

Lambrick Park Secondary School
PAC Meeting minutes
Mar 1st 2017

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Present – Lisa W (PAC President), Lesley D (Vice President), Faye H (Secretary), Georgia H (Treasurer), Rita L, Irene I (Vice - Principal), Sheri Y (Member at Large), Valerie M (VCPAC Rep), Nathan C (Student Council),

Meeting called to order 7.05pm

Approval of Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes - Jan 2017

A copy of all the latest minutes can be found under the Parent Info section of the LAMPAC website. *The January minutes were updated to clarify that the food collected in the Food Drive was donated to Mustard Seed via Kool FM.*

Officers's Reports and Business

Student Council Report:

- Discussions are underway for a school dance in March – possibly Thursday 16th March. More information to follow.
- The students are looking into a flirting app that allows for fun connections to be made across the school. The surveys have now been done for this and they will go out in the next couple of weeks.
- The musical is coming up soon and is a big deal for the students involved. Please support it.
- There were some poor grades in the Provincial 12 English exam which is stressful for the students affected. Irene advised that staff are reviewing and analysing what the next steps might be.

Recent Events:

- Ann W, the SD61 trustee is making progress on new bike racks for us but at the same time the staff at Lambrick were lucky enough to win a new bike rack during the Bike to Work week.
- It has been confirmed that the roadway at the front of the school belongs to SD61 and not Saanich so thoughts are invited as to how this area can be made more safe for students.
- The Open House on Jan 17th was a great success with many liking the interactive nature of the tours.
- The Parent education night about Anxiety was very interesting and informative and there is some money left in funds to help pay for another session next year.
- The Staff Appreciation lunch on Feb 8th was a great success and much enjoyed by all. Thank you to all parents who donated time, food or money to support our staff.

Fundraising:

- We still have about 100 large Purdy chocolate bars for sale and some will be for sale at the musical and the upcoming Family concert.

VCPAC

- The VCPAC conference was held at the end of February and Lisa W reported back on some of the workshops she attended. This will be the last time it is held due to the commitment involved in running it.
- Val M attended the last 2 VCPAC meetings on behalf of Lambrick Park parents and reported back on the issues raised. The first was from guest speaker Deb Whitten who talked about updating the code of conduct for schools and the second was the important subject of school sizes, catchment areas and the transfer process. The school board are canvassing for opinions and hope to create a 5 year plan that will ensure the best use of school places starting in 2018.
- <http://vcpac.ca/>
- Sadly, John Bird passed away recently. He was a long time advocate of children in BC and most recently the president of the BC PAC. There will be a celebration of life in his honour on Saturday 11th March at 1pm at Colquitz Middle School.

Emergency Prep Update

- Lesley D is still on the hunt for foil emergency blankets and as we need to buy 600 of them she is holding out for a good price. Anyone with any contacts please let her know.

Treasurer

- The treasurers report dated 28th February was passed around and discussed. We are in a strong position and things are generally going as planned. It was agreed that the savings account should be closed and the money moved into the current account to make life easier at reconciliation time.
- Actual bank statements and bank balance slips were also circulated and approved.
- A blank form was tabled for discussion which will help the teachers to submit requests to PAC for funds. This will now happen twice a year and the next deadline for submissions will be April 4th 2017.
- It was suggested that for the school lunches we should have a separate line to show how many lunches go to families in need.

Principals Report (Irene Ives) –

- The recent Wellness report results are being examined and reviewed but first opinions are positive.
- The course selection process for next year is underway with more focus on the students selecting their choices online through their student portal after consultation with teachers, parents and counsellors.
- Changes have been made to the Accel program for the coming school year and the selection process now involves an elaborated online process and interviews to ensure the right students are selected.
- The TASK programme is running well with 3 special needs students taking advantage of this programme. Also our shop has been assessed by the district and is in a good position.

The TASK students have also agreed to help build some more garbage/recycling stations and in the meantime we will ask GHMS if we can use any of their spare ones.

New Business:

- Following her proposal at the last meeting Val M presented some costs regarding the purchase and then rental of bleacher cushions/seats. These looked promising and it was proposed that one of the athletics teams might like to take it on as a fundraiser.

Next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday 5th April** at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9.23pm