

PAC meeting minutes
Thursday April 21st, 2022, Via Zoom

Chair: Tim Vines
Vice Chair: Lori (Lulu) Metz
Past Chair: Enoch Lam
Treasurer: Fiona Lo (not present)
Secretary: Jennifer Halyk
Participants present at 7:01pm: 30

Jacquie: Admin presentation

i. Indigenous Acknowledgement
ii. Agenda: Staff update; upcoming events; social-emotional learning; Welcome Mme. Lia Cuccurullo

a. Staff Update:

Mme Cynthia has extended her leave until May 20th, for now.
M. Richer - resource teacher - has extended his position in the school.
M. Pierre-Luc still away.

b. Upcoming events:

In person events! Full and busy gym, thank you to parents who have been helping.

Sports: basketball happening now. Track and Field is starting. Ultimate has started - the VSB league, so we can play against other schools.

Welcome to Kindergarten - in person this year. May 26th. Two sessions. One in morning and one in afternoon.

Gr 7 leaving ceremony or grad - also can be done in person. Few more options for logistics (compared to last year)

Sports Day - led by Grade 7 leadership team - they will lead stations, everyone will take turns on a schedule.

Field studies - lots of field trips in the works, esp due to Quebec being cancelled.

c) School goal of social-emotional learning: you may have heard us speak about mindfulness and Mind Up. While we are glad we have these workshops happening. Four classes, four sessions. Mme Sihota organized it for our school.

Also - may have heard about self-regulation. One of the ways to support students: Ready Bodies, Learning Minds. Our supervision aides have been doing some training on this. Supports kids who may need more help regulating before they go into the classroom to learn. RBLM - "how sensory integration and motor control drives learning". Research, stats, OTs are well-versed in this, and it proves to help students.

We are in the developing stages of implementing some of these principles. Image: circuit of activities; You Tube video of demonstration; support workers have set up some stations for kids to use. Still getting resources and supports for this. Some funds from the "school growth plan" budget are being used for this. In the works, will keep you posted.

Questions?

Tim: orientation for Churchill, will it be in-person? Jacquie: don't think so.

Tomorrow is Earth Day - wear green; parents are invited to walk around the school at 10am and 1:30pm

Committee updates:

- a) After school activities - still on hold. Kerry said she is interested in organizing after-school activities for next year.
- b) Munchalunch - Sushi is over as of April 27th. Jacquie said a huge thank you to Leah Lim and her team, and the Gr 7 helpers, it was very well run. But the challenge with this year, with Gr 6/7 classes, is that the same group of students were missing instructional time, and quite a bit of it. Teachers did not feel it was appropriate for the students to miss more instructional time. Also, although Leah Lim worked very hard to minimize the garbage and waste, this aspect was problematic. So at this time sushi lunch has been put on hold. Big takeaways: garbage and waste; and instructional time that students are losing by helping out.

Nancy Cameron: suggestion: students do their silent reading at home and continue to help out, also for them to stay 'hands-on' involved in the fundraising for QE. Several comments / questions in the Zoom 'chat' re: alternatives, or parents willing to help out, and/or finding ways to help to offer various lunches (whether it's pizza or sushi or other food items). KB (Kristin) - question for Jacquie - if we can address the problems, why can't we move forward with it for the next two months? We are proceeding with sports, etc. - the hurdles are such that we can overcome them. Tim: I think that for now, we need to honor and respect that the teachers have drawn the line on this, for the remainder of this year, and we can look forward to starting sushi again in September, and work hard to have everything in place to get going on it right away for the 2022-23 school year.

- c) Ski Club - maybe next year.

- d) Diversity Committee: always looking for new members and are open to ideas and requests. hello@LEBPAC.ca.
- e) Yearbook: please send photos to the PAC at hello@lebpac.ca. Rachel Butler - asking for any and all photos of school / kids / kids at school, please send them in ASAP. Gr 7 parents - tell your Gr. 7 students to submit their comments for the yearbook, please. Does anyone know who the parent is who took the image of the double rainbow over the school? Need a higher res version, please, so we are trying to find the parent who took the photo. Kids voting.
- f) Various items:
- earthbites
 - contributions to sports programs
 - fruit and veg program
 - any questions?

Tim: point of discussion: should we as parents try to fundraise, or put them as fees into the school fee system, or what do you think?

Earthbites is quite expensive - \$15K per year. Jacquie sending out the breakdown of Earthbites. Workshops are \$11K - every division gets four per year; 71 total.

Nancy: suggestion: fees for field trips - can we get a breakdown at the start of the year? It's a surprise every year. And it gets more expensive every year.

Jacquie: past year has been an anomaly because of covid; moving forward, yes, we need to sit down and plan ahead in terms of field trips and fees.

Fruit and Veg program: Denise used to run it. The Ministry of Agriculture would provide fruit and veg for free, and we would distribute them throughout the school, for free. It's ready to come back when the school is ready to have it back. Need parents to wash, divide up, and then hand out the produce. Can start back again in September.

Nancy: question re: **QE fundraisers:** in lieu of QE, they are doing five days of field trips, either French or Quebec-inspired. We lost [the fundraiser] spellathon, we are not doing sushi - so this is a bit of a test, with potential fundraisers, which might be viable for future years. Two upcoming: This Saturday night - Panago - details in the Zoom chat and in the Friday email from the school - they will take 15% off your order, please use the school 15 promo code. Will be interesting to see if this raises any funds. Another one: Dunbar movie day - April 30th at 12:30pm - Minions, popcorn, and drink - link to buy tickets, also included in the school email. Please come!