



AGENDA

Ecole Laronde Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, November 22nd @ 9:00am Laronde Staff Room

2024-2025 Laronde Elementary PAC Executive:

Chair – Megan Johnson Past Chair – Cynthia Springate Vice Chair – Jin Thindal Secretary - Corrine Proctor Co-Treasurers – Victor Chan & Elena Plotnic Communications – Erin Martin Class Parent Coordinator – Mallory Geier	Members at Large – Tracy Merry, Sophia Lou, Stephanie Albanese, Robyn Bal, Nishi Banipal, Julie Elliott & Lara Guelpa. DPAC Rep – Jin Thindal CPF Rep – Julie Elliott
Principal – Janesse Boudreau Vice Principal – Katherine Burden	

1. Welcome & Introductions 9:00am
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2024, Meeting
4. Principal’s Report – Janesse Boudreau
5. Chair Report – Megan Johnson (Please see Updates below)
6. Financial Report (Treasurer’s Report Attached; see Updates below)
7. Committee Reports (Updates Below)
8. New Business
9. Old Business

Important Dates

- November 25th – EDB Committee Meeting @9:00am Laronde Staff Room
- November 25th – December 6th – Christmas Hamper Drive
- November 29th – Multi-Cultural Day
- November 29th – Hot Lunch
- December 6th – 1st Term Report Cards/Red and Green Day/Christmas Hamper Pack Day
- December 12th – Winter Concert and Booster Juice
- December 13th – Festive Sweater Day
- December 18th – Craft Fair
- December 20th – PJ Day/Pancake Breakfast/Hot Lunch/Last Day of School
- December 21st – January 5, 2024 – Winter Break; Schools re-open January 6th

LARONDE PAC UPDATES

Chair Report – Megan Johnson

Direct Donation Campaign. Thank you to all families who have already made their donation to the Laronde PAC. These donations help fund the enriching activities the PAC provides through the year, supports the updating of technology in the classrooms and funds playground replacements at the school. Our goal this year is \$15,000 and we have raised **\$4,559.80** so we are FAR from our goal.

Please keep in mind that every dollar you donate is directly supporting our children. We are so fortunate at Laronde because PAC has been able to support the many, wonderful cultural, art, science, and physical enrichment activities over the years, as well as pay for, and replace playgrounds and technology. PAC cannot do this without your Support. It is easy to donate, just login to the www.larondepac.ca website and you can donate on the front page of the PAC website.

Projects Funded by PAC. PAC has already funded wonderful programs this year with more to come, including:

(1) Unique Minds Science Workshop: Unique Minds came to Laronde to give Science workshops to our students on topics such as space, machines, properties of light and sound, meteorology, and water. They are currently working with students from grade 7 to grade 1. Our kindergarten students will have their own day later in the fall. This is a great way for students to be exposed to some fun Science projects and learning and the teachers have the chance to see the interactions of students in their grade groups. This was funded by PAC's Science Enhancement Funds.

(2) Saltwater Studios Art Program: PAC supported Johanne Howard from Saltwater Studios to come do workshops with our students.

(3) Think Yourself for Kids Academy - Yoga week K-7: This program was provided to the kids to promote physical literacy, self-esteem, and confidence. Ask your child about their experience! <https://thinkyourself.com/school-kids-programs/>

(4) MOSAIC (January 2025 date "TBD"): PAC is excited to fund this important presentation by MOSAIC Centre for Diversity. Students will participate in a school assembly that focuses on building a school environment based on respect, equity, inclusion, and diversity. In this assembly, students will explore ways people are different from each other, including racial and cultural differences; understand the meaning and negative impact of racism; and understand and learn to recognize the signs and negative impact of racism. They will be able to take steps to create class environments based on anti-racism where students' cultural and racial diversity are respected and included.

Craft Fair. The Craft Fair is happening on December 18th in the Laronde Gym. Thank you to Nishi Banipal and Jasmine Prasad for Co-Chairing this year's event. The registration information was sent out in the newsletter and Laronde PAC email. A reminder that there will be no baked goods/food allowed to be sold this year. The deadline to register is **December 6th**. All funds go to the PAC.

Emergency Preparedness. Thank you to our PAC Emergency Preparedness coordinator, Carla Hanson, and her team as they replenished all of the classroom emergency kits with nut-free, gluten free granola bars. Also, a couple weeks ago, Laronde lost power for several hours, which was enjoyable.....for the kids anyway! However, this event revealed some deficiencies in Laronde's preparedness. We need to replace and/or upgrade flashlights (without strobe function), restock the battery supply, and provide additional lighting sources (lanterns) for individual classrooms. Carla will be working with the school ensuring Laronde is well-prepared for future contingencies.

Class Parents. We are still seeking a class parent for Division 10 (Mme Burden/Mme. Voyer Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ split). If you can help, please email Mallory at classparent@larondepac.ca.

Spirit Wear. Thank you to Julie Elliott for ordering and providing Spirit Wear. This year, we got a new Logo. We received 90 purchases, a percentage of which will go to PAC fundraising efforts. We will be organizing a drawing contest after the New Year to determine the winning logo for next Fall. Please look out for announcements of days for your child(ren) to show their Laronde Spirit!

Passive Fundraisers. Emily Press Labels, Cobbs Bread in Ocean Park (just mention that you are a Laronde parent).

Fusion Fête. For the past two years, we have had held the Spring Fair in May, which were both an enormous success (thank you to Victor and everyone who volunteered). However, this year, the PAC executive in partnership with the EDB Committee would like to do something different! This event will still be a fundraiser but will focus heavily on the celebration of multiculturalism. We will need many volunteers to make this a success, so please look for announcements about how you can help in the emails and newsletters. EDB will be providing their leadership and experience to ensure this event is focused on inclusion and belonging.

Volunteers Needed for Sports! Basketball starts in January! Volunteer coaches needed! All coaches require a criminal record check.

Book Exchange. Cynthia Springate has graciously offered to volunteer to organize this year's Book Exchange, which usually happens in late February. If you want to volunteer, please email Megan at Chair@larondepac.ca. More details to come.

Babysitting course (First Aid Hero). Melissa Hsu, our new coordinator, will provide an update.

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Our CPF Representative, Julie Elliott, attended the CPF Provincial Annual Conference in October. There is a declining interest in the French Immersion Program in Surrey, currently at 3.66%. All Laronde parents are encouraged to become a member of CPF, which is free. The more membership representation we have in Surrey translates to MORE funding for French activities in the classrooms. Julie also attended the Table Ronde with many Surrey District employees/teachers to discuss the future of the French Immersion Program and concerns related about declining numbers of students enrolled, finding and keeping French teachers in the program, providing French LST, and preventing students from dropping French when entering high school.

Financial Report

The Treasurer's Report was provided in a separate attachment.

The Direct Donation Campaign is off to a slow start. Hopefully, Laronde parents will continue to donate. The Hot Lunch profits look good. Thank you to all the parents who purchase hot lunch for their child. The Gaming Grant application was approved!

Committee Reports

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Warm Clothing Drive:

The clothing drive was a success, with 31 bags of clothing donations. Last year we had about the same number of bags of clothing donated. However, we did not have the number of volunteers needed for the morning and afternoon sorting, so we will need to think about this for next year. Any ideas?

Christmas Hampers:

We are thrilled to announce that Outreach is continuing the annual Christmas Hamper Program. The Laronde school comes together to make Christmas special for families in need in our local community. Our Outreach coordinators, Nikki Dhaliwal and Michelle Hagenson do a tremendous job organizing, planning, and executing this program and it truly makes a difference in the lives of many families around the holidays.

The Christmas hampers program will run from November 25th – December 6th. Hopefully, we will have the SignUp Genius up by now for us to see the various items requested and how many families we are serving. Laronde families will have two weeks to bring the requested hamper items. The official packing day in the gym will be on **Friday, December 6th**. If you would like to learn more about volunteering with Outreach, please contact Michelle and Nikki at Outreach@larondepac.ca

We would like to thank **REDPATH RELOCATIONS** for their generous support and donation of ALL the boxes needed to carry out the Hamper mission. Redpath Relocations is a proudly indigenous owned company and we extend our warmest gratitude to Redpath Relocations!
<https://www.redpathmoving.com/>

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING

Movie Matinee: Grade 7's held a fundraiser on November 15th, a movie matinee in the gym. It was a really fun time for all, and a big thank you to all the Grade 7's and the Grade 7 teachers. The students stepped up and did an amazing job of taking care of the younger students. Grade 7 fundraising team will consider doing another in December if there is interest and/or any room left in the school calendar, likely wait until January or February.

Winter Dance: Proposed Date is Wednesday January 22, 2025. Since this is a physical activity for the kids to take part in, Mme. Burden suggested it could fall under her ‘physical literacy’ umbrella which would provide us with her support. We are planning to collect donations for food bank as admission for primary grades. The Intermediates (grades 4-6) could pay small admission if we had games and prizes for this age group. Grade 7s would attend on their own from 2-3pm. There will be a small concession available as part of fundraising.

Pancake Breakfast (Grade 6 Fundraising Transition): This annual event will be held on Friday December 20, 2024 in the gym. Normally, this event would be run by the Grade 7’s as part of their fundraising efforts, but this year, Grade 6’s will get an early start to their fundraising and Grade 6 families have shown enthusiasm for organizing this event. Look for special announcements as it gets closer.

DPAC COMMITTEE

Surrey District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC). Update will be provided by our DPAC Representative /Vice Chair, Jin Thindal.

HOT LUNCH COMMITTEE

Hot Lunch and Booster Juice. Verna Chow, our Hot Lunch Coordinator, and her team are doing a terrific job! The hot lunch program is running well. Please remember to make your payments online or your orders will be removed. **Please also pay close attention to the hot lunch and Booster Juice deadline dates and reminders.** We have received requests from parents to order hot lunch after the deadline and for reasons outside our control, late orders cannot be accepted. A huge thank-you to Verna and her team for their hard work on our incredibly popular hot lunch program!

BOOSTER JUICE - Nov 21 (orders closed) Dec 12th - order deadline **Nov 29th**

JIACHENG - Nov 29 (orders closed)

Canella catering - Dec 6 - order deadline Nov 22nd

Red Swan Pizza - Dec 20th order deadline Dec 6th

*Note hot lunch 2 weeks in a row on Nov 29th and Dec 6th. Please take note of deadlines for ordering.

EDB COMMITTEE

Parent Social Event: This fantastic evening event was held on Friday Oct 18th, at the Tap Restaurant, a Laronde family-owned restaurant. It was a very successful evening, great turn-out, and we received positive feedback. There is thought to try a bigger venue for future parent socials because of interest; however, we have positive reasons for keeping a smaller group: easier to mingle, and more manageable as hosts.

JB Mahli Parent Session on Anti-Racism: This event will be held on Thursday, November 21st. JB Mahli, Director of Instruction in the Racial Equity Department from Surrey Schools, is doing seminars with teachers at Laronde to further support equity work. Speaking points during parent session will be centered around Racial Equity but will touch on other topics, such as but not limited to, privilege and

diversity, and how we see ourselves within these facets.

Fusion Fête (Family Fair): Laronde PAC in partnership with EDB is excited to announce that we will be doing a Spring Family Fair, bringing Laronde families together as a year-end celebration and to support individual family's cultural heritage. This is an opportunity to express our authenticity and celebrate together; sharing our cultures through food, games, music, and other attributes of our individual heritage, in an effort to further the goal of inclusion and belonging at Laronde. More details to come!

Volunteer with EDB: We will be reaching out to the community soon regarding volunteer opportunities. We will likely be looking for parents to help with the school entrance display to start. Please contact Lara at edblaronde@outlook.com if you are interested in being a part of something special!