerns. A parent asked what advise could be given to parents who worry their kids will be behind in Sept? Mme Niro said not to worry, this is being discussed at district levels and consideration will be given to needing to review and catch up in the next school year. Mme Niro reminded us that Jordan Tinney advised that this new normal is expected to last 12-18 months and it is possible that school will open and then close again during the flu season;
 - e. Resources. It was asked if families can keep Epic and Je lis throughout the summer. Mme Niro said at this time the license is open until 30 June. Mme Montgomery will have her librarian website which provides links to resources, available throughout the summer. She will also confirm if Mme Carter can provide the SEL links;
 - f. French language. A parent identified that there is a lot of English being spoken and written on assignments and during class conferences and asked if more French can be spoken since for some that is all the French they are exposed to throughout the day. Mme Niro will make the suggestion to the teachers;
 - g. Lonliness and social interaction. A parent said their children are missing their friends and wondered if they could zoom/conference call or chat online through the school programs. Mme Niro advised that the District asked that not happen;

- h. Workload. A parent asked if all grade groups are receiving the same workload/assignments. Mme Niro advised that some classes are working together as they did before but it is up to the individual teacher to develop their own teaching methods. No change to how it was done beforehand;
- i. IXL. A parent asked if there is a district or school account for ixl? Mme Niro said no but will look to create one; and
- j. Appreciation. A parent thanked the Principal, Vice-Principal and all teachers for all their hard work through this difficult time. Mme Niro said she was happy to help in any way. Parents can call the school between 8:30-3:30 or email her at niro_s@surreyschools.ca.

Chair Report given by Co-Chairs Tanja Phillips and Catharine Macrander

16. Cancelled PAC Events. Due to the uncertainty of when social distancing restrictions might be lifted, decision was made to cancel all of the remaining hot lunches for the year. Thank you to our hot lunch team Angela L, Sondra M, and Stacey V for taking care of the cancellations. We have also cancelled our Spring Fair that was scheduled for Friday May 8th. We may reschedule this event for September. Thank you to Melisa W. for dealing with the cancellations. In addition, the La Semaine de la Francophonie and our upcoming Hip Hop session have been cancelled. However, Canadian Parents for French are hosting a virtual Concours, concluding on May 2. Find information at link:

<https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/concoursvirtuel/?fbclid=IwAR05sQkFeBB6io526eNVXCgMmb03dfzUH54LIAGGy0gx24IOWdvUCLw4JGU>

17. Report on Previous Events. PAC sponsored the Body health sessions held on February 6 and 7 which were conducted by facilitator Clare Connors of Saleema Noon. Although we inquired about the possibility of separate sessions for our older grades, we were informed it was in the best interest of the students to have co-ed sessions.

18. Thank you to our grade 7 class for hosting another successful movie matinee on Friday February 28. The movie shown was The Secret Life of Pets 2 and a fun event. All funds for this will go to support the Grade 7 activities.

19. The Laronde PAC hosted their annual Book Exchange on March 5. Although the event was slightly smaller than in previous years, it was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Catharine M. for coordinating and a special thank you to Cynthia S. who coordinated the set up. There are approximately 6 boxes of book that will be donated to an inner city school when the health authority protocols are relaxed.

20. The Laronde PAC would like to acknowledge and salute our First Nations Guests who visited during our First People's in Residence Week, Feb. 10- 16. Thank you for a very successful and informative week of ceremonies and workshops that were attended by our students. We also would like to acknowledge Pink Shirt Day held on Feb 26, in support of Anti Bullying.

21. Sports. Congratulations to all the Grade 6 and 7 students who participated in the Basketball season. It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic participants. Thank you to Mme Hatch, Tanja P and Veronica for their help in coaching our girls team. Thank you to Mme Yee and Paul Tyler for their help with coaching the boys. Unfortunately Ultimate Frisbee and the Badminton seasons were cut short due to covid and there will not be a track and field season this spring. Although this is disappointing, we hope for a return of these sports next year. Thank you to Mme Burden for coaching Ultimate and thank you to Mme Carvajal for coaching Badminton.

22. Chair's Concluding Remarks. As we feel our way through the challenges of the weeks ahead, we would like to once again encourage our families to stay in touch. Stay safe apart, we are all in this together. If there is any way that the PAC can be of assistance, please let us know.

Committee Reports

23. Spring Fair. Fair is cancelled. If permitted, PAC is considering having a scaled down Fair/Event 18 September.

24. Hot Lunch. Hot lunch orders have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year. Surplus perishable items have been donated to Surrey Schools where essential workers's children are attending school. There is a requirement to have 2 parents complete the Food Safe Program to safely deliver the hotlunch program in future years. The course is approximately \$125 per person. In addition, Mme Burden will also take the course and will be paid from school resources. Motion made by Tanja P to spend up to \$250 to train two parents in food safe program. Cynthia S seconded motion. All in favour. Motion passed.

25. Year Book. Class parents are sending reminders to upload photos. Expect to have the ordering information available next week and orders will be done online.

26. Parking Lot. Cynthia S advised that she has not yet met with Mme Niro to discuss way ahead. Anyone interested in joining the committee is asked to contact pastchair@larondepac.ca.

27. Grade 7 Rep. Booster Juice orders have been cancelled and credits will be reimbursed. The end of year for the grade 7 graduating class will look quite different than other years. Discussion will take place on what to do with the money raised through fundraising. A majority of the Gr 7 parents would like to do a grad/celebration event with the money raised through fundraising to wrap up the year once restrictions are lifted. The school will return the \$100 deposit made to the school for the Camp either online or by cheque depending on how it was paid. Mme Niro will follow up with the Camp to seek reimbursement for the initial deposit made. Amy G asked Mme Niro if it would be possible to allow the grade 7s to assist or lead in any sort of online school wide activity previously mentioned. The traditional Gr 7 slide show will be created by a parent, instructions for submitting photos TBD.

28. Emergency Preparedness. Nothing significant to report.

29. Playground Committee. Cynthia S. advised that the next step is to visit various playgrounds to observe children playing on different structures. This will be on hold until restrictions lifted.

Financial Report

30. Hollis P gave an overview of the budget. Amy G advised that her balance in the grade 7 account differs from the budget report and will speak separately. Hollis P advised that the end April had not be verified yet which may account for the difference.

31. Hollis P declared that at the Executive PAC meeting held 9 April a motion was passed allowing Mme Niro to provide support in the form of a \$100 gift card to a max of \$1,000 total for families in our school community who are struggling at this time.

32. Hot lunch Accounts. Expect an email from Treasurers asking how families would like to receive their credit balance after orders have been cancelled. Option to have the credit remain in the account and roll over into 2020/2021 year is the easiest and more cost effective way.

33. Appreciation. Tanja P thanked the Treasurers for all their hard work. The CRA Tax return has been submitted and the Gaming Grant Application for next year has been submitted.

New Business

34. Survey. Mme Niro asked if it might be helpful to get feedback from parents on workload as she wants to be mindful and not over burden families. It was suggested that each teacher may want to ask that individually to get relevant feedback.

35. End Year Reporting. Mme Niro advised that the decision on what and how end of year reporting will look like was not known.

36. AGM. The next PAC Meeting will be held 5 June at 1000 hrs and will be our AGM which includes budget approval.

37. Closing Remarks.

Adjournment

38. End of Meeting. Tanja P. adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.