



PAC MINUTES, Friday April 20 @ 9:00 am

Parent Advisory Council Meeting École Laronde – Library

Minutes recorded by Janet Petras (Secretary).

1) Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am.

2017-18 Laronde Elementary PAC Members:

Position	Name	Email
Chair	Cynthia Springate	chair@larondepac.ca
Vice-Chair	Tanja Phillips	vicechair@larondepac.ca
Secretary	Janet Petras	secretary@larondepac.ca
Treasurers	Susie Fang	treasurer@larondepac.ca
	Katie Corbeil	treasurer@larondepac.ca
	Sophia Lou	treasurer@larondepac.ca
Communications	Hollis Pilling	communications@larondepac.ca
Class Parent Coordinator	Catharine Macrander	classparent@larondepac.ca
Grade 7 Parent Rep	Tanja Phillips	grade7@larondepac.ca
Members at Large	Pam Wilson-Sydor, Della Faremo, Sarah Hunter, Stefanie Simpson, Luana Foulkes	

Total 18 Laronde parents & PAC executive present at meeting.

Cynthia Springate indicated it was great to see so many new parents of primary students in attendance. She also noted that elections for next year will take place at the next PAC meeting, and it would be wonderful to have them involved.

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve of Agenda: Moved by Tanja Phillips. Seconded Sarah Hunter. All in favour, motion carried.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2018

Motion to approve minutes: Moved by Sarah Hunter. Seconded by Pam Wilson-Sydor. All in favour, motion carried.

4) Principal’s Report – Sabrina Niro

a) Teaching Positions Available 2018-2019

The school will be filling 5 teaching positions next year. There are several teachers currently at Laronde who will hopefully submit applications. Details regarding the composition of classes (next year and how we make placements) will be circulated mid-May. The staff will work diligently to try to accommodate all student’s and

teachers' needs when determining the class mix. Several factors are contributing to the shortage of teachers especially for French Immersion. In particular the teacher salaries are not in line with the cost of living in British Columbia.

There is a wait list to access the Kindergarten with 57 students currently accepted. The final spots will be filled in September to have leeway in 2018-19 to meet classroom composition regulations.

b) Track and Field

Track and field rotations will begin next week with several teachers looking forward to leading the stations. Parents are welcome and encouraged to assist. Laronde will be hosting a Mini Meet May 10 at the South Surrey track. Practice schedules and sign-up sheets will be distributed soon.

A master calendar of school sports/grade levels was requested to make the planning of extra curricular and school activities easier. Students in Grade 3 and 4 may participate in track and cross country.

c) Interim Week May 14-18

Teachers will provide an update on student learning during that week which could take the form of phone call, email, information home, student-led conference or parent-teacher conference etc.

d) Grass Hill

The owner of the new home being built, and the one just completed, are responsible for seeding the hill.

The developers of the Laronde Woods housing community committed \$150,000 to Laronde last year. We have yet to access the funds that the Surrey Board is holding for us, which they stipulated be used for safety improvements at the school. A proposal for an upgraded parking lot was undertaken last year with the total cost projection of \$600,000. We are not pursuing that project however would like to access the funds for other uses. Mme Niro will continue to work with the City and School Board to access the funds.

e) Welcome to Kindergarten is June 6.

f) Spring Fair

The teachers are receptive to participating in the Spring Fair and being part of the activities including the dunk tank.

g) Photos with Life Touch

After several meetings the recommendation is to use Mountain West for one more year, then to revert back to Life Touch. Life Touch has a partnership with Shutterfly and is now storing all photos on a Canadian server which can be accessed when creating photo books etc. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback to the staff regarding the quality and service of Mountain West next year.

h) IPADS

Some of the school's IPADS need to be replaced as many new apps and the Fresh grade program app needs updated technology to run properly. The cost of 30 new IPADS is \$15,000. Instead of purchasing the carts another option being considered is to have 5 IPADS and 5 Macbooks in each classroom.

The District provides programs and equipment to schools including: tools for building, robotics equipment, video making equipment, Little Bits (electronics), and technology grants (\$10,000). Mme Niro will make a financial request proposal for technology and tables for the library for the June PAC meeting. It was suggested

that we could consider partnering with a high school to have them build bookshelves or tables for the school as shop project.

There are issues with space for the band to practice and the plan is to share space with the library next year. Discussion occurred around the before/after school care program utilizing a classroom that could be allocated to the band. The District is striving to provide some form of before/after school care in each catchment.

The Grade 7 leadership group is working on developing the gardens at the front of the school.

5) **Spring Fair Update** – Pam Wilson-Sydor

As a test this year PAC will be selling bracelets rather than passports to enter the Fair. Additional promotion around the community will not take place for a number of reasons (capacity, insurance,...).

The planning is going very well and the next major meeting is Monday April 23. There is still help required on May 11 to manage the volunteers throughout the day. Joanne S volunteered to lead this area.

There will be a Poutine food truck will be on site. Other food truck vendors don't seem interested as they want to avoid the competition. Morag A will investigate sourcing and providing samosas to be sold along with pizza as a complement to the poutine food truck. Pam Wilson-Sydor will contact Erin R to see how many samosas were sold during the Grade 7 concession.

Cynthia Springate is in the process of applying for the raffle license. A license may also be required for the silent auction so Pam Wilson-Sydor will check with Leanna S who is heading the area. She will also ask Katie Corbeil what license is required for the silent auction.

It will be important to control the flow of Spring Fair information distributed to parents over the next three weeks so it's not overwhelming.

6) **Call for Volunteers**

Discussed below in the Chair Report.

7) **Chair Report** – Cynthia Springate

- Volunteers Urgently needed:

Volunteers and photos are desperately required to make the Yearbook a reality this year. If you can assist, please contact Cynthia Springate at chair@larondepac.ca.

- Book Exchange report

11 boxes of books were donated to Forsyth Road Elementary from the Book Exchange. A portion of the books were also donated to W.E. Kinvig Elementary. Thanks to Catharine Macrander for organizing the Exchange, and for collaborating with a group of Laronde Girl Guides who worked toward their Lady Baden Powell pin by helping at the event.

- Hot Lunch

\$4,218.50 is the outstanding balance for hot lunch accounts. We ask that everyone check into their accounts to ensure all is paid. Discussion occurred about requiring payment at the time of hot lunch ordering to avoid the PAC chasing outstanding balances.

- Teacher Luncheon – June 13

Thanks to Cindy A for volunteering to coordinate again this year. She will be looking for volunteers closer to the date.

- Scholarship

The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an Earl Marriott graduate (former Laronde student), who has proven to be kind, respectful, and a responsible learner and who is a creative builder of their future. Student must be eligible for the double Dogwood. The scholarship will be presented at a tea this year.

- Budget and Elections next meeting

If you are interested in any of the PAC executive positions, please feel free to contact Cynthia Springate or any member of the executive.

- Logo Wear

The PAC is planning to offer logo wear again next year. In an effort to encourage and strengthen the PAC is considering providing it at discounted prices, and free to the incoming Kindergarten students. Janet Petras provided samples of shirts, colours, and logos to the PAC for consideration. It was agreed to offer blue and green organic cotton t-shirts with the large Laronde logo on the front, and with the Property Of logo. In addition, blue sweatshirts will be offered with the large Laronde logo. The t-shirts may also be shown at the Spring Fair. Janet will coordinate the Youth Small green t-shirts for the June Kindergarten orientation.

Motion to spend \$800 to provide the Kindergarten t-shirts. Moved by Cynthia Springate, seconded by Sarah Hunter. Motion carried.

- Spring Fair

Mark your calendars for Friday the 11th of May right after school. This is the largest event run by the PAC and a significant fundraiser of PAC sponsored activities at Laronde. Please get involved with this fun event.

8) **Financial Report**

The budget report and balance sheets were presented and distributed. To date 61% of approved budget has been spent.

9) **Committee Reports**

None

10) **New Business**

The Odyssey of the Minds program looks excellent. It requires teacher sponsors and parent volunteers. All grade levels can participate however only Grades 3-7 compete. It takes 1.5 hours per week, and costs \$150/team to compete.

11) **Old Business**

No old business this month.

12) **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned @ 11:24 pm. Moved by Tanja Phillips.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Important Dates:

April 23 – Spring Fair Committee Meeting @ 9:00 a.m. May 4 – Non-Instructional Day May 10 – Mini Meet May 11 – Spring Fair @ 2:30 p.m. May 21 – Victoria Day – No School May 28 – Non-Instructional Day May 28-June 1 – Bike to School Week
