



Laronde Elementary Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 25th, 2014 @ 7pm

2013-14 Laronde Elementary PAC Members:

Lisa Clarke – Chair Maidra McGunigal - Vice Chair Kate Tobin & Erin Rao - Treasurers Secretary – VACANT Class Parent Coordinator – Cynthia Springate	Members at Large -Tanja Phillips, Jaime Clinker, Vanessa Soon, Cathy Hsu DPAC – Vacant Past Chair - Polly Diether CPF- Caroline Les
SPC - Cynthia Springate, Greg Caza & Ana Kozjak	Principal - Johane Fortin

1. Welcome & Introductions 7:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda - **Kate moved to approve agenda, Tanja 2nd. All in favour, motion carried.**
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2014 – **Janet moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2014 Michelle 2nd. All in favour, motion carried.**
4. Principal’s Report – Mme. Fortin
 - We concluded a very successful basketball season last week with the boys placing first and the girls third in their respective play day. We truly appreciate the time parent coaches spend with our students teaching them the skills. Badminton is starting now for the Gr 5/6/7s.
 - Grade 4 and 7 students completed the FSAs last week and parents will receive their child’s result later in March.
 - On Thursday the same students will complete the Satisfaction Survey. Parents will receive a logon code in a notice later this week to complete the parent version. An ice cream party is offered to the class with the most respondents.
 - The students have voted to rename our school team “The Laronde Lynx”. Submissions for a logo will be accepted until March 5. Criteria were shared in classrooms and in the weekly Around Laronde. Students will vote on their favourite logo the week of March 10.
 - Pink T-shirt day is tomorrow. The leadership students are sponsoring “les billets de gentillesse” all week with draws at the end of the week.
 - Report card # 2 goes home on Friday, March 7 with early dismissal for parent/teacher conferences on March 12.
 - La semaine de la francophonie begins the week of March 10. Some of the events include: French speaking paralympian guest speaker for grades 4-7 students, zumba en français, poutine for all, concours d’art oratoire, and more. Fun week to celebrate the pleasure of learning French!
 - The PAC-funded flat screen TV + Apple TV has been installed in the library and it is a great addition as a teaching/learning tool for the school. Merci PAC!
 - The bell and P.A. systems have been upgraded thanks to a district investment of \$10-12,000. We all appreciate the new features such as the chime outside and the capacity to page messages outside.
 - Our French-speaking artist-in-residence will be here to work with the students to make our new Lynx logo as a mosaic the week of May 5. We will also make a second mosaic on the theme of “Vivre en français”. Thank you PAC for supporting this project.

5. Chair's Report – Lisa Clarke

- Two scholarships have been presented to EMS and Earl Marriott for \$250.00 each.
- Name of Award is: Ecole Laronde Scholarship
- Criteria are: A student who has proven to be kind, respectful and a responsible learner who is a creative builder of their future. I have specifically asked that each recipient of the \$250.00 scholarship send a hand written thank you note to the school.
- A secret gardener has taken to the planters in the front near the flag pole. Thank you Secret Gardener. If anyone is interested to buy some fresh spring flowers to update the planters, please let Lisa Clarke know at chair@larondpac.ca . The Pac would reimburse you for up to \$30.00.
- We are also very excited to see the new TV in the library. Please take a peek in the library and see the new screen when you have a chance.
- **The ponies, bouncy castles, carnival games, food and entertainment are coming soon, mark your calendars for May 16th .**
- Laronde is seeking many volunteers to help organize Carnival Laronde held Friday May 16th, 2014. There are plenty of volunteering opportunities on the day of the fair and many hours leading up to the fair day. There is something for everyone. Please contact Hollis Pilling at hollis.e.pilling@gmail.com for questions and volunteering opportunities you might have about the Carnival in May! If you have an hour or a few hours it's a huge help. You may be able to volunteer for something that you can do at home or on the weekend if that works better for your schedule. Hollis and her carnival committee will update us at the next pact meeting April 11th at 9am.

6. Financial Report –

- Tax receipts have been mailed for contributions to our cheque writing campaign. If you have not yet received your, please e-mail Kate or Erin.
- Most of the hot lunch orders have been paid for with a few outstanding.
- We currently have approximately \$41,000 in funds available. We need to get some of the gaming funds used up through the spring fair. Another option for the gaming funds may be updating the jerseys with the new logo.
- **It was moved by Polly and 2nd by Tanja that we spend up to \$500.00 to renew the PAC online hot lunch system. All in favour, motion carried.**
- **It was moved by Polly and 2nd by Erin that we reallocate \$399.50 from the PE activity to artist in residence. All in favour, motion carried.**

7. Committee Reports:

- **Fruit and Veggie Program** – apples coming next.
- **DPAC** – need a new volunteer
- **Emergency Preparedness** – Will need to replace expired items soon. Now have enough supplies to look after 180 students for 3 days. **It was moved by Erin and 2nd by Janet to allocate \$2000.00 to the Emergency Preparedness committee. All in favour, motion carried.**
- **Spring Fair May 16: Hollis Pilling coordinator** – Grade 6/7s voting on theme this week, then there will be a poster contest. Seeking donations for various activities. Will send out a broadcast email. Next meeting is March 7th. **It was moved by Lisa and 2nd by Maida to authorize up to \$7500 for Spring Fair expenses. All in favour, motion carried.**

8. New Business – none

9. Old Business- none

10. Adjournment – **Move to adjourn at 8:12pm**

Next meeting is Friday, April 11th at 9:00am. Peter Johnston, EMS principal will attend.