

Approved LPAC MINUTES 24 APRIL 2024

Lansdowne PAC Meeting April 24th

Attendees: Rosemary McCutcheon (Treasurer), Carlene Nex (VCPAC liaison), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Hilary Hope (Secretary), Carter Giesbrecht (Principal), Beth Richardson (Vice-Principal, South), Jennifer Hofmman, Sarah Hostetteler

6:00 call to order / acknowledge territory Agenda / minutes moved by unanimous consent.

Chairs' report: nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Earthquake supplies & inventory are currently being assessed by volunteers, will report to Beth Richardson shortly. We have committed \$1000 to earthquake kits.
- Staff appreciation Day: \$300 earmarked - Carter & Beth to look at calendar and suggest best day for appreciation gifts for staff. Bijan proposes to increase budget from \$300 to \$600. Rosemary seconded the motion (carried)
- Grade 8 celebration: last year had 3 slab cakes. Bijan requested for Admin to make arrangements by May 22 so we can approve more funding if needed.
- PAC to provide communication to families summarizing donation amounts received and what we spent the funds on.

LMPA Report:

- Meeting was pre-Whistler, reports are trip was a huge success
- School Board was planning 31% budget cut to music program, but cuts have been cancelled
- On Transition Day, Brian was talking about grade 7's visiting grade 5's to talk about music
- Looking forward to next year, looking to book concerts at Farquard Centre
- Elementary tour June 6
- Buying a piccolo
- Executive committee looking for executive members for next year as many of them are graduating out of Lansdowne.

VCPAC Report:

- Looking for more members, having trouble achieving a quorum at meetings (require 15)
- AGM in May in Richmond
- May 9th: Black Grad at UVic
- Discussed budget extensively. Elementary school strings programs will be run through a hub school instead of at individual schools
- Emergency Kits - Ministry give \$2.50 per student for kits?
- Talking about what PACs can do to bring in more people
- SJD has parent's night out to encourage community, conversation, fundraising opportunity
- SD61, SD62 and SD63 all looking to align their administrative calendars
- Supporting free buses for youth up to age 18
- Next meeting May 14th at Lambrick Park

Administration Report:

- Currently 769 students
- One French & one English class added to Grade 6 at South this year
- New Division added at North as well
- Alyssa Moore will be moving to Shoreline, as Vice Principal
- Carter Giesbrecht will be moving to Gordon Head
- Mica Seaburg, current VP at Shoreline, coming to VP at North
- Jillian Brawn, current Principal at Central will be taking over at North
- May 16th is Transition afternoon - grade 8's go to their next school (secondary) for the afternoon & activities; grade 6's go up to North. 275 grade 5's coming from feeder schools
- Seeking opportunities to bring 6's up to North, have started meeting up with buddies in some 7/8 classes

New Business:

- Gaming grant application in Rosemary's calendar
- Want to share Hulitan Family & Community Services Y Mind Group (13-18) with families via PAC / website

New Funding request: Bijan proposes to fund \$300 for parting gifts for Carter & Alyssa, Hilary seconds the motion (carried)

- Next meeting 22 May (North) AGM
- Adjournment at 7:00pm

Next meeting May 22nd at 6pm at North Campus