

**Lambrick Park Secondary School
PAC Meeting minutes
Nov 2nd 2016**

Present – Lisa W (PAC President), Faye H (Secretary), Georgia H (Treasurer), Rita L, Tina P (Principal), Sheri Y (Member at Large),

Meeting called to order 7.06pm

Approval of Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes Oct 2016

A copy of all the latest minutes can be found under the Parent Info section of the LAMPAC website.

Officers's Reports and Business

Student Council Report:

- Apologies from the student council reps as they were at WE day in Vancouver.

Recent Events (Lisa W)

- Two of the water fountains have their new filters and are working safely. Two more are awaiting their filters so are not available for use. This is a district led process to combat any concerns about lead in the water in the district schools. Tina is checking on the taps in the Home Ec. room.
- Ideas were brainstormed to improve the process of communication around the daily announcements.
- PAC are still keen to see more bike racks on school property. Tina is following up with the district.
- The school district is looking into improving the transfer process and are looking for parent volunteers to join their committee. Anyone interested should contact Lisa via the PAC email- LAMPAC2015@gmail.com
- We successfully applied for the grant to fund a Parent Education evening and this will be on the subject of Anxiety and Mental Health. Tina will lead this evening and will look to co-ordinate with the BC FORCE society. <http://www.forcesociety.com/> More information will be coming out nearer the time but the likely date is Wednesday 1st Feb (in lieu of the February PAC meeting)

Fundraising:

- Donation drive money is still trickling in but is much lower than in previous years. It was decided that we would send another reminder in early December to remind people to donate and get a tax receipt before the end of the financial year.
- PAC lunches are going well but uptake could be better. Ordering is online and open all year long: please give 2 weeks notice when placing an order - <https://www.tfaforms.com/439538>

Some work needs to be done behind the scenes due to some payments being made to the school and some to PAC.

- Purdy's chocolate sales are going well – big thanks to Lesley for all her efforts. If anyone wants a box to sell at work please contact Lesley via LAMPAC2015@gmail.com

Treasurer (Georgia H)

- The treasurers report dated 1st November was passed around and discussed. We are in a strong position and things are generally going as planned. The gaming grant has come in and been deposited.
- Actual bank statements and bank balance slips were also circulated.

Budget (Lisa W)

- The final budget was tabled following the changes suggested at previous meetings. Motion to accept – Sheri Y, seconded Rita L. The timeline for future budgets was discussed with Lisa agreeing to double check the byelaws and constitution to see if there are any proposed dates. It was mentioned that most high schools are agreeing their budgets right now.

Principals Report (Mrs Pierik) –

- Feedback from the Halloween dance was very positive. 240 kids were in attendance and no major incidents were reported. Plans for future dances are underway with ideas about getting the students to have more input into the playlists and also to incorporate some tables and seating areas.
- After school dance clubs are going well and the new jewellery club has also been well received. It is hoped that some of these might be considered for elective classes next year.
- The Fall Music concert will be held on November 9th – all are welcome.
- Grade 9 immunisations are all done.
- Plans are underway for the 40th anniversary celebrations during the Open House on Jan 17th 2017. The new committee is working on structure for the evening as well as alumni events. There are also plans underway to hold an alumni BBQ/dinner event in May – this will be instead of joining in with the GHMS Spring Fair (although volunteers will still be needed to assist with both events). More details to follow.
- The 100 years of loss exhibition has been well received and the school has been honoured to host it. It will be open to the public at Spectrum Community school starting from Tuesday November 29th. <http://100yearsofloss.ca/en>

New Business –

- Some concerns about the roadway access to the school were raised – pedestrians are walking down the middle of the road rather than on the grass or gravel which is causing some blockages during busy times. Tina agreed to look into ownership/responsibility for this stretch of road as a starting point.
- The staff appreciation lunch will be held on Wednesday 8th February.
- **The following 'Points 2 Ponder' was received from the VCPAC after the meeting was held so has been added here for information.**

Next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th January** at 7pm. **There is no meeting in December. Meeting adjourned at 8.30pm**

Points 2 Ponder

From the October meeting:

Transfer Process Survey has been postponed as the Superintendent's office has decided that there needs to be more time to develop a good policy moving forward. A survey will be part of the process just not as rushed.

The second half of our November meeting will be discussing the BC Shake out event at Quadra (what was learned) and the plan for spring emergency prep/student releases drills accompanied by preparedness info nights around SD61. This promises to be a good evening. VCPAC is offering funding for 14 BCCPAC memberships. First come first served, send your request to info@vcpac.ca Deadline for requests is Nov 10th. There is no cost to PACs and therefore the executive can decide to request a funded membership without a general meeting vote.

Things parents should know about: In light of the new curriculum and that along with that reporting progress and achievement could look different, the Ministry of Education is conducting an engagement process. You can learn more about it and give back here engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/. The Engagement process will end February 27th.

Emergency Preparedness VCPAC is forming a committee/working group to support exercises in the spring. A representative from each PAC would be preferable but anyone interested is welcome to be part of the work. Here is the link to the CBC interview with Marketa Lund VCPAC exec member. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/victoria-earthquakes-schools-emergency-supplies1.3822934>

Online Free conference opportunity Nov 3-7th. Robin Grille (VIPC Speaker in the past) Heart to Heart Parenting <http://hearttoheartparenting.org/free-online-conference-education-next-generation/>

Contact Janelle Hatch for more information for your PAC to host an event about Healthy Food in School. Healthy food in schools supports the Mental Health and Well-being of children and youth – event for parents (aim for January 2017) and continued engagement strategy • I have had conversations with a number of different people over the last few months (local paediatrician, parents, chef, community members and health colleagues) and they have come to me to express their concern and interest in the food that is available to children within our schools. • This evening event proposal is to have a few key inspiring speakers to present different perspectives on healthy food as it relates to health of the whole child (mental, emotional, physical, social) • We would also like to show some of the wonderful food-based initiatives happening in some of our schools • For parents who wish to receive further information or get involved in food programs in the schools, we will have an option for them to join a social media network that will provide connection, information and fun challenges for families.