

Lansdowne Middle School

PAC Meeting Minutes

Online Executive meeting – March 15 2023

Present: Whitney Y (Treasurer), Craig H (Chair/President), Rosemary, Matthew, Irene, Bijan

This online meeting is an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss and vote on a special request for funding that has come up since the PACs last meeting. We decided to proceed on March 15 bc spring break is coming and next meeting is at end of April so waiting is the same as saying no. All PAC attendees from this year were invited to attend, and quorum for a spending decision is a minimum of 6 voting members.

Kick off

Call to order: 6:00 pm

Funding request

Background - from Alissa (Vice-Principal)

Request for PAC funds to support the IBPOC group (Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour) started this year at North campus and that we are hoping to continue to grow. We typically bring in mentors from the community to spend time and share stories, resources, and their time with these kids. We pay mentors a \$50 honorarium and at this time we have had someone coming once a week. Also provide food to increase cultural awareness and connection. We are about to launch a SOCA (Students of Color Association) club and we will let the kids determine when we meet. The goal is to promote solidarity and fellowship by providing a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for our IBPOC community.

Asking for \$100 for 5 weeks so that we are able to have 2 mentors in and then \$50 for the remaining 5 for one mentor. We also ask for \$300 to be able to provide some snacks and food when the groups meet. So total ask is **\$1050**.

Club is new for us at Lansdowne and our hope is to continue to grow it. In March we had first SOCA (Students of Color Association) meeting and 22 kids showed up. This is a separate group from our boys group that started late January. Attendance is voluntary but we can track numbers with a sign in sheet. The goal is to ask the kids what they need to feel safe, seen and valued in our building. Post spring break we will be bringing the 6's in.

There are several mentors from local community. Some were referred from our friends at Cedar Hill who have been running these clubs for much longer and others we have asked parents, and organizations that are already supporting youth and family in community: ICA as well as teachers on staff who are IBPOC. We also have connection to Terrell Evans who owns the Grind basketball and is hired by PISE to come into schools to support active life and healthy living.

Discussion Points

It is reassuring that this club and how it operates is based on Cedar Hill model, with tie-ins to that school's mentors. Meaning it is likely to succeed bc of the success of the previous club.

Food – Does the PAC have a prohibition to funding food? Neither Craig nor Whitney can point out examples of past food funding, but certainly the LPAC has no explicit prohibition regarding food. Note - the role of food for IBPOC groups is quite central, food sharing brings the group together and is not an extra add-on but has the function of binding and facilitating the members. Food is not really optional for a club like this.

Which account would we use to fund this, Gaming? Whitney still must review and make final decision, but there are funds in each of our 3 accounts (see below). Let's ensure that we do not leave expiring funds in Gaming Grant at end of year, and we discussed that normally LPAC does spend 90% or more of the gaming grant each year. The small amount of carryover presents no risk that we are in breach and might lose funds the following year. This year appears to be following this same normal pattern.

PAC Budget discussion

How much in Gaming account now? Compare to amounts that we receive annually. We discussed the numbers and the unallocated balance remaining in each account as of March:

- General \$1100
- Gaming \$2000
- Donation \$3400

This means that we have funds to support this request.

Vote

Motion by Craig to approve, second by Bijan and Whitney.

All 6 in favor, no one against, no abstentions.

Motion Passed!

Next steps

Craig will inform Alissa of the approval, and sign/date the Request form for record keeping. We expect to get receipts back by late May.

Wrap up

Call to finish: 6:30 pm

Next meeting

Will be 6 pm Wednesday Apr 26, in south campus library.