PAC Meeting minutes 3rd October, 2018

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Present – Lisa W (PAC President), Lesley D (Vice PAC President), Faye H (Secretary), Derek C (Treasurer), Nancy McAleer (Vice - Principal), Valerie M (VC PAC Rep), Sheri Y (Member at Large), Wanda S (Member at Large), Shaylene J, Tammy A (Member at Large), Tom T, Helmar P, Cecilia V, Taylor C (student council), Eryn G (student council)

Meeting called to order 7.03pm Approval of Agenda and Introductions Approval of previous meeting minutes - Sep 2018

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

PAC President Report (Lisa W):

- Helmar Prael was nominated/seconded for a role as Member at Large. All agreed. Welcome to Helmar.
- Bottle recycling and composting is building up. The student council might be willing to take this on as a fundraiser. Taylor and Eryn will take this to their next meeting.
- It was felt that outdoor street signage for the school could be improved. Nancy agreed to raise this with the school district and Saanich municipality.
- So far, we have raised \$2755 from the Donation drive. This will be extended a little longer and we will run one extra Ice cream sundae draw so it is not too late to submit donations.
- Lunch program is going well however some more student volunteers are needed. This will count as volunteer hours for graduation. Any parents can also help should contact the PAC via email lampac2015@gmail.com
- Ideas were considered regarding promoting the use of the Thrifty Smile cards. A 'golden ticket' idea was submitted for review next year.
- A big thank you to all helpers students and parents who helped with the Moonfest 'food truck'. We raised \$1185 partly due to the kind donation of burgers and buns which made a huge difference to our costs. As this was the first time the school has taken part in selling food at Moonfest there are lessons to be learned before a decision is taken to run it again in the same format next year.

Principal's Report (Nancy M):

- Nancy introduced herself as the new Vice Principal and gave us some of her background as well as updating us on recent events such as Moonfest, Teacher collaboration, Meet the Teacher night and the Music Retreat.
- Fire Safety week is next week and will include a Fire Drill on 10th October at 10.30am
- The Earthquake BC Drill will be on 18th October.

- Parent Teacher Interviews will be on 17th October so there will be an early dismissal that day. Online booking will open on 9th October.
- 25th October school dance run by the School Spirit leadership group any parents interested in chaperoning for 1.5-hour slots should step right up.
- 1st November Fall Music concert.

VCPAC (Val M):

- Feedback from the recent meeting at Macauley school was given by Val who attended on our behalf.
- PAC 101 was going to be held at Spectrum on October 10th and is normally attended by a member of the PAC Exec and a member of the administration however this has now been postponed.
- The Vancouver Island Parent conference will be held on 2nd March 2019 at Royal Bay Secondary school. The working theme is Change.
- Municipal elections will be held on Oct 20th. There is a chance to meet the candidates for school trustees on Tuesday October 16th between 7-9pm at Fernwood community Association's Paul Phillips Hal at 1923 Fernwood Rd. The format will be Trade Fair Style. All are welcome.
- Next VC PAC meeting will be 23rd October at Arbutus Middle School.
- A draft policy for pets in classrooms has been created following information from BCSPCA proposing that this practice should stop. Feedback can be given by Nov 9th 2018 http://vcpac.ca/

Treasurer (Derek C):

- The Gaming grant letter has arrived confirming receipt of \$13,416 for our students this year.
- It was decided that we will hold off ordering cheques for the Gaming bank account until next year.
- Following submissions from teachers a budget meeting was held on Sept 26th by the PAC Exec to decide how best to allocate PAC funds in support of our students. This proposed budget from the 26th Sept meeting was tabled and discussed. Two amendments were made \$500 from the gaming account was allocated to support the breakfast club which works to ensure that no student goes without breakfast. \$600 was also allocated towards the replacement of the library reading chairs. This brought the total spend to \$23,745 and was tabled by Derek/seconded by Lesley. All present agreed. A second round of budget requests will be held in Jan 2019 once more fundraising has taken place.

New Business:

- The deadline to apply for the \$250 Parent Education Fund is 26th October. After some discussion it was agreed that we would look to do some talks on Gender Diversity. Possibly a joint session with Gordon Head Middle school. This will tie in well with the GSA Love is Love conference which will be held in Lambrick Park again in May 2019.
- Parents have offered to help students with dry Grad style celebrations. Student Council members thanked parents for the offer and agreed to take it back to their meetings for discussion.

Next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday 7th November at 7pm Meeting adjourned at 8.50pm