



PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday October 12, 2021

Location: Ladner Elementary – online Microsoft Teams

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Toshi Carleton, Stephanie Matheson, Tegan VandenBoer, Missy Thornton, Merrilee Watts, Amber Davis, Jodie Rowe, Stephanie Davis, Tyla Langdon, Shelley Perry, Chelsea Trenkel, Deedra Grahn, Christy Sanderson, Tera Nelson, Adrienne Foster, and Lauren Nielsen.

1. **Welcome/Call to order at 6:30pm.**

Introduction of the Executive PAC:

President: Tegan VandenBoer

Vice President: Missy Thornton

Treasurer: Merrilee Watts

Secretary: Amber Davis

CPF Rep: Jodie Rowe

DPAC Rep: Stephanie Davis

Member at large: Tyla Langdon

Member at large: Shelley Perry

Member at large: Chelsea Trenkel

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Approved: Jodie Seconded: Missy

3. **Approval of Minutes from September 2021 meeting**

Approved: Jodie Seconded: Missy

4. **Principal's Report – Toshi**

- Thank you, Tegan, Merrilee and Shelley for organizing the PAC kitchen.
- Sept 17: Terry Fox Run raised close to \$1,800 in online donations.
- Sept. 20: mock vote was held for intermediates.
- Sept. 24: Pro-D (no school). Teachers had an in-house session with Angela Ma Brown regarding "How to break the silence", an approach to anti-racism.
- Sept. 29: Orange Shirt Day with acknowledgements in school and online with Nathan Wilson. A new plaque was installed at our school's cedar tree.
- Sept 30: Day of Truth and Reconciliation – schools closed.
- Oct. 1: was Photo Day. Parents to order photos online.

- SFU Teachers are currently on-site within the school.
- Oct. 4 – 8: was Fire Prevention Week.
- Oct. 5: Teacher Appreciation Day. Thank you to Sassy Sweets for the generous cookies and coffee!
- Evans Lake for this year's grade 7's has been cancelled for October 2021 due to Covid but is re-scheduled for June 2022. In lieu of Evans Lake, grade 7's rode their bikes to Deas Island.
- Oct. 13 – 15: "Girls to the power of math" building confidence sessions for twelve girls in grade 3 and 4, after school 3pm to 4pm.
- Created By Kids Art is currently being worked on in classrooms.
- Oct. 18 – 22: Online Virtual Book Fair
- Oct. 20 and 21: Early Dismissal at 1:50pm for Parent Teacher Conferences. Sign-up available on Parent Connect starting at noon on Thursday October 14th.
- Oct. 21: Fire Drill (Shake Out BC)
- Oct. 22: Pro-D (no school)
- Oct. 27: Photo Retake Day
- Remembrance Day, plans are being made for a virtual Remembrance Day.
- Grade 6 & 7 playing volleyball
- FSAs are upcoming
- *Question from Jodie: What are your thoughts Toshi on FSA's? Should parents be omitting their child from it?* Toshi advised it is completely up to each parent and caregiver whether they have their child partake in the FSA's. For some children it creates extra anxiety so parents may wish to opt out before or during the FSA's. The FSA's do provide students with the opportunity to have assessments in a variety of ways which can be beneficial.

5. **President's Report – Tegan**

- Hot Lunch cut-off for ordering is today October 12th. First hot lunch will be on Monday October 18th.
- The PAC is trying something new this year and all hot lunch orders will be done via Google Forms. The PAC will email Parents and Caregivers the link for each hot lunch. E-transfer is now accepted, in addition to credit card and cheque written out to "Ladner Elementary PAC"
- Hot lunch will be on Mondays this year instead of Friday's due to better scheduling with vendors and parent volunteer availability.
- Most parents have paid for hot lunch via E-transfer so far.

6. **Treasurer's Report – Merrilee**

- Mabel's Labels current profit: \$77.21 (Over \$200 raised so far this year)
- Received the gaming license for the 50/50 and raffle for the Fall Fling event on October 23rd at Emma Lea Farms.

- Applewood Nissan Richmond generously donated a \$1,500 cheque to put towards the Fall Fling event, benefiting the LE Playground Project. Merrilee will deposit cheque into the BMO account this week.
- Bottle Drive as of September 28th: \$12,618.00 (revenue)
\$448.34 (expenses)
\$12,169.66 (profit)
- Gaming grant for 2020/2021: still in progress.
- Current account totals as of September 28th, 2021:
 - General operating account balance BMO: \$10,280.06
 - General operating account balance CIBC: \$22,596.94
 - Gaming account balance: \$3,173.75
 - Playground account balance: \$47,491.95
- Merrilee to meet with Tyla to go over accounting for the Playground account.
- Budget Meeting requested to be held within the next two weeks. The Executive PAC will work together to plan a meeting date that will work.
- Hot Lunch: pros is that using Google Forms for orders is free / cons is that it is quite time-consuming for manual entry and matching payments.

7. **Vice President – Missy**

- Savings Card – currently being finalized and cut off is October 18th to have the cards ready to sell at the Fall Fling on October 23rd.
- Spirit Wear is coming soon, and we are looking at having tie-dye options as we believe this will be a popular choice based on current clothing trends.
- LE PAC now has twitter! Follow us at Ladner EI PAC for the latest news and updates.
- The PAC also has Link Tree so that it is super easy for families to access all our LE PAC social media accounts. *This is the best way to stay up to date on upcoming PAC events and updates happening at our school.
<https://linktr.ee/LadnerEIPAC>
- *Update from Amber:* The Fall Fling hosted by the LE PAC, and in partnership with Emma Lea Farms and Applewood Nissan Richmond, is on Saturday October 23rd from 9am to 5pm at Emma Lea Farms. Join us for a day of fall fun! Grab a pumpkin at the pumpkin patch and enjoy live music, balloon twisting, sweet treats at the Ice Cream Shoppe, Pork Mafia Food Truck and more! There will also be a 50/50 and raffle with prizes! This event will benefit our Ladner Elementary Playground Project!
- *Update from Shelley:* We are having a samosa fundraiser and orders are to be placed online at <https://samosafundraiser.com/ladner-elementary-school-samosa-fundraiser/?fbclid=IwAR0w7P396Ir1JMT2rc3EN7on-5xdZsyFzgm-M3QDY7zBcJFkdxqlbOhdz6E>

Any placed orders over \$75 will receive a free cookbook!

Our current sales are almost at \$300, thank you to those who have already placed your order!

- *Update from Tyla:* Students are currently working on their Created by Kids art at school. Your child will be sent home with their art attached to an order form by October 15th. All orders to be placed online and artwork **MUST** be sent back to the school by **October 26th**. Items ordered will be delivered in November.

8. Committee Reports

- Playground – Tyla:
 - The school board is re-evaluating plans for the playground due to location issues. They will map out an updated area and provide options for us; however, this does setback our plans and dates for work to be started.
- Garden - Tegan:
 - Thank you to those who have helped weed the garden.
 - As per Toshi, cedar planks have been moved. Please let Toshi know what can be done about winterizing the garden.
- CPF – Jodie:
 - CPF stands for Canadian Parents for French, and you can always find more information about the CPF at <https://cpf.ca/en/>
 - Memberships are \$25 per year.
 - 90% of membership fee on memberships bought before October 31st will go back to the CPF Delta chapter!
 - *Comment from Tyla:* CPF offers tutoring once a week. This has been a great resource that comes with the CPF membership.
 - If you have a specific CPF question, feel free to email the PAC at lepacinfo@gmail.com with Attn: Jodie in the subject box or check out the CPF website noted above.
- DPAC – Stephanie:
 - Next DPAC meeting: Monday October 18th, 2021, online via Zoom. You can register in advance online at the DPAC website <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/resources/delta-parent-advisory-council-dpac/>

9. New / Old Business

- *Question from Jodie: Would it be possible for more information and updates about PAC fundraisers to be sent via email in addition to social media? Some parents do not use or check social media often which leads to them not knowing about fundraisers or events that are happening.*
Advertising for all PAC fundraisers and events is typically done through social media as when too many emails go out, information is missed, or families stop checking each email, therefore we are trying to decrease the number of emails to families. Also, when posting fundraisers and events on social media, it reaches more people which then helps the PAC raise more money. Many of our PAC events and updates are often included in the PAC newsletter that is email.

- We can certainly look at adding fundraising emails.
- *Comment from Toshi: the PAC can send any fundraising info to her, and she can include on the school newsletter/school email to families as well. Amber to send Toshi info on the Fall Fling.*
- *Question from Merrilee: can the Executive PAC plan for a budget meeting next Tuesday or the following Tuesday so we can pre-plan and have budget ready when the gaming funds come in? Yes, Merrilee to send some dates as options to meet within the Executive PAC.*
- *Question from Tera Nelson: What is the school policy for kindergarten students leaving through the front doors of the school? Toshi confirmed that all students are to be dismissed from their entry doors. Dismissal is each teacher's responsibility, and students should not be leaving through the front doors unless it has been arranged in advance with the teacher/parent/principal.*

Adjourned at 7:17pm.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday November 9th at 6:30pm via Microsoft Teams (link to be sent out closer to the meeting date).

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