

Lansdowne Middle School

Zoom PAC Meeting

October 27, 2021

Call to order: 7:05pm

In attendance: Craig Hickie, Hilary Braid-Skolski, Whitney Yang, Willow Minaker, Carter Giesbrecht, Heather Phillips

Land acknowledgement.

Agenda shared.

Future PAC meeting plans and dates:

- Starting in November, in-person meeting will be possible
- Consider having Zoom access for folks to listen if possible. Craig will connect with Hilary and/or Brian Anderson for tech/sound equipment

Treasurer's report (Whitney):

- Current financial report shared.
- Gaming grant funds have been deposited (based on 2019/2020 enrollment numbers).

Budget discussion for 2021-22 school year:

- School Administration will look for funding request forms used for staff in the past to disseminate for proposals.
- Additional spending postponed to November 2021 meeting when proposals from staff could be considered.

PAC Communications:

- Discussions regarding ways to communicate PAC efforts to parents.
- Consider google doc that could be shared via link in weekly bulletin. This will be explored more during in-person meeting in hopes that existing PAC google account can be utilized more fully.

Administration Report (Carter/Hilary):

- Sports starting up
 - 100 kids playing on 9 basketball teams!
 - No spectators at LMS at this stage but discussions continue
- Several clubs have been initiated at both campuses.
- Proficiency Scales:
 - Pro D day spent discussing the research and evidence surrounding the new reporting system.
 - Staff participating in District working group for feedback and learning

- Parent information night at Cedar Hill Middle School (notice in calendar and on weekly bulletin)
- FreshGrade Connect:
 - New platform this year (old one being phased out by FreshGrade due to glitches and improvements)
 - 32 advisories at LMS, 25 of which are using digital portfolios
 - Looking for feedback from families on use and feel of new FreshGrade platform so that teachers, students, and families can get the most out of it
 - Note that old platform and new platform do not sync and new accounts have to be created. However, students/families can access old platform/classes ongoing.

Open Discussion:

- In person music performances?
 - SD61 conversations occurring this Friday about parent audiences/spectators to ensure consistency across District. Complexities of protocols, etc. still need to be ironed out. Likely not before Winter Break, but hopefully possible for Spring.

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm: Craig. All in favour.

Next PAC Meeting: November 24, 2021 at 7pm in LMS North Library, with Zoom access if technology allows.