



### **Holiday Greetings from the Chair**

*It is always amazing this time of year to see so many parents and grandparents volunteering to support the wonderful initiatives that make Laronde great.*

*Merci for Volunteering!*

The school has been a real flurry of activity this year, thank you to the many parent/grandparent volunteers who make everything possible all year long.

Hampers, Deck the Halls, Pancake Breakfast and the Christmas Concert are just a few of the upcoming events at Laronde. A special thanks to class parents, this job requires lots of coordinating around the holiday season and very important to the success of the school, Thank you to all the PAC Executive for the extras you do, organizing, coordinating and all of your countless volunteering time.

We are looking for a Canadian Parents for French Volunteer for the remainder of the school year. Not much involvement is required, just keeping us up to date with current initiatives is all you need to do. Please email [l.clarke@telus.net](mailto:l.clarke@telus.net) if you are interested.

You are invited to attend our next Pac Meeting, which will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm in the Library. Attached is *the DRAFT minutes* from the last PAC Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy!

Happy Holidays,

Lisa Clarke  
PAC Chair

**AGENDA – Parent Advisory Council Meeting École Laronde – Fri Nov 21st @ 9 am Library**

**2014-15 Laronde Elementary PAC Members:**

Chair - Lisa Clarke Vice Chair - Maida McGunigal Co-Secretary - Anastasia Stoubos & Amie Jordan Co-Treasurers - Kate Tobin & Tanja Phillips Class Parent Coordinator - Cynthia Springate	Members at Large –Janet Petras, Vanessa Soon, Marisela Amyotte, Hollis Pilling. Angela Larken, Amrin Khan Jamal, Ana Kozjak DPAC – Amie Jordan CPF- Caroline Les
SPC - Cynthia Springate, Greg Caza & Ana Kozjak	Principal - Johane Fortin

1. Welcome & Introductions 9:00 am, regrets from Lisa Clarke and Anastasia Stoubos
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from Oct 10, 2014 approved by Erin Rao and Jennifer Pilchak
4. Principal Report:
  - Christmas concert- December 16 ,2014 dress rehearsal, December 17, 2014 1:-30pm & 7pm
  - Report Cards – Last day prior to Winter break December 18, 2014, there will be early dismissal for parent conferences on Wednesday, January 7, 2014
  - Crossing Gaurds – Crossing duty began this week mostly on Amble Green Drive and seem to be going well. 20 children required ideally and we require about 10 more grade 6 or 7 students to support the volunteering.
  - Volleyball Season – Boys and girls have had a great season thanks to the children and we are grateful to parent volunteers, thank you to parents who took the time to facilitate the volleyball!
  - Basketball season in approaching in January, we are still needing parent volunteers for both teams.
  - Jody Fatheringham – was introduced by Joanne and Jody spoke about her role in the school, emotional intelligence an how she works with individuals and groups of children, the days and hours of availability and how to contact her.
  - Jason Craft- Mural Artist came and spoke about the progress of the mural in the gymnasium this mural is very exciting, more than a pretty picture it is filled with symbolism.
  - Kindergarten Registrations - For Laronde siblings will begin on December 1st. For the community, the district is moving away from the telephone registration and will introduce a lottery system this year. Parents need to register their child in their catchment school first starting on January 19 and then register online for a choice program between January 26 and February 13. More information will be available on the district website and in the local newspapers.

## 5. Committee Reports: 9:20

- Logo Wear current – Janet P~ order online Thursday Nov 27 final day.
- Craft Fair Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Ana & Hollis – if there is a short fall in the cost for the rental cost for tables which is currently at ~\$25. The PAC will cover the difference
- Deck the Halls Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Cocoa Day – Pamela S
- Emergency preparedness – Erin said the kits were upgraded and the food that was exchanged in the kits was donated to Forsyth hill and Harbour side outreach and were well received by the organizations.
- Canadian Parent for French – we are looking for a new representative. we will email parents and see if we have a volunteer. Caroline is not able to continue as of January 2015.
- DPAC- Amie J: Update on October Meeting - discussion surrounding the elections that were approaching.
- Outreach Committee – Jennifer P
  - Warm clothing drive - the clothing was well received and all families were grateful.
  - Christmas hampers – we will continue to adopt families and will look at the 15 families and divide between classes and look at supplementary sources. December 11, 2014
  - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Forsyth Hill pancake breakfast we will have volunteers and send out a note to families
- Grade 7 initiatives -
  - Booster juice – going well, discussions about looking into reopening for additional orders in January in the event that families would like to change or add to their existing order.
  - Pancake breakfast/Pyjama Day – December 19, 2014
  - Art Night – February 28, 2015
- Year Book – Karin B
- Jersey Update – Tanja – the new jerseys have come in, there are enough that the girls and boys can have their own and they are reversible for home and away. We are grateful that Promo Works a Laronde family subsidized the jerseys this year, a big Thank you to Promo Works.
- Scholastic Book Fair summary –

We sold over \$5,400 worth of books and made \$1317.67 in Commission for the Laronde Library. As per our previous PAC meeting 15% of this will be donated to the library at Forsythe. In addition to the cash, October was a bonus month and we received \$490 worth of free books which I invited Mme. Deslauriers to choose for Learner Support. She was very excited and very appreciative of this windfall. All teachers also received a number of books for their classroom collections from parents' contributions and money the PAC allocated at the October meeting. The success of the Fairs was dependent upon a wonderful group of volunteers to whom I am very grateful but none more than Faye Karvat who shadowed the organization of

the whole affair and  
who will assume the mantle of Book Fair Coordinator next year.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Polly Diether,  
Book Fair Coordinator

Thank you Polly D & Faye K for all the work you have done to make this event such a success.

6. Chair's Report 9:50 & Update on Cheque Writing Campaign 2014-2015

- A huge thank you, we raised \$12,299.99 and we have a few donations still coming in.
- Christmas lunch for teachers, we will provide \$400. The receipt is to be submitted and we will refund.

7. Financial Report - The teachers have started to use their teacher funds, reminder to teachers to use their funds and submit receipts.

We will add first aid to the financial report.

8. New Business

- Family Photo Shoot, Sunday November 23, 2014 – 12 spaces and we can look into an evening at the school.
- Ocean Park Winter Wonderland – December 7, 2014

9. Adjournment Erin and Jen motion to adjourn.

**Next EVENING meeting: Monday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Important Dates

November 27, 2014 ***Craft Fair***

December 5, 2014 ***Deck the Halls/Cocoa Day***

December 19, 2014 ***Pancake Breakfast & Pyjama Day, Last day of School***

January 5, 2015 ***School Resumes***

# OCEAN PARK'S WINTER WONDERLAND



**December 7**  
**Sunday 3-5 pm**  
**Ocean Park Hall**

*The Hall's Back Yard will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland with Santa.  
Bring your camera for pictures of St. Nick with your little Elf*

**Winter Wonderland with Santa 3-4pm**  
**Pizza Party for the Kids starts at 4pm**  
**Holiday Movie "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer"**

*Entry \$5 Donation for Fun Fun Park Improvements*

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