

PAC MINUTES, Monday November 19, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting École Laronde – Library

Minutes recorded by Alita R.

1) Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:42pm.

2018-19 Laronde Elementary PAC Members:

Position	Name	Email
Co-Chairs	Tanja Phillips Catharine Macrander	chair@larondepac.ca
Past Chair	Cynthia Springate	
Vice-Chair	Melissa Wandt	vicechair@larondepac.ca
Secretary	Janet Petras	secretary@larondepac.ca
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	Katie Corbeil	treasurer@larondepac.ca
	Sophia Lou	treasurer@larondepac.ca
	Hollis Pilliling	treasurer@larondepac.ca
Communications	Joanne Stewart	communications@larondepac.ca
Class Parent Coordinator	Tracy Merry	classparent@larondepac.ca
DPAC Rep	Sarah Hunter	
Members at Large	Stefanie Simpson, Laura Roberts, Joy Rong, Marina Heidt, Elisabeth Smith	
Principal	Sabrina Niro	
Vice-Princpal	Patty Maharaj	

Total 12 Laronde parents & PAC executive present at meeting.

Catharine Macrander opened the meeting at 6:42pm. and introduced herself and Co-Chair Tanja Phillips. Introductions were made around the room

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve of Agenda: Moved by Sarah H. Seconded Alita R.. All in favour, motion carried.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2018

Motion to approve minutes: Moved by Sarah H.. Seconded by Sophia L. All in favour, motion carried.

4) Principal's Report – Sabrina Niro and Patty Maharaj

Parent Workshops:

January 16 – Setting Kids up for Learning Success

The teachability of a child is the single most important factor in learning success. What is the role of the parent in helping their child be 'school ready' and surviving the 'ups and downs' that come with it? This presentation will tease apart the psychological determinants behind a child's learning success and the role of parents in getting them there.

March 13 – Who's in Charge – Why Adults Need to Lead

Alpha children tend to have difficulties letting themselves be parented or taught. This is making the child-adult dance much more complicated than it used to be or needs to be. The surprising roots of the alpha complex will be examined, opening the doors for lasting change in the family, classroom, and society.

We would like to invite all of parents/guardians to join us for these insightful workshops. Bring a friend – invite friends from other schools. We will be charging \$5.00/session to help offset the costs of the workshops. We will be serving tea/coffee and snacks. We may provide babysitting if needed.

Online school calendar: has been updated to the end of December, done each month

Questions about teacher emails on staff list on Laronde website: We looked into this and we could not find any schools where teacher emails are listed alongside staff list, therefore Laronde website will not list teacher emails.

Food for staff in earthquake bin: we were wanting to confirm if there is food for staff in the bin?

Winter Concert: Dec. 12, 2018 @ 1pm and 6:30 pm and dress rehearsal Dec. 11 @ 1 pm
2 tickets per family for evening concert – order form will be sent home
K-3, choir and Orff will be performing

Band concert & sing along: Dec. 21, 2018 @ 1:30 pm - grade 7 students will play a selection of songs, the whole school will attend, followed by whole school sing-along

CSL (Communicating Student Learning): Several teachers using FreshGrade to have ongoing communication of student learning, a few staff members using a paper template to communicate student learning (goes home Dec. Mar. & June).

Anaphylaxis Training: The nurse associated with our school gave epi-pen training to staff on Fri. Oct. 12, 2018 and followed up with email information about anaphylaxis and epi-pen use.

French speaking at Laronde: We are working hard at encouraging all of our students to speak French at all times and with their peers. We have a ticket system to acknowledge when students speak French with their peers. We have a weekly draw and a school wide incentive to reach various goals. We work on a specific French idiom or problematic usage of words to help improve student French language skills.

Integrated Activities: During Halloween our students in 2/3, 3, 3, 3/4, 4 & 4 were in mixed groupings to enjoy various Halloween activities. This was very well received by students.

Spirit Days:

Dec. 14 – Ugly Sweater Day (winter, Christmas or any ugly sweater)

Dec. 21 – Pyjama Day

Several other spirit days are planned for this year.

5) **Co-Chairs Report** – Tanja Phillips & Catharine Macrander

Cheque Writing Campaign Update- going well, still need additional support to reach our goals

Internet safety student presentation - were given at the end of October

Body Health presentations - done last week, 17 parents attended the evening parent presentation to go over the body of the presentation by grade and answer any questions parents had. Presenter was very good and feedback from students was good.

Warm Clothing Drive - very successful thank you to Outreach Laura R. Elisabeth S and Brianne W. 5 full vehicles of clothes went to Forsyth. Looking towards next year and filling a SD36 truck!

Craft fair -registration completed, 80 students registered this year.

Logo Wear - Logo wear orders closed Nov. 15, the most popular items: Blue t-shirts, pull over hoodies, total sales \$2,085. This is a not for profit venture, PAC just offers the logo wear to get spirit wear out to the students.

Lice checks - discontinued due to School District 36 regulations

Fall sports - x country, volleyball, soccer completed except for the upcoming volleyball playdays. Thank you to teachers and volunteer coaches (Melissa, Andrew, Michelle, Rob, Grade and Jason). Upcoming sports season is basketball in January!

Odyssey of the mind – parent training session on Nov 17, hoping more information to come!

6) **Committee Reports**

Grade 7 (Tanja summarizing for the Grade 7 representatives):

Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Dec 21

movie matinee successful, second one in February

Pub night was very successful

Art night – coming up. Auction date in February

Emergency Preparedness – Gaby G.

The committee has have bought everything needed, including water supplies for two classrooms, with the exception of water packets and beans. All this will be bought within this week and next. Even with the next purchases we are within budget. The bin holds supplies for staff and a percentage of the student population for three days.

Outreach Committee – Laura R., Elisabeth S., Brianne W.

Warm Clothing Drive

We collected almost 5 full vehicle loads of warm clothing, with many Laronde families coming back and donating multiple times during the collection period as they went through their closets and purged items they no longer needed. Almost everything has been distributed at Forsyth now, with at least 2 "shopping" events held in their gym for families to come and select the items they needed.

Mme Niro has suggested that we should ask the Surrey School District if they could pick up and deliver our Warm Clothing donations for us next year. We didn't think it was an option but if it is, we could work with Forsyth to have delivery just in time for one big shopping event in their gym.

Christmas Hampers

As a community we have taken on 19 Christmas Hampers for Forsyth's most in-need families this year.

13 are being divided among our 20 divisions and 6 are being sponsored by Laronde families and their businesses and/or place of work.

All Sponsor Family Hamper information and Classroom Signups were organized, created and sent out this weekend. Laronde now has until December 7th to try and fulfill their Hamper Lists. Hamper Packing Day will be Friday December 7th after the morning bell. Location TBD as the library is not available. Laura and I propose the Gym, if possible and wondered how many folding tables are available in the Gym Storage - ideally we need 13 to 14. We have also created a 'General Gently Used Household and Other Item' Signup List to try and match household and baby items etc listed on the Forsyth hamper family lists with gently used items that the Laronde community may be looking to get rid of. We will ask PAC Communications to send out an email at the end of this week. The Surrey School District will pick up and deliver all hampers and hopefully any other donated household items on Monday December 10th.

Yearbook – Tracy Merry

Looking at how to store the photos parents take. Looking for a company who is compliant with FOIPA. Friesen is compliant- still waiting to hear back about prices. Everything is printed in Canada. We would like to choose a company soon to start sending in pictures. Lost and Found – cleaned out by last day of school. Items not claimed are washed and sent to Forsyth CPF - Upcoming Music concert and Film Festival in French, planning for February. Would like to see Kindergartens be a part of the grade 12 graduation to involve them. Connect with other provinces to see what they are using for teacher resources. For the film festival, CPF is looking to see what film will be appropriate for the elementary audience. The Swing, an Ontario group is booked for performances at the Bell Center during the day for elementary. Booked at Panorama for high school students. Next meeting in December.

Fruit and Veggie Program – Lily and Vivian

deliveries ongoing

DPAC Meeting – Sarah Hunter

1st meeting was in September, presentation for students to find information through the Surrey Schools website. Excellent resource for parents and students. A discussion item was security, there is a push to have cameras in the north end schools.

Hot Lunch – Kira A. & Andrea G.

Hot lunch going well. Save on Foods now delivers to Laronde, saves on the parent volunteers driving to the pick up.

Logo wear – Janet Petras

Logo wear orders closed Nov. 15, the most popular items: Blue t-shirts, pull over hoodies, total sales \$2,085.

7) Financial Report -Susie Fang and Sophia Lou and Hollis Pilling

Tax reports are ready to be signed and filed to the CRA. We are just over half way to our goal for the cheque writing campaign.

8) New Business

Music teacher has requested ukuleles. Class set of 28 estimated at \$1,820. Tapestry might be able to offer for \$60 each. PAC would like to know what brand so we can compare. Local companies have a good reputation for maintenance, quality. PAC treasurers will look at the accounts to see if we have the money. Motion tabled until the next meeting.

Motion : \$80 for plastic bins to organize the PAC records and keep in safe storage at Laronde. Moved by Tanja Phillips, seconded Sophia Lou, All in favour, 0 opposed.

Question to the Principal: are intermurals starting. Mme Niro says not right now.

Decorate the boards: Dec 7th. Teachers can have parents come in to help decorate all the displays. This year the teachers have requested that PAC provide candy canes instead of hot chocolate.

Question regarding playground behaviour and bathroom. Mme Niro indicates that bathrooms have been much cleaner since students have had to log their bathroom visits. Bathroom doors are to stay open, due to incidents where students are messy in the bathroom or younger students can't get the doors open.

Question regarding cheque writing campaign timing. Last year the deadline was November 15th, this year PAC decided to extend it 2 more weeks to give families more time. Likely will go back to a mid November deadline next year.

9) Old Business

10) Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned 8:14pm Moved by Hollis Pilling, Seconded by Amy G.

Next Meeting: February 8 at 9:00am

Important Dates:

<p>November 30. 2018 – Craft Fair December 7th – Deck the Boards December 11th – 1:00pm dress rehearsal of Christmas Concert December 12th – 1:00pm and 6:30pm Christmas Concert December 21 – Pancake Breakfast and last day of school February 8 – PAC meeting 9:00am February 18 – Family Day – no school February 22 – non instructional day February 28 – early dismissal 1:32pm</p>
