

**PAC MINUTES, Monday, June 1st, 2017 @ 9:00am**

Parent Advisory Council Meeting École Laronde – Staff Room

1. Welcome & Introductions @ 9:00am

**2016-17 Laronde Elementary PAC Members:**

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| Chair – Cynthia Springate  Vice Chair – Janet Petras  Secretary - Pamela Wilson-Sydor  Co-Treasurers - Katie Corbeil & Susie Fang  Class Parent Coordinator – Anastasia Stoubos | Communications – Tanja Phillips & Hollis Pilling  Members at Large – Lori Jones, Sarah Hunter, Josee Katz, Catharine Macrander  Grade 7 Rep – Della Faremo  CPF- Marisela Amyotte |
| Principal - Johane Fortin |  |

Total 15 Laronde parents & PAC executive present at meeting.

1. Motion to Approve of Agenda
   * Moved by Catharine M.
2. Motion to Review and Approval of Minutes from January 30th, 2017
   * Moved by Janet P. seconded by Sarah H. All in favour, motion carried.
3. Principal Report – Johane Fortin

2017-2018 Planning underway

* Two additional divisions next year – 20 in total
* Vice-principal at 20% - 80% teaching
* New principal Sabrina Niro
* 3 K classes full – 44 on wait list
* classes will begin at 8:40 – 8:35 warning bell – and end at 2:30
* Anticipate having students start the first week in grade groups until school given the ok to organize with 20 division

Athletic news

* Mini meet yesterday
* District Track Meet on Monday
* A big thank you to all the parent coaches
* School will publish an athletic calendar for the next school year to help parents plan if they want to coach

Current events/activities

* Bike to School Week is going well this week!

Year-end activities/events

* June 7 Kindergarten Orientation
* June 21 Kindergarten celebration
* June 23 Sports Day
* June 26 1:45pm Band concert
* June 28 1pm Grade 7 Farewell Assembly
* June 29 10:45 Year-end assembly, report cards issued, 1:33 early dismissal, last day for students
* June 30 Admin day – for staff only

In closing, and on behalf of the staff, I want to thank this year’s PAC executive for their dedication and involvement in our school this year. It has been a very successful year of cooperation and teamwork between the parents and staff, and together we worked as a team to offer the best we can to our students.

And I would like to add that it has been a real pleasure to serve as principal of École Laronde for the past 41/2 years. The community spirit between and amongst staff, students and parents is what makes our school special and so welcoming and fun to work for. I couldn’t have asked for a better school for my swan song. Merci!

1. Chair Report – Cynthia Springate
   * Thanks everyone for coming to this very important PAC meeting. Very soon we will ask for you to vote on our 2017/18 budget and for the 2017/18 PAC executive. On your tables, you will find financial reports and details of the PAC executive positions. We are looking for new members to join the PAC executive today!
   * I was remiss in my last report to thank Catharine M. for running our book exchange in February. It was another successful event that helped Laronde families clear out some book shelves for new to them books and it also sent boxes of books to our sister school Forsyth Road and to the Rotary Book Sale. A win-win-win!
   * I would also like to thank Sophia L. for answering our call for a volunteer to shadow Erin. R next year and take on the vital job of filing our tax returns. This ensures we keep our charitable organization status. Thanks Sophia.
   * The Earl Marriott convocation was last week and we presented a $500 scholarship to Emily LaRoue. We voted last year to consolidate our scholarships from two to one and we now present a $500 scholarship to a former Laronde student graduating from EMS who meets the following criteria: A student who has proven to be a kind, respectful and responsible learner who is a creative builder of their future. As our school motto is 'Vivre en Français', the student must be eligible to receive the Double Dogwood Diploma.
   * Hot Lunch Garbage and Recycling – teachers and administration have shared their concerns regarding the challenges of hot lunch garbage and recycling. The district changed to a multi stream garbage collection system last year that is proving difficult for students to understand, especially on hot lunch days. We have been asked to provide an infographic for each hot lunch vendor that details where all the hot lunch garbage should go. We hope to have this in place for September but in the meantime, we would ask all hot lunch volunteers to help students sort their garbage. We would also like to suggest that the larger garbage cans be put out on Fridays to deal with the extra garbage. These cans are usually kept in the gym change rooms.
   * Before we move on to our budget vote and PAC elections, I would like to thank our current executive for all their hard work over the past year. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and all our children enjoy a better school experience due to your efforts. Thank-you!
   * I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Anastasia S. for her service to the school as she and her family embark on a new adventure. Anastasia has been a tireless volunteer over the years, one of those parents who drives to every field trip, regularly helps out with hot lunch, and has been our yearbook photographer, laminator, class parent coordinator, and PAC Secretary in the past. She will definitely be missed by all of us here but we wish her all the best!
   * I know it is not quite the end but as this is our final PAC meeting, I would also like to express our gratitude and best wishes to our retiring principal, Mme Fortin. It has been a real pleasure working with you over the past four and a half years and we are sad to see you go. You have been a positive force always seeking ways to improve the school experience for our children and to take full advantage of our unique program to ensure our students Vivre en Francais! Best wishes for a wonderful retirement!
   * And as they say, “when one door closes, another one opens”, I would like to welcome to our school Mme. Niro-Fraser, our incoming principal. We look forward to working with you!
2. Financial Report – See charts below
   * Move $15,000 from General Funds Operating Account to Held in Trust Fundraising: Playground Fund.
   * Moved by Kate T. seconded by Tanja P. All in favour, motion carried.
3. Approval of 2017-18 Budget ($32,280 in spending)
   * Moved by Kate T. seconded by Sophie L. All in favour, motion carried.
4. PAC Executive Elections – Kate Tobin, Elections Commissioner
   * Chair – Cynthia Springate (1yr)
   * Vice Chair – Tanja Philips
   * Treasurers – Katie Corbeil, Susie Fang & Sophia Lou
   * Secretary – Janet Petras
   * Class Parent Coordinator – Catharine Macrander
   * Communications – Hollis Pilling
   * Member at Large – Sarah Hunter, Pamela Wilson-Sydor, Stefanie Simpson, Luana Foulkes, Della Faremo
5. Committee Reports
   * Fruits & Veggies – may possibly need a new coordinator
   * Yearbook Coordinator & Photographer – Need a new photographer
6. New Business – “Yoga” lady to be in touch with new principal
7. Old Business – Grade 7 funds left over from grad will be donated. Undecided charity.
8. Motion to Adjourn – @ 10:20am Moved by Stephanie S.

Important Dates in June

June 23rd – Sports Day

June 29th - 10:45 Year-end assembly, report cards issued, 1:33 early dismissal & last day for students