



École Intermédiaire
LANSDOWNE
Middle School



**PARENTS
ADVISORY**
COUNCIL

AGENDA

22 January 2025

18:00 – 19:00

South Campus Library

- Territorial Acknowledgement and check-in
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of 27 November Minutes (see attached)
- Reports
 - Chair
 - Treasurer
 - LMPA Liaison
 - VCPAC Liaison
 - Lansdowne administration
- New business
 - Funding request applications
- VCPAC response to Ministry
- LPAC FB Page
- Next meeting 26 February (North)
- Adjournment

Attendees: Gillian Braun (Principal), Micha Seaberg (Vice Principal) Bijan Ahmedi (President and Chair), Rosemary McCutcheon (Treasurer), Laura Siberry (LMPA Liaison), Sarah Hostettler, Ann Valikoski, Kristy Domineck, Nicole Spencer, Kristy Domineck, Sahara Tamarin

Regrets: Hilary Hope (Secretary)

6: 05 pm meeting called to order and territorial acknowledgement delivered

- November agenda and October meeting minutes moved by unanimous consent
- Roundtable introductions held to welcome new members at large

Chair report

- Bijan shared that Sundance-Bank Elementary School PAC will be hosting a parent education session on supporting children with anxiety. **ACTION:** Bijan to send event info to Gillian to include in an upcoming weekly "This Week at Lansdowne" email to families
- We had a great response to our call for parent-education event suggestions. The funding initially identified for this initiative has dried up, but we can discuss this in January. The VCPAC/BCPAC might be a potential funding source. It could be funded through an honorarium. **ACTION:** Bijan to bring this topic back to the group for discussion at the January 22 PAC meeting.

Treasurer report

- Rosemary shared that the 2024-25 PAC budget was approved in September.
- The PAC noted that First LEGO League is a \$500 standalone item under projected expenses. **ACTION:** Rosemary to ask League volunteer Uschi to submit the LEGO funding request to Wendy in the office so that it can be brought to the PAC for attention. The PAC **carried a motion** to make a change for next year such that the First LEGO League funding request, which has historically had its own budget line item, will be handled the same way that teacher classroom requests for funding are considered for PAC funding.
- Rosemary clarified that PAC Gaming funds are to be used for classroom field trips and non-curricular activities only not music program field trips and non-curricular activities, as the music program receives financial support from the LMPA.
- Gill said that the LMPA would be able to submit its own Community Gaming Grant application.

LMPA Liaison report

- The LMPA is happy to have the PAC set up an info table at the winter music concert on Dec. 12. The lobby would be the best spot. **ACTION:** Bijan to reach out to parent volunteers to see who could work the info table.

Administration report

- Micah gave a great overview of recent school activities and preview of December activities at both campuses, including Gr. 6 immunizations, CC Day, provincial high school volleyball championships hosting, Dec. 19 school assembly and winter closure Dec. 21-Jan. 05. There are 14 active clubs at Lansdowne, thanks to the efforts of staff volunteers. Club meetings are listed in daily announcements. **ACTION:** Gill to include clubs info in school e-newsletter to families.
- Gill spoke to school safety protocols, with administrators and support staff constantly out and about at school to monitor student behaviour, most doors locked during the day (except the

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front door and the door to the band annex), an open line of communication between parents and admin. and a relationship with the police in Victoria and Saanich.

- The issue of School Liaison Officers is one that would need to be addressed with the school board trustees.
- Gill reviewed the 11 teacher-submitted funding requests totalling \$5,100 total. The PAC **carried a motion** to approve funding for the top seven requests for \$3,100 total. **ACTION:** The remaining four requests will be brought forward in January.

7:30 pm meeting adjourned

Next meeting: Jan. 22 at South Campus.