

Lansdowne Middle School

Zoom PAC Meeting

September 22, 2021

Call to order: 7:05pm

In attendance: Hilary Braid-Skolski (VP- North), Alissa Moore (VP-South & Parent), Carter Giesbrecht (Principal), Craig Hickie (PAC President), Whitney Yang (PAC Treasurer), Heather Phillips (PAC Secretary), Willow Minaker, Samantha, Emma, Craig/Laura, Eric Zhelka, Monica Chang, Jillian Watkins

Land acknowledgement

Introduction of current PAC Executive and parents present

Introduction of Administration

Future PAC meeting plans (Craig):

- Consider ongoing Zoom meetings, in person meetings, or hybrid to allow maximum participation.
 - (Carter) Small in person meetings would be allowed in school, but as COVID restrictions and guidelines continue to evolve it would be prudent to assess closer to the date of next meeting.
 - (General discussion) For a hybrid model (Zoom and In-person), technology support would be required. Administration agrees to support PAC to meet needs where able.
- **ACTION:** Craig will contact Administration 2 weeks prior to the next meeting to assess what considerations would be involved for in-person meeting and, if possible, how we could provide hybrid meeting to parents.

Treasurer's report (Whitney):

-Revenues and expenses reviewed

-2021/2022 working budget previewed, discussed but deferred to October meeting

-Gaming Grant deposit expected in mid-October (based on 2020/2021 student enrollment numbers)

Fundraising (Whitney):

- Thrifty Foods smile card fundraising discontinued due to program change
- All interested parents to consider other fundraising ideas and bring forward
- Bottle Drives to come – Marketta/emergency supplies

Administration Report (Carter Giesbrecht, Hilary Braid-Skolski, Alissa Moore):

-730 students enrolled at this time

-Sports have begun again; team working hard to iron out communication, COVID considerations, pick-up/drop-off, etc.

-COVID protocols/plans: goal had been to reassess at end of Sept (re-examine numbers, current situation in community/province), but this has not been able to occur provincially yet.

- Sports to continue at this time; recommendations may change in future
- Masks likely to continue for year
- In near future we should all be appraised by PHO as to new plan re communication/notification re exposures, etc. School will follow their instructions.

-*Garbage in/Garbage out* philosophy within school; programs re waste/compost/recycle are always evolving and continue to present a challenge. Staff community involved in planning and solutions.

-Gradeless Reporting pilot project:

- This was discussed in June 2021 meeting also
- Assessment practice will remain, but grades replaced with language of growth and support
 - Four-point system: emerging, developing, proficient, or extending
- Ministry of Education will implement this assessment system across the province for 2022/23 school year LMS and Cedar Hill Middle School
- 2 middle schools in D61 are participating in pilot this year: LMS and Cedar Hill
- There are 27 elementary schools in D61—12 of which are participating this year
- Ministry and School Districts working to familiarize teachers with this reporting style and will be supporting one another through pilot year.

General Discussion:

-Question from the floor inquiring as to extra-curricular groups/clubs

- First Lego League (FLL), many sport opportunities throughout year, Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Each school year the offerings are a result of teacher/parent interest and ability and these will emerge in the coming weeks or over the course of the year. There has been a drama club, a sewing club, and others.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm. Craig. All in favour.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2021 at 7pm