

Laurie Middle School PAC

Minutes

January 25, 2021

1. Call to Order - 7:03

2. Welcome and Introductions:

In attendance:

- Allyson Tozer, Christina McDonough, Aaron Thorne, Sarah Czernicki-Mooy, Ruby Kozicky, Jen Galvin, Christy Steed Bevans, Ashley Gareau

Regrets:

- Lori Nicli, Maggie Lyndsey-Tadey, Patricia Whalen

3. Principal/Vice-Principal Report (Aaron Thorn and Maggie Lyndsey-Tadey)

Aaron:

- working on budgeting, trying to figure out how many students we'll have next year. (International students, students currently enrolled in KDS)
- School District (directors of instruction and principals at Parkland and Laurie) talking middle school philosophy - what is possible, what could a middle school look like. Cohorts work better; more personal instruction with kids, get to know parents better as well. Will all depend on Covid. Getting close to the time of year when kids are being asked what electives they're interested in. Wondering if we continue with cohorts, what that would look like.
- Looking at options for some new ideas at the school - disc golf, outdoor seating
- Trying to encourage kids to stay around the school at lunch - computer lab is open
- Mr Popoff and Mr Fleming will be helping kids with a Virtual Talent Show - more details to come

4. School Trustee Report (Patricia Whalen)

5. DPAC Report

- Surveying grade 11s for feedback on what kids would like to see - how learning could be supported better
- Trustees are aware of the proposed rezoning for emergency shelter and are looking at potential impact on neighbouring schools
- Funds are set aside to improve HVAC systems. HEPA filters are being installed
- Talk of doing science fair virtually- aiming for March or April. Most likely K-12
- Jody Carrington's book "Kids These Days" is still available \$10
- The White Hatter online presentations have started, we will post more info on how to register
- Vanessa LaPointe zoom presentation the ABCs of Childhood Mental Health is on February 9, and need to be registered by February 4th. Register at ekccrr@ccssebc.com

6. PAC Financial Info

a. Financial Report and budget

Gaming Account: \$10,534.47

Approved - and PAID

Music Club - \$850 for microphone and 2 monitors

Breakfast Club - \$600 for food

Mathamatica - \$85 for Grade 9 students to attend

Approved but on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic:

Ab Ed Cooking: \$500 (open to all students) - is this still available to students?

Grade 6 Orientation: \$700 - vote to reverse or hold until next year

Pancake Breakfast: \$450 - vote to reverse or hold until next year

Muay Thai \$1000 (Paid \$472.50 = \$527.50 remaining) - is this still available

Outlet Student Group \$400 (Paid \$72.65 = \$327.35)

Total Outstanding \$2,504.85

b. Funding requests from staff/school:

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MOTION:

1st:

2nd:

PASSED / DENIED

6. Old Business:

Christmas Village Fundraiser: The Christmas Village Fundraiser was successful in raising just over \$600 for each PAC that participated. Due to the updated COVID protocols released just days before the Village was to open, the organizers were able to shift everything to an online format and managed to hold the auction remotely. Thanks to all of the kids and teachers who contributed, hopefully next year we can get back into the Heritage Center for this wonderfully festive event.

7. New Business:

- The first White Hatter presentation put on by CBAL was on January 12 and was very informative. The next in the series, "Online Sexual Predation and Exploitation" runs tomorrow, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.
- DPAC and SD5 hosted Sean Larsen on January 20 - speaking about supporting children with anxiety. The presentation is available to stream on the SD5 website.
- May Flower baskets through Top Crop are available as a fundraiser. There are shade, sun and fruit baskets available for purchase and pick up will be towards the end of May.

- Easter baskets through Sweet Gestures - will get that fundraiser up and running
- Liz Chaney is organizing a hot lunch with proceeds going to the field trip fund - this helps pay for bussing for Compass, bowling/skating for PE classes etc. She's offered to continue organizing if it's successful or would be happy to hand off to PAC if there was any interested members willing to take it on.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:44

Next Meeting: **February 22, 2021**