

LPAC APPROVED MINUTES 25 SEPTEMBER, 2024

Attendees: Rosemary McCutcheon (Treasurer), Carlene Nex (VCPAC liaison), Bijan Ahmadi (Chair), Hilary Hope (Secretary), Laura Siberry (LMPA Liaison), Sarah Hostettler, Sahara Tamarin, Sonia Regnier, Myra Yaman, Alyx Valdal, Ann Valikoski, Gillian Braun (Principal), Beth Richardson (Vice Principal – South)

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

Roundtable introductions, welcoming new members at large

Chairs' report:

- Several Executive Positions required to be filled:
 - Treasurer: Rosemary put out a request for next year's Treasurer to step into the role in early Spring to ease the transition while she is still involved/available
 - LMPA Liaison: Laura Siberry acclaimed to the position
 - VCPAC Liaison: Carlene Nex now Vice-President for VCPAC. New liaison needed here.
 - FB admins: Carlene & Sarah : open call for more support
 - Alyx suggests 2 admins and any(all) exec as moderators
- PAC to take it on, onsite at both campuses
- Rosemary suggested to reach out to volunteers for support

Treasurer's Report:

- Rosemary reviewed budget from last year and anticipated budget for 2024-2025
- Bijan suggested new line item for teacher/volunteer appreciation (sports, before / after school activities) \$500
- Gillian: every school in district given funds for earthquake preparedness, but still needed funds from PAC Beth: did inventory last year of the 2 containers - had a lot of expired items (food & water)
- Bijan suggested to continue to allocate \$1000 to earthquake kits
- Parent Education Fund - we haven't identified an item that we want to recommend. Do you have an idea for a parent education opportunity?
- Gillian: Gaming grants funds must be used for extracurricular activities (outside of school), would suggest that most field trips would be considered curricular activity
- \$5000 we receive from donations; we ask teachers to submit requests for funding
- Alyx: an audit should be on everyone's minds. Questions have been asked at other schools about how the gaming grant funds have been spent.
- Bijan & Rosemary need to discuss the budget, meet with Wendy in order to revise the budget and source of funds for certain expenditures
- Beth question for clear communication with teachers: please submit requests by the Wednesday before the meeting (one week prior) so they can be submitted to Bijan by Friday and sent with the meeting agenda

LMPA Report:

- met 2 weeks ago; main opportunity to spend decent amount of the reserve. Can we help fund instrument rentals now for families who identify financial need.
- Discussion about potential fundraising ideas, when the need for funds arises, with a focus to make them unique from the LMPA fundraising

VCPAC Report:

- Last year had 1 executive, this year 5

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- September 10 - 10 attendees not enough for quorum
- Schoolcashonline - over the summer the Board added 4% fee and \$.10 transaction charge to each transaction
- Sending letters to both Victoria School Board and Premier addressing this
- Last year sent out a survey to all parents and school staff - going thru info now. Hoping to put together 2-5 policy options they would like to ask the Board for
- Hoping to create templates for PACs to help streamline events (i.e. picnic)
- Discussing disparities that exist between schools regarding inclusion (lack of EAs, student to student conflict, teacher to student conflict (and vice versa))
- BCCPAC membership (provincial) - ensures Lansdowne PAC has a vote with this organization.
- VCPAC will pay for Lansdowne PAC membership fee if we attend BCCPAC AGM or send a vote by proxy
- Parent Education Grant identifies an opportunity for parents in the community to be informed. It could be having a speaker come and talk about internet safety or taking the bus at night.
- Maya: could the speaker be a parent or would that be a conflict? Bijan we could discuss the idea and apply for the grant. Maya interested in discussing nutrition specifically managing ADHD through nutrition.

Administration Report:

- Fundamental role of principal/teacher and school is keeping lines of communication open always with the parents & community
- We need to make sure the kids are active & moving. Think of this when we consider funding.
- Off and Away Policy - no cell phones once they enter the school working well
- Looking to invest in Proper Tech package for the Gym, Announcements Booth
- Parent teacher interviews October 22nd

New Business:

- Discussed future event including parents, kids and staff - add as agenda item to discuss further.
- Parent Volunteer Coordinator: Bijan put out a question to see if anyone interested?

Next meeting October 16th at 6pm at South Campus