

L'ECOLE BILINGUE PAC MEETING MINUTES

April 26th, 2023

7:00pm-8:00pm

This meeting to be held online: Zoom

L'école Bilingue Elementary 1166 West 14th Avenue

All parents and caregivers of current students are encouraged to attend

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05pm (participants: 21).
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (February 2023)
 - a. Minutes were sent out via email and posted online.
 - b. Motion to approve the minutes (Darren Bryson); seconded (Rose Lo), approved.
4. ADMIN REPORT: Principal Jacquie Lavoie:
 - a. Lunches; thank you; volunteering; Track and field.
 - b. Parent reunification drill on Earthquake Drill May 4th at 2:15pm.
 - c. Funds for: field studies, art initiatives, class funds, cultural programs, fitness, SEL, online safety - thank you to everyone (parents and caregivers) who donate and support all of these initiatives at our school.
 - d. Lots of upcoming events: "School Streets"; talent show; walk-a-thon; choir concert; Grade 4, 6 & 7 camps; cyberbullying presentations (Gr 6/7); sports day June 16th; bike to school week; year end assembly June 29th.
 - e. School Streets map - the current signs will be replaced with more clear signage - a map will be sent out with the Friday newsletter.
 - f. Question by Julie Smith re: have we heard back about the QE trip from current teachers (as discussed in the previous PAC meeting). Jacquie: I met with gr 6/7 teachers last week to discuss their beliefs and philosophies about the QE trip. The next step is to discuss it with all of the staff (Wed May 3rd staff meeting). Then there would be another meeting scheduled for the wider school community including parents. Could possibly be scheduled for mid-May.
5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:
 - a. Chair: Lorie Metz:
 - i. Date for AGM - not confirmed yet but will be the week of May 29th.
 - ii. Date for QE meeting - aim for mid-May.

- iii. Looking for options for online auction - looking for donations that will go onto our online auction. Deadline for items will be May 31st. Lorie will send out an email and use a sign-up sheet. Hopefully we'll raise some cash.
 - iv. Social parents' night next week, at Good Co. at 2904 Main Street, 6pm. Social gathering to get to know each other.
 - v. We will also start the PAC morning coffees again, every second Tuesday starting next Tuesday May 2nd.
- b. Vice-Chair: Sarah Willson:
- i. Sushi update, on behalf of Kelly Grossert: we have new sushi leads: thanks to Grade 6 parents Adi and Elisha who will be taking over sushi lunches for the third term and next year. The new sushi session will start on May 9th and ordering on Munch is open now.
 - ii. School Streets program and volunteer opportunities; Friday is 30 minutes longer and has additional fun activities. Sign-up link is in the weekly newsletters.
- c. Treasurer: Darren Bryson :
- i. Presenting approved 2022/2023 budget (includes rough totals for pizza, sushi, costs for camps such as Sasamat, grad week, teachers PIN money, with updates on where we are at now.
 - 1. Currently over budget by \$5700, but we don't yet have the direct deposit funds or some other incoming funds.
 - 2. Summary of the Gr 7 fundraising status; just under \$21K raised in total.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Fruit and Veg program: Lesley Turenne is the lead and will continue into next year, and will do a call-out for volunteers early next year. (Reported by Denise Cousineau)
- b. Yearbook: team is very busy trying to meet the deadline soon. Expenses get carried over from one school year to the next, but we don't make much, or lose much - the debt carries over to September until we get paid. Every year LEB pays for yearbooks for the teachers, and one copy for the library, and one copy for the Yearbook Committee. Rachel, Meg, Denise, and Lesley are on the Committee now - but are looking for a new organizer and co-ordinator. Anyone interested please contact Denise Cousineau. Sales will start soon - will be announced.

- c. Grad Year 2023 Committee lead: Denise, Marnie and Lesley. Gave a bit of a handover to Grade Sixes, all of the useful information and docs are in the shared Google workspace.
- d. Walk-a-thon: Cheri-Leigh: pledge forms, info for the parents will be handed out soon. This is a community building event for PAC and grade 7s, and a percentage goes to Backpack Buddies. Collect monies through School Cash Online as well as cash and cheque. Popsicles, music, running (racing / competing) in different groups. The classes will compete for pizza lunch. We hope to bring more spirit back into the school.
- e. DPAC rep Jenn Baker: DPAC Chair suddenly stepped down. There is a fair bit of discord at the VSB itself. Very different since the last election, not communicating with the DPAC, and has gone into some sort of arbitration between the two. There have been some candid conversations about lack of school space / availability and that choice schools like ours come up as possibilities to be used for space (as is happening right now with Ideal Mini School and has been reported in the media). The VSB needs more schools in the False Creek area; they have considered moving the population of LEB to another location further East, and would use the LEB building for another school population, such as those under-served from the Olympic Village area (which desperately needs a school). There is very little information coming out of the VSB on this; a DPAC rep and/or other parents could try to get more info from the VSB, but it seems quite difficult to get any information. Scott: Let's be ready to provide a lot of loud feedback, and keep an eye on this. Jacquie says she hasn't been told anything about this possibility. Eventually, a new Olympic Village school will be paid for by the province and the school board (and likely not built for several, or many, years).

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sports Day lunch - current grade 6 group - if no one steps up to take it on, then it should go to the PAC for other things instead of next year's Grade 7s.
- a. Open positions: need a new Treasurer, a new Secretary, and a new Vice-Chair.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:01pm.