

École Intermédiaire Lansdowne Middle School
Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting
Meeting Minutes October 26, 2016

In attendance: Dan delVillano, Wendy Seager, Stella Spak, Amanda Turner, Nathanya Vo, John Walmsley, Principal Sean Powell, Vice-Principal Paul Stevenson.

1. Acknowledgement of Territory, welcome and introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda – M/S/C

3. Administration Update

- Parent teacher interviews – online sign up. 378 out of 554 signed up – high participation rate and good reviews from parents
- Pro-D for teachers – many attended GAFE – Google apps for Education – sharing things without hard copy, translation, can mark online
- 5 refugee students at Lansdowne this year, including 3 from Syria – Sean attended a ELL conference on how best to support these students.
- Big focus on assessment/report cards – there are 3 potential report cards, MyEd is the standard report card (1950's model)
CSL – Communicating Student Learning is a new report card that offers a more fluid model of reporting and Fresh Grade – a software company out of Kelowna = a healthy way of sharing, similar to an educational facebook that only you can see – updates. It is about shifting the way we assess learning.
- The Ministry does require 3 reports a year so MyEd will continue this year, the same as last year. Some teachers will be using Fresh Grade this year.
- Constable Shannon Ogilvie – annual presentation for Halloween safety for grade 6 – standard warnings were provided – brief to the point and went well.
Remembrance Day – November 10. Speaker arranged and assembly being organized
- October 31st – Costume day and there will be a contest with judges with 6 categories with prizes during lunch. No weapons or masks allowed.
- Middle School Development inventory – UBC survey and it is voluntary and confidential – look at middle school years and things that aid in our students' confidence and how students develop relationships with their peers. It's an online survey and more information will be coming out via our grade 7 students – 105 questions and the data collected could prove to be very useful. Students can fill the survey out online during school hours.
- Our athletics are in full swing. Soccer finished – thank you to the coaches. Cross country – our last race is tomorrow. Swimming is underway. Basketball – 115 students signed up. We have competitive and rec teams. Schedules are up on our website.

- Music update – all groups up and running. The higher flyer choir has entered the CBC contest. 23 boys in our mens' choir and we are still open to participants – Friday at lunch.
- Immunizations went smoothly – thank you to the volunteer parents.

4. Approval of minutes from September 28th meeting – M/S/C

5. Treasurer's report – update from John Walmsley

- \$141.00 from sobey smile cards
- The office helps organize the cards – Nathanya Vo volunteered to assist the office with organizing the cards and getting them to the divisions.
- \$10,220 gaming grant was received and deposited

6. Election of Member at Large, VCPAC rep

- No nominations. We will ask again at November meeting.

7. Gift Emporium

- Anne Vardy with help from Katie Croudy-Hollett volunteered to help coordinate, and 45 others have put their name forward to assist.
- Suggest that we collect gifts last two weeks of November (14th to 18th and will extend for the following week if necessary)
- The Emporium will be held on Friday, December 2 – Dan to confirm with Anne that this date works for her.

8. Earthquake Preparedness Coordinator

- last year we allocated money for earthquake and supplies. This year we should contribute further to this need; we need some help with the coordination. Dan will follow up with this.
- VCPAC will standardize the approach across all schools.

9. Quick Updates

- None

10. New Business

- None

Meeting adjourned 7:28pm

Next meeting: Wednesday November 23, 2016 at 6:30 pm