

Attendees: Sharon Orr, Melissa Donaldson Blanchette, Alissa Moore (VP North), Carter Geisbrecht (Principal), Sarah Hostettler, Rosemary McCutcheon (Treasurer), Carlene Nex (VPAC liaison), Kambria Ernst, Bijan Ahmadi (Chair)

6:00 call to order / acknowledge territory

Chair's Report: We have received the gaming grant money. Sports equipment funding requests have started.

Treasurer: No funding has been completed. Grant money has been deposited.

LMPA liaison: no liaison present

VCPAC liaison: Carlene attended the 14 November Meeting

- Discussion : Can parents attend the meetings face-to-face?
- Mount Doug (RAMPAC) parent education event on gangs: 27 November 7-8:30 @ Mt Doug gym
- International students crowding out?
- VCPAC will pay for PACs BCCPAC membership
- Can provide more / further funding for parent education events if needed
- Next meeting 12 December 7pm @ Spectrum : Workshop (PAC 101)

Administration:

Alyssa:

- Staff attended an Anti Racism Workshop
- GVTA (Teachers) notice an increase in racism
- Gang concerns
 - Looking different
 - Recruiting at middle school
 - Targeting kids in unusual ways
- Saanich Police are interested if invited to speak on this
- RAMPAC event → Alyssa will ask about collaborations?
- No more school police liaisons. Admin taking on this role

This led to a conversation on the benefit of police liaisons

- As kids dabble, liaisons are there to open the conversation
- Online bullying : can speak with victims and perpetrators.
- Restorative process : provide guidance and divert
- Bridge community and school
- All at no cost to the school
- (liaisons cut by Board decision – with no consultation. Apparently, admins didn't want these, but . . .)
- Once budget for this is removed it will be harder to bring back

Carter :

- Assembly at North Campus (introduce the new houses)
- Moving forward:
 - Competition to create identity for the new houses
 - Logo / crest
 - Dance (come as your house identity)
 - Kids create this – not imposed

Other Business

BCCPAC membership: *Motion* That the Lansdowne PAC join the BCCPAC for 2023/24 (Bijan / Carlene) PASSED

Parent Education Fund ideas: Cellphone Use? Alyssa may be able to identify a speaker for this.

Earthquake Kits

- Alyssa to enumerate kit items for replacement / renewal
 - PAC can find parent volunteers if needed
- Water and other consumable goods get old
- Water needs to be changed (\$350 for transport costs : other options?)

Science Venture (UVic)

- Offer free STEM workshops for students
- Carter and Alyssa to look into opportunities

Funding Requests

- \$500 commitment to 1st Lego League : League needs new computers
 - Action: Carter to identify specific computing requirements
- BIPOC group : \$1500 for honoraria
- Yearbook Mini X \$800 for two Canon Powershot cameras
 - Are these the ones required? Other options available?
- Librarian: \$150 to tune the piano
- \$200 for glow forge plywood sheets and lather cords
- \$1500 Needle felting supplies (Advisory 65/66 felting a Salish Sea mural)
 - Could they look for donations / or provide breakdown : could fund a smaller amount
- Spaghetti Bridge club \$150 for district competition
- LED lighting strips for the library: \$200
- Cricut machine (for staff use : display items) \$1000
- Hobby Club \$150 for models and paint
- Math Challengers \$145 – 200 (depending on number of teams)
- Student-led request : skateboarding infrastructure at North (i.e.: rails) \$500

Approved the following funding requests

- Glow forge plywood (\$200)
- Piano tuner (\$150)
- Spaghetti Bridge club (\$150)
- Math Challengers (\$200)
- BIPOC group (\$1500)
- Hobby Club (\$150)

All other requests will be brought forward to further meetings

Meeting Adjourned (7:20 p.m.)