

Dear Laronde Parents,

I am pleased to share my year-end report as your PAC Chair. I'd like to first report on a few financial matters. This year we raised \$13,693 through the direct donation campaign and \$15,071 at our Spring Fair (a record-setting amount for a Laronde Spring Fair!) These two main fundraisers, in addition to our popular hot lunch program, ensure that we can continue to support the many enrichment opportunities the Laronde PAC provides for our children. I would like to thank everyone for their generous support of our fundraisers. We voted at the last meeting to transfer 20% of the direct donation money to the playground and playground and/or technology funds. For those new to the school, the beautiful playgrounds you see at Laronde are paid for by parents. We spent the past 10 years fundraising for the replacement of Playground #2 which was opened in early 2022. We now set our fundraising target to the future replacement of Playground #3 which could come in the next 5-10 years. Playground #2 cost us almost \$120,000. I am confident that if we continue to raise similar amounts of funds through cheque writing, hot lunch, and spring fairs, and diligently set money aside, we should be in a good position to replace playground #3 when required.

The Laronde PAC delivered and/or financially supported the following activities at Laronde this year.

- Welcome Back Coffee
- Kindergarten T-shirt gift to welcome all new Kindergarten students
- Hot lunch (thank you Jen E and all the amazing hot lunch parent volunteers!)
- First Aid training for lunch monitors
- Saleema Noon's Body Health for all students
- Outreach activities like the winter clothing drive and the Christmas hampers (thank you Krista A & Stephanie A)
- The Laronde Craft Fair (thank you Catharine M)
- Q&A Parent's Session with Dr. Gunderson from One Love Consulting (thank you Mallory S)
- Book Exchange (thank you Catharine M)
- Jesse Rubin's I Can, We Can workshops
- Théâtre la Seizième Drama performance
- The very successful return of our biennial Laronde Spring Fair (huge thank you to our Spring Fair Coordinator Victor C)
- The continued support of 2 X \$500 scholarships for former Laronde students graduating at EMS (this year's winners were Claudia Phillips and Stella Hunka)
- Teacher Appreciation luncheon (thank you Nasiba, Michelle H, and Maha S)
- The school yearbook (thank you Tracy M.)
- PAC popsicles (thank you Elena) at sports day.
- Science enrichment in the classrooms
- Candy Canes for Deck the Doors
- Zumba
- Spirit Wear (thank you Julie E)

It was another amazing year that could not have been possible by your generous financial support and the many volunteer hours donated by Laronde families. Thank you everyone for stepping up to answer our call for volunteers.

As the Chair role is a 2-year term, I have the pleasure to continue in my role next year. At the June PAC meeting, we elected the following executive team:

Chair	Cynthia Springate
Past Chair	Catharine Macrander
Vice-Chair	Megan Johnson
Treasurer(s)	Victor Chan & Elena Plotnik
Secretary	Corinne Proctor
Class Parent Coordinator	Mallory Sandhu
Communications	Erin Martin
DPAC representative	Jin Thindal & Megan Johnson (alt)
CPF Rep	Julie Elliott
Members-at-large	Tracy Merry (Yearbook), Sophia Lou (taxes/gaming), Stephanie Albanese, Catharine Macrander, Robin Bal, Nasiba Jumabayeva (Craft Fair), Nishi Banipal (social media), Marina Heidt, Maha Saraf

I would like to thank this year's PAC executive members for all their hard work; you have been a wonderful team to work with. Thank-you Catharine Macrander, Erin Martin, Marina Heidt, Jacqueline Choo, Maha Saraf, Julie Elliot, Corrine Proctor, Sarah Johnny, Kelly Dumont, Tracy Merry, Sophia Lou, Krista Acheson, Stephanie Albanese, Mallory Sandhu, and Carolline Thindal.

Before we say goodbye for the summer, I do want to extend a special thank-you to one of our PAC executive members who is graduating from the Laronde PAC this year. Katie Corbeil has been an instrumental PAC executive member since she joined the executive 8 years ago. She was our Treasurer for many of those years and helped to set up processes that continue to streamline and safeguard the many financial transactions we process weekly. She was our secretary in 2020-2021 and she stepped up as Co-Chair in 2021-2022 and for that I am very personally grateful. Katie, you will be missed at the PAC table, and on behalf of the Laronde community, I want to thank you for all your contributions. Best wishes to you and your girls at EMS.

I wish you all a wonderful summer! See you at our Welcome Back Coffee at 10am on Tuesday, September 5th.

Best regards,
Cynthia Springate
Chair, Laronde PAC