École Intermédiaire Lansdowne Middle School Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes February 22, 2017

In attendance: Sean Powell (Principal) Paul Stevenson (Vice Principal) Dan delVillano (Chair) Wendy Seager, Catrin de Groot, Nadia Cantera, Nathanya Vo, John Walmsley

1. Acknowledgement of Territory, welcome and introductions

2. Approval of the agenda M/S/C

3. Presentation Education Night: Math in April

Suggestion is to invite Nicole Lineham – she works within the district and has done pro-d sessions with Lansdowne teachers. How do we best advertise this amazing educator? Suggest an hour to an hour and a half presentation. We can accommodate 30 in the library. She would focus on teaching math in the new curriculum. Cost is \$180.00 and will be covered by the PAC.

Action: Mr. Powell to call Nicole and ask for how she would like to advertise for Wednesday, April 5, 2017. We will post on website, e-bulletin and newsletter.

4. Administration update:

Mr. Powell went to Ottawa to hire French immersion teachers – 3 unfilled positions within the district. Hopefully we will have some teachers coming to BC due to the connections made during the visit.

Anti-bullying day on February 21st – assembly. Video made of mannequin challenge – grade 8 boys did a fantastic job highlighting the importance of the day.

Previous pro-d was big focus on aboriginal curriculum. Dr. Brokenleg did an amazing presentation. Emotional intelligence training for our CUPE staff. Nicole Lineham gave positive ideas for teaching math.

Pro-d opportunity for Mr. Powell and Mr. Stevenson in Parksville tomorrow – focus on middle school to check in on past, present and future opportunities for middle schools.

Music concerts are on 15^{th} and 16^{th} of March. Musical desserts was a fantastic evening with wonderful ambience – great to be part of the evening

Band trip coming up in May - Kelowna

March 2 – course selection for grade 8 students

April follow up with the school teams that come to Lansdowne

FSA's completed for the grade 7s – 74% completed

Year book is underway - 300 sales done

Police presentation regarding control substances – liaison officer talk to our students about substances out there, impact, and how you get along with your peers and having open discussion

Volleyball season winding down. 2 out of 8 teams going to the finals.

Rugby – 2 confirmed coaches. Anticipate 4 to 5 teams, we need more coaches. Sign up will be as early as late next week, organizing teams prior to spring break, as games start up immediately after spring break.

5. Approval of minutes from January meeting M/S/C

6. Treasurer's report - John Walmsley

Treasurer distributed monthly financial report for review. \$400 more from Sobeys Soap Exchange cheque picked up. Thrifty cards can still be picked up and used at any Thriftys **Action:** Dan to thank Soap Exchange and Sobeys

- **7. Election of Member at Large, VCPAC rep** no election occurred
- 8. Quick updates none
- **9. New Business** suggest we push elections till June, and invite parents of grade 5 students entering Lansdowne in 2017
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday April 26th, 2017 at 6:30