



AGENDA

Ecole Laronde Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, June 13th @ 9:00 am 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 Coordinator – 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 Acting Vice Principal – Nancy Shakur	

1. Welcome & Introductions 9:00 AM
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2025, 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 and Consultation for 2026/27)
7. Committee Reports (Updates Below)
8. New Business
9. Old Business

Important Dates

June 1st – Pride Month
June 3rd – Surrey District Track Meet
June 5th – Welcome to Kindergarten
June 10th – Staff/Teacher Appreciation from PAC
June 11th – Parent Appreciation Tea @ 1:15
June 13th – PAC Annual General Meeting (Budget Consultation and Approval/Exec Elections)
June 13th – Ocean Park Library Presentation
June 19th – Sunnyside Free Swim Day
June 20th – Sports Day/Grade 6 Concession
June 21st – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23rd – Recognition of National Indigenous People’s Day at School
June 24th – Farewell Assembly (Grade 7)
June 25th – PAC Freezies after school!
June 26th – Year End Assembly/Last Day of School!!! EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:33 PM!!!!
June 26th – Term 3 Report Cards Sent Home
June 27th – Administrative Day (NO School)

Dates Looking Forward

September 2nd – First Day of School (PAC Welcome Back Coffee)
September 19th – Terry Fox Run
September 26th – Orange Shirt Day
September 29th Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D)
September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



LARONDE PAC UPDATES



Chair Report – Megan Johnson

Projects Funded by PAC. PAC has funded wonderful programs this year, including:

Vaisakhi – Samosas. PAC was proud to support Laronde’s celebration of Vaisakhi on April 14th providing a samosa for each child. PAC will continue to contribute to the cultural enrichment and education of our kids and to recognize the very important cultural celebrations and events occurring throughout the year through food, art, music, dance, and literature.

Body Health Presentations – PAC sponsored the Body Health sessions presented by Saleema Noon in addition to paying for access to the content before the presentations in the classrooms. PAC hopes that by providing access to the videos, parents felt better informed and equipped to make decisions about their children(s)’ participation.

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. This was 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.

Saltwater Studios Art Program (Artists in Residence): PAC supported Johanne Howard from Saltwater Studios to come do these very popular workshops with our students of all ages. The kids really enjoyed this and look forward to it every year. Johanne brings her passion for art to the classroom, providing our kids the opportunity to find their artistic expression and creativity, which can fuel new passions and improve self-awareness and confidence. Please take a look at the website (below)!

<http://www.saltwaterstudios.com/index2.html>

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 PAC was thrilled to fund this important presentation by MOSAIC Centre for Diversity that focuses on building a school environment based on respect, equity, inclusion, and diversity. In the assembly, students explored ways people are different from each other, including racial and cultural differences; understand the meaning and negative impact of racism; and to understand and learn to recognize the signs and negative impact of racism.

(5) Technology (iPads) – PAC supplied the school with 11 iPads to meet the remaining needs for technology in the classrooms. PAC is thrilled that it could help Laronde satisfy this critical need so that each and every child in the classroom has access to technology-based activities.

(6) Screenagers – PAC provided funding for the **newly updated** film, *Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age*. Award-winning and thought-provoking, the film is now more relevant than ever with its recent update for 2025, including fresh insights from **Jonathan Haidt**, author of *The Anxious Generation*, and several others. The update also includes the latest scientific findings on the effects of video gaming, sleep, social media, and the use of phones and smartwatches in schools.

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

Sports Day and Concession. Sports Day will be on June 20th. There will be a Grade 6 concession at the END of the Sports Day. All stations will be on the grass field divided between the primary and intermediate classes. There will be 3 stations before recess, and 3 stations after lunch. Colours will be blue, green, black and white. Concessions will be at 1:30 and teachers will sign up for their class time to go with their kids for purchases. Please remember to send your child with a few coins to support our Grade 6's!

Freezies: June 25th – PAC is excited to provide freezies at the end of the school day on June 25th! We are looking for a parent volunteer to get the freezies and transport them to the school that day.

Emergency Preparedness: Carla Hanson, our emergency preparedness coordinator worked diligently this year to ensure supplies were restocked and/or replaced, batteries and flashlights and lanterns were purchased and in good working order, as well as any and all other emergency related items. Thank you, Carla for your efforts! We will provide an update in the Fall of any new issues to address.

National Indigenous People's Day: PAC is thrilled to provide the kids with Bannock, a traditional indigenous bread in recognition of National Indigenous People's Day. Each child will get to enjoy this delicious bread while learning about the indigenous cultures of Canada.

EMS Scholarship Winners. The EMS Scholarship Tea will be held on June 10th. We will be sure to announce this year's recipients of the Laronde PAC scholarships after their announcement.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Tuesday, June 10th. PAC will be hosting our annual luncheon for our dedicated teachers and staff. We sent out an email and a sign-up genius requesting volunteers and items for this event. We will put out coffee and bakery items in the morning, followed by lunch, drinks, and desserts during the lunch hour. If you haven't already, please consider volunteering your time, a small cash donation, or an item to make this the wonderful and delicious day our teachers and staff deserve. Please see the Sign-Up Genius link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AA8AE22ABFC1-56996472-laronde#/>

Fusion Fête. An amazing day and so much to celebrate. Please see update provided by EDB Committee below.

Farewell Assembly: June 24th will be the final farewell assembly for Grade 7. All welcome to attend. Specific time will be announced by Mme. Boudreau.

Spring Sports! Spring sports are underway. We are starting off with badminton until the end of April and first week of May. A big thank you to Mr. Ng for his gracious offer to coach! Track was a huge success, and the kids showed so much dedication to their early morning practices! The track meet was held on June 3rd for grades 3-7 at the South Surrey Track. Our Laronde track stars did an amazing job, and it was a great day spent with kids from other schools. Thank you to all the Laronde staff/teachers who volunteered as coaches. Go Lynx!!!!

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, and Laronde staff/teachers who gave their time to coach this year, so that our kids could learn, develop, and enjoy sports. Please consider volunteering next year for a sport. All coaches require a criminal record check.

Babysitting/Stay Safe Courses (First Aid Hero). Melissa Hsu, our coordinator, did a FANTASTIC job organizing the First Aid Hero Staysafe Course for Grades 4-7 and the Babysitting Course for Grades 6/7 on the Pro-D Day, May 2nd at Laronde Elementary. We hope to provide these courses during the Fall for those who missed the age cutoff or were waitlisted, so please look for announcements. A huge "THANK YOU" to Melissa who has also graciously offered to organize this program for the next school year.

Canadian Parents for French ("CPF"): Update from our CPF Coordinator, Julie Elliot:

For CPF, 2 schools are losing the French Immersion program. Ocean Clif Elementary is one of them. General meeting is on June 17th at 7pm.

PAC Executive Vacancies

As a reminder, all Laronde parents and guardians are members of PAC, and are welcome to be part of the PAC Executive. We welcome new energy, ideas, and contributions, as it makes us a more representative, and more inclusive PAC. Also, even if a position is not vacant this year, there is always the possibility that a position will open the following year. We welcome you to attend meetings to find out what vacancies need to be filled and throw your name in! At our last meeting, on Friday, June 13th, we will hold elections for any executive position needed to be filled.

All are welcome to serve, and we encourage everyone to consider taking on an active role in leadership and participation in PAC's mission!

Financial Report

Financial Report Updates – Elena Plotnic and Victor Chan, our co-treasurers will provide an update.

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

Also, Sophia Lou, our Member at Large, has submitted our taxes to CRA for the previous fiscal year 2024 as required of PAC as a registered charity. Thank you for your time and efforts, Sophia. Sophia's child is graduating next year, so we will be looking for someone to fill her position, so if accounting is your strength/profession, please consider volunteering for the 2026/2027 year.

Committee Reports

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to our co-chairs, Nikki Dhaliwal and Michelle Hagenson, for their invaluable leadership and commitment to Laronde's Outreach initiatives. Nikki and Michelle have offered to co-chair the committee for the 2025/2026 school year. Thank you! Also, if anyone is interested in helping with Outreach next year, please send an email to outreach@larondepac.ca because Outreach will begin organizing the Christmas hamper event and Warm Clothing Drive in September and it would be great to know if anyone is available to participate next year!



GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING/COMMITTEE

Grade 7's enjoyed their last camp of the year on May 5th at Camp Jubilee – your support throughout this year has enabled our Grade 7's to build bonds and create memories at all 3 camps this year and to put money towards their Grad Party in June. Thank you so much!

Grade 7 Committee (2025/2026): Next year, our goal is to organize a formal "Grade 7 Committee" whose purpose will be to assist with the communication, planning, and fundraising efforts/events for the Grade 7 kids and their families. The Committee would also consist of a designated "Grade 7 Committee Representative" and a "Grade 7 Treasurer" decided by the committee who will liaise with the PAC Executive, attend PAC meetings, and provide regular updates, advise of any Grade 7 initiatives, and provide feedback from Grade 7 parents. Ideally, the Committee will be formed, and a representative will be chosen before the first day of school in September.

This committee is responsible for all fundraising efforts to assist in covering the cost of Grade 7 extended day camp(s) and the end-of-year Grad party. The party is a parent-run event with no involvement from the school. Without fundraising, the cost for camps and the party, would be out of pocket for each individual family, totaling approximately \$450 per student. We want continuity of fundraising information to be available to future Grade 7 committees; each Grad year may want to fundraise differently, but it can be valuable to have an example to start with.

Note: funds collected through School Cash Online or otherwise through the school (as opposed to through the PAC) cannot be used for the Party – something to keep in mind.

Grade 6 Fundraising/Committee Parent Representative (*future Grade 7 parents*) In addition to a Grade 7 Committee and Representative, this year, we found it helpful for the Grade 6 parents/kids to begin their fundraising efforts early to prepare for the costs of their Grade 7 activities/camps which start early in the year (October Camp). For example, this year, the Grade 6 kids/parents hosted the Holiday Pancake Breakfast, which was an enormously successful event, both in outcome, and as a fundraising activity. Going forward, the Grade 6 kids/parents will host this event to help them get the necessary head start for their fundraising. If you wish to participate as a Grade 6 Representative, please contact Megan at chair@larondepac.ca.

EDB COMMITTEE (Equity, Diversity, and Belonging)

This year, we tried something different than the Spring Fair. We wanted to hold an outside event that emphasized and promoted inclusiveness, community, and cultural diversity. The EDB, together with PAC organized and hosted the first ever “Fusion Fete.” This event was a resounding success and immensely enjoyed by our Laronde kids and families. A poll was circulated, and EDB will be taking all of your comments and feedback into consideration to improve the experience next time!

EDB would like to thank all of the amazing volunteers, whose efforts and time and contributions made this event possible. Along with EDB committee members, EDB would like to thank the lead volunteers who took on specific events/tasks:

Food – Mannel/Ben Kilford (Grounds & Greens)
Performances - Sarah Martinez
Activities - Ilker Horasan
Quiet Corner - Cristin Czoch
Art Auction - Nishi Banipal

Also, a special thank you to the people below for their (delicious) generous donations!

German donuts - Cristin Czoch
Palestinian Hareesa - Haneen Abdolall
Ice cream - Patrick Sponaski
Indian sweets - Nishi Banipal

The EDB Committee is always looking for new members! Please consider joining or helping out when volunteer opportunities arise throughout the year! You may email edblaronde@outlook.com

DPAC COMMITTEE

Surrey District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC). Jin Thindal, our DPAC Representative, will provide any and all updates.

HOT LUNCH COMMITTEE

Hot Lunch and Booster Juice. Verna Chow, our Hot Lunch Coordinator, Lei, and her team, are doing a terrific job! Thank you to Verna for her diligence, responsiveness, and capacity to make this program function for the kids to enjoy. Also, a big “thank you” to families for supporting the hot lunch program, as it raises funds for all the wonderful programs, workshops, and initiatives we want to provide to our kids.

Set-Up Crew Volunteers Needed!

In order for the Hot Lunch Program to succeed, we need parent volunteers to come and help set up and organize the meals according to Division for the lunchtime parent volunteers to take to the classroom. If you are interested in being part of this very vital “Set-Up Crew,” please email Verna at hotlunch@larondepac.ca.

Pick-Up/Delivery Volunteer Needed!

The Program is in need of a volunteer who may regularly pass through Burnaby and/or New Westminster to pick up stock for our lunches. Ideally, this would require a larger vehicle to handle the volume. Please let us know if you can help!

Any suggestions and/or feedback are always welcome for future vendor sourcing.

Remaining Hot Lunch Dates:

June 20th - Boston Pizza

June 26th - White Spot

YEARBOOK – Updates from Tracy.

A big “Thank you” to Tracy for her years of dedication to capturing special moments of our children. Tracy has been an integral and active part of our Laronde school community for many years, and we are so grateful for her contributions. We wish her and her daughter, Phoebe, a wonderful next chapter.

We are thrilled to welcome Robyn Bal, a current Member-at-Large, as our incoming Yearbook Coordinator. Thank you, Robyn for taking this on!

Old Business:

Grade 7 Band

New Business:

Welcome Back Coffee (September)