



École Intermédiaire
LANSDOWNE
Middle School



**PARENTS
ADVISORY**
COUNCIL

AGENDA

22 November 2023
18:00 – 19:00
North Campus Library

- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 25 October Minutes (see attached)

- Reports
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - LMPA Liaison
 - VCPAC Liaison
 - Lansdowne administration

- Other business
 - BCCPAC membership
 - Motion: *That the LPAC renew membership for 2023/24 with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils*
 - Parent Education Fund ideas
 - Earthquake kits update

- Next meeting 24 January (South)
- Adjournment

Attendees:

Beth Richardson (vice Principal – South), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Carlene Nex (VCPAC Liaison), Hilary Hope, Jennifer Hofmann, Vanessa Lowther

6:00 call to order

Acknowledgement: Lansdowne Campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Cheko-nein tribe of the Songhees Nation. We acknowledge with appreciation the continued stewardship of this place by the Ləkʷəŋən speaking people of the Songhees and Esquimalt nations.

Roundtable introduction: Members and administrators identified themselves and their affiliation to the school.

Reports:

Chair's report: Bijan received emails from different groups and has added to the agenda

ACTION:

Chair puts forward motion for nominations for PAC Executives. Bijan nominates Hilary for Secretary, Carlene seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Rosemary absent, provided financial statement to Bijan. The gaming grant has been received in the amount of \$13,980. \$2000 in donations from families of Lansdowne have been received so far this year.

Bijan said no applications have come in yet from Lansdowne South to use money from the gaming grant. Bijan reminded teachers there is no December PAC meeting, and they need to submit any applications for the November PAC meeting. A small amount of grant money can roll over into next year if inspect, but want to spend this year's money on this year's students.

LMPA Liaison: no liaison present, no update. Hilary volunteered to act as LMPA Liaison and attend the next meeting. Hilary to follow up with Brian Anderson to see if there's a recording of the LMPA AGM - so PAC can support.

VCPAC Liaison: Carlene Nex, VCPAC Liaison, attended the last VCPAC meeting and explained VCPAC's purpose:

The VCPAC (Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, vcpac.ca) meets every month. This group represents all schools in SD61 and their primary task under provincial legislation is to advise the school board on "any matter relating to education in the school district". The next VCPAC meeting will be Tuesday November 14th at Doncaster Elementary at 7pm.

The school board has listed committees that parents can be a part of within the district. For more information parents should visit <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/ad-hoc-committees/>

LPAC DRAFT MINUTES 25 OCTOBER 2023

At the meeting, they talked about SPLO's (School Police Liaison Officer) hosting an off site (not on school property) info session on gang recruitment in Victoria schools. There is a free seminar on November 17th 6:30-8:30pm at Royal Oak Middle School. To register visit: https://anc.ca.apm.activecommunities.com/saanich/activity/search/detail/105244?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true

Some parents asked about the \$25 textbook/technology deposit: are textbooks actually used? What are the funds being used for? Beth Richardson advised the money usually goes towards new technology (such as chrome books) as textbooks are being phased out because the info is often out of date as soon as it is published.

The school can waive the fee for any families with financial limitations.

Administration:

Beth provided an update from South Campus: in the past month they honoured National Truth & Reconciliation Day with Project of Heart which was intended for settlers and non-Indigenous students. Students did research on residential schools and created a witness piece of art.

Halloween: Costume contest and dance at South 1:30-2:30.

Houses: the question was raised "how are students creating community within a large group of students"? Faculty created "Houses": there are 3 houses at South and 5 at North. The overarching theme of the houses was mythical flying creatures.

Other Business:

Earthquake supplies: the PAC supports this in their budget and the school district has budgeted \$2.50 per student (approximately \$1800 total) for water/snacks for the earthquake kits. Bijan to check minutes from last year as to when earthquake kits were last checked and to organize parent volunteers for this year.

PEF: The 2023/24 Parent Education fund represents a \$250 grant the PAC will apply for to support parent education initiatives. The fund must be applied for by November 5; however, proposals are not needed for the application. **ACTION:** The Chair will reach out to all parent volunteers with a call for proposals. A similar request will be made in the weekly newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next meeting at South Campus, 22 November.