

**École Intermédiaire Lansdowne Middle School
Parent Advisory Committee
Meeting
Meeting Minutes April 26, 2017**

In attendance: Sean Powell (Principal) Paul Stevenson (Vice Principal)
Dan delVillano (Chair) Wendy Seager, Catrin de Groot, Quang Nguyen, Stephanie Novak, Stella Spak

1. Acknowledgement of Territory, welcome and introductions

2. Approval of the agenda M/S/C

3. Approval of February Minutes: Correction to spelling of de Groot M/S/C

4. Administration update: Need 3 new rooms for 23 divisions next year. The 3 rooms will be the portable for computers, music room, and room 109 where our breakfast, lunch, goes. Possible other option is where the old cafeteria is located and that will become our Room 109 with a kitchen and separate entrance. Next year, maximum size of grade 8 can't be larger than 24. Grade 6 and 7 can be as large as 28. Some of our exploratory classes have limits – no more than 21 in woodshop. We have created exploratory classes so there will be 5 exploratories for 4 classes. Staffing – we want to increase the amount of library time, currently at .8 FTE, and other staff members have a .917 FTE positions and we want to increase those positions into 1.0FTE's.

Challenging to find French Immersion teachers – our HR department is working hard to recruit – we have had two hiring fairs. Large hiring fairs are happening: population increase combined with contract changes have made a large demand for both FI and English teachers in Victoria.

Athletics: Running strong with lots of participation. 15 wins out of 16 games in our 4 rugby teams. Excellent coaching. Jamborees coming up in May. Badminton on the go with 55-60 kids – thank you to all the coaches. Field hockey going for the girls. Track and Field underway with help from our teacher, Ms. West, as well as some student- teachers. Coaching banquet coming up – honoring them at Uplands golf course.

309 sales of Student Year books. We have a few left available to purchase.

Immunization coming up – we need 3 more parents to assist on May 15th.

We are very proud of our kids in grade 7 and 8 in careers. All grade 7's have been introduced to trades and technology. Grade 8's been introduced to a diversity of different careers with a keen interest from our students – attending May 9th.

Celebration of learning on Wednesday, May 3rd, 4:30 to 7:30 – our students sharing their learning with their parents and friends.

Transition information sessions coming up for grade 8's. May 16th (Vic High) and May 23rd (Oak Bay and Reynolds).

Grade 5 transition coming up too – visit the elementary schools and meet with the grade 5 teachers to attain an understanding of the individual needs of the incoming students to help with a smooth transition.

The same will be done with Lansdowne grade 8 teachers meeting with the different high schools.

Kelowna band trip coming up.

Lots of field trips coming up.

5. Kelly Acker, Reynolds Secondary School PAC Co-Chair

Reynolds is a very active PAC, strong connection with BC PAC and have a very dynamic interface. It is a lot of fun and we have a lot of PAC members. Encourage any parents with children going to Reynolds to join the PAC next year.

6. Supplies for earthquake kiosk – inventory done. Some things in good shape and some of it is not. \$1000 set aside to replenish. May be some provincial funding forthcoming to assist with replenishment. We are short on blankets. Suggestion we do a blanket drive among students and parents. We also need more tarps.

7. Staff Appreciation lunch – recommend Tuesday, June 13th as the foods classroom is available on that day.

8. Parent Education – Math night on April 5th was really good. 20 parents showed up and it was excellent. \$180. Another idea is Screenagers showing. \$625 US or we can sell tickets and once we reach \$500 we split the extra sales. Could look at it again next year.

9. Treasurer's report, need to draft budget prior to May meeting – no report this meeting.

10. Haste BC –presentation on findings from the study; discussion ensued on how to encourage more active travel. Some ideas:

Bike to school in conjunction with bike to work week (May 29th)

Written reminders encouraging active travel to school whenever possible

Create a webpage on Lansdowne site – interactive google map looking for a way to connect for active travel (car pools or cycling friends)

Bike parking facilities – improve and increase to ensure it does not detour kids from riding. Can we cover any of the bike racks?

PAC may be able to help with fund raising

Organized bike skill courses – free

Encourage parents to drop off kids close to the school but not right at the school (Allenby park, Richmond School, Dean Avenue) **Drive to 5 zones**

Transit – for fair weather cyclists and walkers, encourage them to take transit instead of driving on rainy days.

11. Round Table and New Business

Adjourn at 8:10

Next meeting: PAC Annual General Meeting: May 24 at 6:30 in the library