



**PAC MINUTES, Friday April 25 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Parent Advisory Council Meeting École Laronde – Staff Room

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Minutes recorded by Janet Petras. Meeting called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**2018-19 Laronde Elementary PAC Members:**

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CPF	Julie Elliott	
Members at Large	Stefanie Simpson, Laura Roberts, Joy Rong, Marina Heidt, Elisabeth Smith	
Principal Vice-Principal	Sabrina Niro Patty Mahraj	

Total of 12 Laronde parents & PAC executive present at meeting.

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

Catharine Macrander opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. and welcomed all meeting participants.

**2) Approval of Agenda**

Catharine and Tanja added three items to the agenda under the New Business section including the Parking Lot, a motion to approve the Laronde t-shirts for the kindergarten students, and the Playground.

Motion to Approve of Agenda: Moved by Amy G. Seconded by Tracy Merry. All in favour, motion carried.

### **3) Review and Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2019**

Motion to approve minutes: Moved by Tanja Phillips. Seconded by Joy Rong. All in favour, motion carried.

### **4) Principal's Report – Sabrina Niro**

#### **Bell Schedule for Next Year:**

The only change for next year will be to add 3 minutes to the lunch period. The day will end at 2:35 p.m.

#### **Divisions**

There will be 20 divisions next year, with all the current teachers staying. In addition, Mme Dianne Stephen will be returning from maternity leave to teach grade 1 and Mme Landry will be leaving the school. There will be 7 combined classes across the 20 divisions.

#### **Learning Commons**

Laronde has received a \$45,000 grant for the learning commons for new furnishings and book cases, 15 new iPads, an iPad cart, and a document camera.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to the PAC for generously providing funding for 30 Ukulele's and cases and also for the various science, PE, artists in residence and performances for this past school year. We are very appreciative of the opportunities that we have received or taken part in because of PAC funding.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

- May 1: Ready, Set, Learn (8-10 registered already),
- May 8: Mini track meet
- May 13: Track booked but not certain if we will run our own mini meet as no other schools registered to date.
- May 15: Café Musique
- June 3: District track meet
- June 20: National Aboriginal Day
- June 21: Sports Day
- June 26: Grade 7 Farewell

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

Catharine and Tanja thanked everyone for attending the PAC meeting this afternoon. This is our second to last PAC meeting of the year, and this time has just flown by!

We have had several successful PAC events since our last meeting including: the Laronde PAC book exchange, Wheelchair basketball, and Le Cirque the French circus. We also had a French Theatre production "Elyse le Contre L'extinction totale" visit the school early of April which was greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the volunteers and teachers who helped with these events.

#### **Book Exchange:**

We had a good response to our Book Exchange and the event seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all. This event was held March 7 and coordinated by Catharine Macrander. In total 10 boxes of books were donated to W.E. Kinivg Elementary school for their literacy programs. Special thanks to Faye K for coordinating with W.E.

Kinvig and delivering the books to them. We also donated 3 boxes of adult books to the Rotary club for their annual book sale which was held mid April.

**Wheelchair Basketball:**

This event was held early April and was initiated by Mme Macpherson in response to one of her students using a wheelchair temporarily. Students were able to experience playing in a wheelchair which helped to build compassion and respect. The students enjoyed this activity and Laronde was able to keep the wheelchairs for an extra week to continue trying the sport.

**Le Cirque:**

This French circus event was held during our annual Le Semaine de Francophonie in mid March. Students greatly enjoyed the workshops.

**EMS Scholarship:**

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a former Laronde student graduating from EMS. The student is chosen by the Scholarship committee at EMS.

**Ukelele Purchase:**

30 ukeleles for the music department were purchased and delivered by Tapestry Music early April. Special thanks to Marina Heidt for helping to coordinate this. Also of note the ipads that were approved for purchase at our final PAC meeting last year were delivered at the beginning of April and are now being used by the students. 50 were delivered in total with the PAC paying for half (\$7,000).

**Art Night:**

Special thanks to Cynthia Springate and the rest of the Grade 6/7 committee who organized another successful Art Night that was well received by all. More detail will be provided during the Grade 7 updates.

**Yearbook:**

Thank you to Tracy Merry for all her hard work in coordinating the yearbook. Ordering is now open and will continue until all yearbooks have been sold. Cost is \$15 each. Order forms were sent out last week or orders may be done online.

**Igirl/Iguy:**

This is to be booked soon for the 2019/2020 school year for the Grade 6 and Grade 7 students.

**Sports Updates:**

Badminton and Ultimate are underway and going well. Thank you to the coaches and parents for your time and support. Laronde has a young hardworking team that will participate in the Ultimate play day May 1. The Track and Field season starts this week with a Mini meet to be held on May 8.

**Odyssey of the Mind:**

This non-PAC event continues to run well and is enjoyed by the participating students.

**Tax Receipts:**

Please be reminded that Tax receipts have been generated electronically. If you submitted the tax receipt form along with your donation, you should have received your tax receipt via email in the past few weeks. If you have not submitted your tax receipt form and would like a tax receipt, please submit the form ASAP to [treasurer@larondepac.ca](mailto:treasurer@larondepac.ca)

## 6) Committee Reports

### Grade 7 Updates (Cynthia Springate)

The Grade 7 students are at Strathcona Park Lodge this week and the sun is shining!

In total parents paid \$145 for camp and grad activities including the grad party at Beecher Place. Our fundraising totals are not yet finalized as there are still outstanding expenses for Booster Juice, but we believe the final total for all grade 7 fundraising this year will be around \$16,000. We will provide a final number at the next PAC meeting.

Art Night raised just under \$10,000, which will be split between the grade 6 and 7 years. Thanks for everyone who came to art night, and purchased some art, art cards or posters. Your support is greatly appreciated. Art cards and posters will be available for pick up next week, details will follow by email.

There are some outstanding payments for Booster Juice and art cards, so we kindly ask that all parents check their balance on the fundraising web site and make any overdue payments.

### Emergency Preparedness (Gaby G)

The emergency storage container has been refilled and updated including extra supplies for teachers. There is still a need for extra flashlights and blankets. All Grab n Go kits have been updated as well.

### Outreach Committee (Elisabeth Smith, Laura Roberts)

There was an urgent call from Forsythe Elementary for warm clothing in February. Laronde families responded generously to the call and donated enough for 28 bags of clothing to be distributed.

### Lost and Found (Marina H)

The lost and found bins are all full. It's time to send a notice to all Laronde families to check the bins and retrieve lost items.

### Hot Lunch

All vendors have been selected for next year, and the breakfast option will be discontinued due to lack of popularity.

### Laminating & Fruit & Veg

All laminating needs and the fruit and veggie program has been well managed by Vivian and Lily. Thank you to both for all their time and efforts in running both these programs

### 7) Financial Report (Susie Fang, Sophia Lou, Hollis Pilling, Katie Corbeil)

The overall expenses are at 50% of the usual amount for this time of year therefore Katie Corbeil will follow-up on the outstanding payments.

### 8) New Business

**Parking Lot:**

Mme Niro has received plans from the District for changes to the parking lot. The plan calls for 10 additional spots added to the teacher parking lot, which will free up general parking spaces. The \$150,000 donation from the Laronde Woods developer is being used towards to the total cost of \$600,000 to add the 10 parking spots. Laronde PAC and Mme Niro have had no input to the District on the plan.

On another note, no one has applied yet for the crossing guard position.

**Kindergarten T-shirts:**

A motion was made by Tanja Phillips to spend up to \$900 for the purchase of 60 Laronde t-shirts for the incoming kindergarten students next year. Approved by Marina Heidt. All in favour. Approved.

Janet Petras will place the order with Ethical Addition for the third week of September.

**Playground Two:**

The PAC has been saving diligently saving over the last several years towards our school playground and technology purchases. We have not yet received the letter from the District advising us that play ground 2 needs to be replaced. Once the letter is received the school will have two years to complete the replacement. After considerable discussion it was that this topic will be added to the Old Business section of the agenda with the idea to consider striking a Playground committee in September.

**Teacher Luncheon:**

Mme Niro will discuss the luncheon with the teachers at the next staff meeting. They may prefer a more low-key luncheon. Melissa Wandt agreed to coordinate the luncheon and will coordinate it with Mme Niro.

**Student Lateness:**

The number of students arriving late for school has significantly reduced over the past few weeks.

**Field Trips:**

Mme Niro was asked why parents are being asked to drive to field trips rather than having school bus transportation. Mme Niro noted that although the district currently provides a stipend of \$5 per student for bus trips, and that the cost of renting a bus is \$365 which would add \$15/student to each field trip, therefore it is more cost effective to use parent drivers. It was stressed that when parents are driving it's important to be clear on liability, and for parents to complete the necessary school forms to protect themselves. Also, parents should keep in mind not to make any secondary stops on the way to or from the field trip which would void the district coverage in case of an accident. This includes any stopping for gas.

**Summer School:**

It will be held at Peace Arch this year. Children from K to Grade 6 may enroll.

**9) Old Business****10) Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned @ 2:27 p.m. Moved by Laura Roberts. Seconded by Melissa Wandt.

**Next Meeting: May 31, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Important Dates:**

April 26 –Hot lunch  
May 3 – Non-instructional day  
May 6 – Interim report week  
May 7 – early dismissal (1:32pm)  
May 8 –mini track meet  
May 15 - Cafe Musique  
May 10, May 17, May 24 – hot lunch  
May 20 – Victoria Day (school closed)  
May 27 - Non-instructional day  
May 31 – 9:00am PAC meeting  
June 3 – District Track meet at Bear Creek Park  
June 6 – Kindergarten orientation for 2019/2020 kindergarten classes  
June 21 – Laronde Sports Day  
June 27 – Report cards issued, last day of school, early dismissal at 1:32pm