

**École Intermédiaire Lansdowne Middle School
Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Meeting Minutes November 23, 2016

In attendance: Dan delVillano, Wendy Seager, Stella Spak, Amanda Turner, Dalia Hull-Thor, John Walmsley, Jane London, Sean Powell and Paul Stevenson.

1. Acknowledgement of Territory, welcome and introductions

2. Presentation from HASTe BC – Lise Richard

The focus of HASTe BC is to:

- increase active travel to school and decrease traffic congestion
- support kids and parents to feel safe
- Recommend improved infra-structure for safety
- Policy and signage
- Active travel also helps create active families
- Reduce financial strain with less automobile travel

Survey results:

90% agree that neighbourhood is safe

Lise Richard discussed survey results of modes of transport of kids to school. Active travel tends to increase from school rather than going to school. Approximately 25% of families drive their children to school and the other 75% walk, scooter, bike or skateboard.

On December 8th from 1450 to 1550 hrs (arrive at 1440) for School Walkabout – all volunteers welcome to observe the traffic congestion, behaviour of drivers, where are the dangers; the school walkabout help provides the data for the next stage, the narrative for the project. What kind of changes will help promote active travel? Light snacks and bebies provided to students, staff and parents for the school walkabout.

3. Approval of the Agenda – M/S/C

4. Administration Update

Update from Lansdowne Music -LMPA

December 6 and 7th Band performance

Band has entered CBC music competition – December 16th announcement

Administration update

Annual lockdown drill yesterday – take it very seriously for our school

Saanich police were here to help with the drill

Mime from Art Starts came in and it was excellent

Remembrance Day assembly went well

Pro D day last Friday included inclusive learning within French immersion and The GAFE conference– Google Apps for Education – Google apps will replace Microsoft and will change the way education is delivered. It is a move towards a paperless classroom. It is a web based open source cloud server. One of the biggest benefits of Google Apps is the ability to share documents and data with others. You can collaborate with colleagues on the same document. Students can work together on group projects. You can share handouts and forms with students and parents. Students can digitally turn in documents to the teacher which they can grade and comment on for the students to see.

Space – next year there will be 249 grade 6 students coming in the school; this is 2 more classes than what we took this year. Our school is going to be massive in population. Unless there are changes made to the catchment we are not going to be able to accommodate the numbers. Our population has gone up in Victoria. 550 students this year, and next year it will be 600. One portable outside is a computer lab – can this be converted to a classroom?

4 learning grants that have been awarded in our school. \$2000 per grant, and the teacher team presents their findings to other schools.

Athletics

Basketball in full swing, thank you to all parent and community coaches
Requesting volunteers for volleyball coaches – starting in January

Shauna is organizing a feast to invite community in to our school on December 6th.
Serving parents in our community – time of sharing and celebrating.

Ashoka – an organization that schools argue that empathy is as important as math, reading. Pearson College is currently becoming a Ashoka school.

4. Approval of minutes from October 26th meeting – M/S/C

5. Treasurer's report –

Treasurer's report was distributed for review

\$240 from smile cards

Donation account has about \$8,000

Gaming account, \$10,000

Classroom activity account – we like to budget \$15 per student

Motion: to move \$1500 from contingency fund to classroom activity account so we can budget \$15 per student. M/S/C

6. Election of Member at Large, VCPAC rep – no one eligible at this meeting as all in attendance are already active.

7. Ashoka – an organization that works with schools to focus on empathy as important as reading, writing and math. Pearson College undergoing this now.

Gift Emporium – we don't have enough stuff. Suggest we send out a stronger message.

10. New Business
none

11. Adjourn at 8:10pm