



**PAC Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2020 on Zoom Video Conference**

PAC Committee Members in Attendance

Chair	Cynthia Springate
Vice-Chair	Melissa Wandt
Past Chair	Tanja Phillips Catharine Macrander
Secretary	Katie Corbeil
Treasurer(s)	Marina Heidt & Carolline Thindal
Communication Rep	Elisabeth Smith
Class Parent Coordinator	Alita Roberts
DPAC & CPF Rep	
Members-at-Large	Amy G, Joy R

Total of 25 Members present at meeting plus our Principal, Mme Niro.

Meeting called to order at 9:16 am

Welcome & Introduction

1. Cynthia S. welcomed everyone to the PAC meeting and introduced the PAC Executive.

Approval of Agenda

2. No new items were added to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Tanja P and seconded by Melissa W. Majority in favour, motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

4. Motion to approve minutes from PAC Meeting held September 24, 2020 moved by Melissa W and seconded by Amy G. Majority in favour, motion passed.

Principal's Report

5. Mme Niro provided an overview of the latest Covid protocols. She reported that teachers and support staff are taking the safety measures very seriously. Numerous hand washing is done throughout the school day and students are reminded about keeping hands to themselves. Staff are wearing masks both in common areas and in the classrooms. At present time, the plan is to keep all schools open and any necessary school closures will be done as directed. There is no current plan to close early for the Holidays.
6. Mme Niro reported that the spinning merry go round apparatus on playground #1 which had been taken out by the district for repair has now been reinstalled.
7. A question was posed about the lack of drainage on playground #1. Mme. Niro replied that the district is aware of the situation and will be handling the repairs in the near future. Cost of these repairs will be covered by the district.
8. To address the flow of the parking lot, Surrey District has decided to straighten the curve at the entrance of the parking lot and install a new pathway along the entrance. No trees will be cut down. Likely work to be done during Spring Break 2021.
9. Christmas Concert and Music. There will not be a traditional Christmas concert, rather children will be using body movement and playing student made instruments within their own Division. The presentation will be recorded and sent to families. Due to the size of the music room, it was decided that there would not be any singing in music class, however band and music class will continue with extra spacing.

10. Mme Niro is seeking input from the Teachers on how they can safely receive a PAC Christmas Teacher's Luncheon. PHO restrictions and teacher's comfort level may not allow for this annual appreciation event.

11. Blended families were surveyed as to their intentions for returning to school in January. Depending on the results, there may be a few kids who are shuffled between classes to make the numbers work. With current survey results, it is possible that will happen at the intermediate grades. Survey closes Nov 27. District is not surveying face-to-face families to see if they are interested in moving to the blended option so if you are interested in switching to the blended from the face-to-face then call the school and discuss with Mme Niro. She reported that this will most likely be the final chance to move in/out of the blended learning this year. All families choosing to stay or move into the Blended learning will most likely be there until June.

12. Mme Niro closed her report with a big thank you to the PAC for the support given with the purchase of additional ipads and macbooks. The technology has been ordered, however expected receipt date is unknown. She further reported that some of the existing macbooks were in need of updates and that the school would cover the cost of these updates.

Chair Report

13. The Direct Donation Campaign, previously known as the Cheque Writing Campaign, is our only fundraiser this year. Treasurers have made it more convenient for families to donate. We have received \$10,575 towards our \$18,000 goal. Campaign closes 30 November and the PAC would like every family to participate however they can. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more. Please donate today!

14. Classroom parents are needed for Mme LaRoue's Blended Grade 4/5, Mme Boudreau/Mme Anderson's Blended K and Mme Carriou's Grade 6/7. Contact classparent@larondepac.ca to volunteer.

15. Thank you to Joy Rong for coordinating the Warm Clothing Drive to support Forsyth Elementary and the Sports Equipment Drive for Cindrich Elementary.

16. Deck the Boards. The PAC will support the Annual Deck the Boards day with a donation of candy canes. Parents will not be invited into the school to assist nor will hot chocolate be provided. Mme Niro will ensure photos are taken and communicated to families.

17. A reminder that Amble Green is a non-stopping zone. Families are asked to proceed with caution through that area to ensure families who walk that route are safe.

18. The PAC had budgeted \$500 for the K Laronde Lynx Welcome t-shirts. The actual cost was \$882. The Executive is reporting we were \$382 over budget. The PAC executive has the power to approve funding between PAC meetings up to \$1,500 so long as we have an unanimous executive approval, which we had, and report at the next PAC meeting.

19. PAC is responsible to represent all families in the Laronde Community. If families have concerns or comments about anything related to Laronde, please pass onto the PAC so that we may get engaged on your behalf or provide guidance in how to approach an issue. Forward any concerns to chair@larondepac.ca

Financial Reports

20. Budget reports were reviewed.

21. Mme Niro would like to schedule a Hip Hop workshop in January which would include the blended learning classrooms. A virtual option is available with the same instructor we had in 2018 who was a French speaking fun instructor. In order to provide this workshop, additional funding is needed in the physical education budget allocation. Catharine M made a motion to spend an additional 2k on Hip Hop. Motion seconded by Melissa W. All in favour. Motion approved.

22. The Treasurers from last year finalized the return of refunds to families who are owed money from previous year's Hot Lunch. Cheques have been mailed. All outstanding amounts owed to Laronde PAC are to be paid through hot lunch websites.

Committee Reports

23. Playground #2 Committee. No letter or report yet from District. Cement border will be removed when the playground is dismantled and will become an accessible playground. Mme Niro advised that the design for the new playground may have restrictions due to wiring from the electrical box. Cynthia found a local architect offering architecture workshops online in

French. One of the modules is about playgrounds, it would be a great way to include the students in the design of playground 2. If you would like to assist with the playground committee email chair@larondepac.ca.

24. Grade 7 Rep. Blaze Pizza fundraiser held 19 November. 20% of all proceeds will be directed to Laronde PAC and 25% of proceeds going to grade 7 and 75% to PAC.

25. Christmas Hampers. Laura R is coordinating the Christmas Hampers again this year. Laronde will be supporting a total of 11 Forsyth Elementary families; 8 families will be supported from classroom donations and 3 supported from individual Laronde families/businesses. If donations exceed expectations, Outreach will look at the possibility of sponsoring additional Forsyth families with grocery store gift-cards.

26. The initiative will look a bit different than previous years. Details as follows:

- a. Class Parents will announce the Hamper Initiative to their class and provide the Sign-Up Genius link;
- b. Students bring their unwrapped items directly to their classrooms anytime between **Mon Nov 23 and Fri Dec 4**;
- c. Starting Nov 23 there will be two collection boxes in each classroom – one for food and one for gifts/clothing. Gift card and cash donations must go to the office for safekeeping with Cheryl;
- d. Understandably, we won't be able to host a packing day. It's especially important that all clothing and gift donations are labelled with securely fixed labels (not a sticky note) - Ex: Family L1 Girl Age 12 -- to ensure the items reach their intended recipient. No need to label food. The option of having the grade 7s involved with the packing was suggested and will be discussed further as an option.
- e. The Hampers will be transported to Forsyth Road Elementary the week of Mon, Dec 7 by the School District's transport truck and held for safekeeping/quarantining before distributing to the families; and
- f. To ensure the donations get to the intended families, Outreach is preparing contingency plans in case one or both schools are closed.

27. Grade 7 Class of 2019. Decision has been made on the distribution of their remaining funds. The class has decided to donate \$304.08 to the Laronde playground fund and \$1,000 to the current grade 7 Class 2021 year as they recognize it will be a difficult year to fundraise for any activities. If the grade 7 class of 2021 is unable to spend the \$1,000 by 30 June 2021, then it is to be donated to the Laronde playground.

28. LogoWear. No volunteer named. If interested in taking on the role, advise the Chair.

29. Spring Fair. Melissa W continues with contingency planning for a possible Fair in May 2021. Previous deposits made with vendors are secure.

30. Passive Fundraising. Reminder that Ocean park Cobbs Bread will donate a portion of sales to Laronde PAC, let them know at check out you are from Laronde. Emily Press is also supportive of our school if you identify you are from Laronde.

New Business

31. No new business.

Adjournment

32. End of Meeting. Catharine M motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 am. Melissa W seconded the motion, All in favour. Meeting adjourned.