

LSS PAC MEETING

Monday, May 15, 2023

In attendance: Erika Peebles, Tanya Lightbody, Natalie Carmichael, Cathy Worrall, Chantale Hubbs, Jen Elderkin, Dean Pacheco

MEMBERS:

President: Tanya Lightbody

Treasurer: Erika Peebles

Secretary: Natalie Carmichael

DPAC Rep: Chantale Hubbs

Members at Large: Cathy Worrall and Jen Elderkin

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Adoption of minutes from previous LSS PAC meeting
3. Administration Report:
 - Summer school is filling up quickly. Good idea to register students who may require summer school sooner rather than later
 - Updates for gym:
 - i. Curtains for theatre – won't look like a gym when being used
 - ii. Upgrade sound system – will be done professionally
 - Brandon Gabriel – Wood Artist in Residence from September to November 2023
 - i. Did art installation and blessing of the wood
 - ii. Brandon will work on the mural in the foyer and will also do presentations to classrooms
 - iii. Students will work with Brandon to get a hands on experience of the project
 - iv. Brandon's father is an Elder and will also be present to assist with the art project
 - Lots of field trips – very busy. All buses are fully booked
 - Upcoming grad activities
 - i. Scholarship tea on June 7, 2023 at the Langley Golf Centre
 - ii. June 16, 2023 – commencement ceremony
 - iii. Year End Award Ceremony is on June 20, 2023 – invites will be sent to families

- iv. June 22, 2023 – dinner and dance
- v. The grads are starting to choose their seats for the dinner/dance
- vi. Can purchase dry grad and dinner/dance tickets at the same time
- LSS will hire more teachers for next year.

4. President's Report:

- Fundraising email received from World's Finest Chocolate – breaking downs cost and benefit of their fundraisers. This will be passed on to the incoming President.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- No change in balances since last month.
- Waiting to hear back from Tammy with numbers from this year.

6. Secretary Report:

- Nothing to report.

7. DPAC report:

- Homestay families in the Murrayville and Poppy areas are needed
- Results of student transport walk study show that the budget will have to increase if the recommendations in the report are implemented
- Affordability fund feedback
 - i. Districts used a lot of the funds for food security and will make funds available for food in the future programs based in schools
- PLC – Professional Learning Committee, PLC time – District is undertaking a pilot program in 3 secondary schools Walnut Grove, RE Mountain and ACSS. Students are encouraged to stay and learn. They are trying to sort through what works and how they can receive feedback and improve. The district recognizes they don't have the program quite right yet. District visits schools during PLC time to see how it is working (or not).
- Motion from Noel Booth (Get information from the district about how spending is allocated, for learning resources and things like that, that was passed) the DPAC is now working on getting that information.
- Motion put forward to amend DPAC policy 1017 to allow parents to be reimbursed for parent education, not to exceed \$100 per years, all LSS in favour.
- DPAC AGM & nominations coming out

8. Old Business

- AGM conducted on May 15, 2023 elected by acclamation as follows
President – Cathy Worrall
Vice President – Vacant
Treasurer – Vacant – **This position must be filled or LSS will not receive the Gaming Grant meaning our students, sport teams and clubs will not have access to tens of thousands of dollars.**
Secretary – Natalie Carmichael
DPAC Rep – Vacant
Member at Large - Vacant
- 9. New Business
 - Will need more parents to be PAC members next year in order to have enough signing officers. In addition, as noted above, will need more executives in order to receive the gaming grant.
 - Dry Grad 2024 – the grant from the Township of Langley has increased to \$1,500. This must be applied for in the fall.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next PAC meeting is on September 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

DPAC Rep Report – May 2023
April 20th, 2023

Special Presentation SD#35 Homestay Program – Brad Hendy, Homestay Manager
International student program is the 6th largest in Canada with 27 different countries into Langley. 330 homestays with approximately 600 kids. Looking for new homestays in all catchments and particularly DW Poppy area.
Homestay is seeking families! Homestay program link:
<https://www.studyinlangley.com/homestay/>

Trustee Report: Trustee Neufeld

- Officially approved rugby Academy approved at DW Poppy. Stewart Crowley, Athletic Director is heading that up.
- Working on final strategic plan with a final roll out in the coming months, to take us to 2026
- Continuing to seek student transition pathways i.e. dual credit and volunteer experience.
- Guarding lines at work survey – in depth survey to SD35 employees has gone out. Langley is above average on items relating to staff engagement and slightly above average on staff burnout.
- Public survey sent out on SD35 budget - 40% increase in responses with 82% identified as a parent or guardian. Comments and feedback were received.
- Student transportation walk limit study came in – if walk limits changed: Would add 8 buses to 14 routes. Would need to increase budget by \$680,000 per year if this was to be adopted.
- Aldergrove Secondary getting a facelift with painting, coming from district budget and exterior wall upgrades occurring
- New bus being ordered with 4 wheelchair spaces
- New provincial grant – Feeding Futures. More information to follow

Q: is the report for increasing walk limits published for parents to read?

A: Defer to Brian Iseli – response: this will be on the next Board Agenda

Superintendent Report - Mal Gill, SD 35 Superintendent, sends regrets. Reporting in his place, Brian Iseli, Secretary Treasurer.

- Idea Summit at Langley Events Centre is May 9th – entrepreneur showcase gives K-12 students their ability to showcase their skills and products. Attend and bring funds. [Link here](#)
- Idea X will be happening May 23rd. High school students with a real-world problem to solve. With up to 20,000 in scholarships awarded by judges. [Link here](#)

- Budget feedback from survey – consultation with partner groups is finalized. Underway planning for September 2024 with noted space issues on the Willoughby slope.
- Peter Ewart having additional seats added. REMSS is over capacity and portables coming next fall. Looking to commence business case on new school and timelines. 2 business cases are with treasury board with 1 in NE Latimer and 12 classroom addition at LSS. Waiting to hear back on business case.
- New Fund established “Feeding Futures Fund” by Ministry for next school year. The district is determining how to best utilize the funding; the Ministry funding is intended for in-school food programs but there might be some flexibility while programs get off the ground.
- PLC time – District is undertaking a pilot program in 3 secondary schools Walnut Grove, RE Mountain and ACSS. Students are encouraged to stay and learn. They are trying to sort through what works and how they can receive feedback and improve. The district recognizes they don’t have the program quite right yet. District visits schools during PLC time to see how it is working (or not).
- Thank you from Brian Iseli – to DPAC Executive and farewell to Alicia, outgoing DPAC President

Q: Have all the Affordability Funds been spent? A: funds went to various community groups and schools. If funds can’t be spent by June, they can be carried forward into the fall as start up. Trying to sort through the overlap of the two funds.

Q: Has the Ministry committed to futures fund going forward?

A: Yes, they have committed for three-year cycle. It should continue on after that; however initial commitment is three years to support those in need.

Q: Hub/ PLC programs are full. Students are being turned away. How are we navigating programs that are full for our students?

A: Reach out to your school principal. As they should be making space for them and this is not the messaging that should be going out.

Motion – Noel Booth Elementary

re: report on allocation of ministry funds for EAs, Resource Teachers and contingency

VOTES

In Favour: 8 chat + 15 hands

Opposed: 1

Abstain: 1

MOTION PASSED

Tiana Sharifi Youth and Exploitation: April 13, 2023 – recording is available. If you didn't attend, please share why so we can plan to reach as many parents as possible for future presentations.

Policy 1017 revision reimbursement for parent education

Motion to amend as follows:

1017 Reimbursement for Parent Education

Any parent with a child in Langley School District 35 may apply for reimbursement of funds that were spent on parent education. Parent Education is defined as: a workshop, conference, course and/or book and must be specifically designed for parent education. Requirements are as follows:

- a. Request for reimbursement must be made within 30 days of taking the educational course or purchasing the book.
- b. Any receipt valued at over \$50 must be pre-approved by Langley's DPAC Executive.
- c. This amount is not to exceed \$100 per family, per school year.
- d. DPAC may, on a case-by-case basis, pre-pay or direct pay up to the amount allowable for Parent Education.
- e. This policy may be revised every fall based on budget calculations for that year. Any requests made prior to that revision may be subject to any changes made to the policy for that school year.
- f. Parents who have requested reimbursement will be asked to provide feedback to support DPAC in their efforts to empower other parents of the district.
- g. The Parent Education budget balance will be reported out quarterly and funds will be available on a 'first come first serve' basis.

Seconded – Rebecca, DPAC Secretary

Please take back to PACs and this will be voted on May meeting.

Q: can the money be pooled? Ie book a presentation for a PAC

A: while wording doesn't state you can't do that. We should be considerate of the fact that this is a limited pool of funds, so if one PAC uses the full budgeted amount there will not be anything left for other parents. Seek prior approval.

Comment: The PAC could bring the presentation request to DPAC and we could cover that cost out of another fund (not parent ed) and offer to the whole district.

Treasurer Comment – this is also part of the food safe budget so if we use it all up for 1 PAC presentation we would be taking away from this funding too.

Original Version - 1017 Reimbursement for Parent Education

- a. Any parent with a child in Langley School District 35 may apply for reimbursement of funds that were spent on parent education workshops. Requirements are as follows:
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 - c. Request for refund must be made within 30 days of workshop.
 - d. Any receipt valued at over \$50 must be pre-approved by Langley's DPAC Executive.
 - e. This amount is not to exceed \$100 per family per year.
 - f. DPAC, may, on a case by case basis, pre-pay or direct pay, up to the allowable amount, for an educational workshop.
 - g. This policy may be revised every Fall based on budget calculations for that year. Any requests made prior to that revision may be subject to any changes made to the Policy for that school year.
- Revised Oct 2020

BCCPAC - Chantale

- i. AGM Resolution Booklet posted at bccpac.bc.ca - PAC to review
- ii. 2023 Proxy Vote Form (bccpac.bc.ca) - April 28th Deadline

If you are attending please make a note in the chat. Are you attending, or do you plan on registering? We have 32 schools in good standing available to attend. We would love to know who is going. Please send your proxy form to MAL6@langleydpac.ca April 28th is deadline to have these proxy forms in. Chantale will submit them all to BCCPAC. Langley DPAC will establish and post on how we will be voting. If your PAC wishes to vote differently, let Chantale know and she can vote on your direction.

Proxy Vote Details -

[https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM/2023 Proxy Vote Form.pdf](https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM/2023_Proxy_Vote_Form.pdf)

DPAC has funding to send 1 PAC parent to the BCCPAC Conference – if you would like to attend we would cover your hotel, mileage and food + entry. Please email us if you are interested.

Q: are we supposed to bring resolutions to parents for feedback to determine our vote.

A: It would be ideal to have feedback from parents. The info is online, so you can gather parent input. Some PACs have done questionnaires online. If you have time to engage it would be a great idea.

Nominations Committee – Jenn

- i. Link for nominations - <https://forms.office.com/r/9nWhRh39tU>

Multiple open spots

- President 2 year term
- VP 2 1 year term
- Treasurer 2 year term
- MAL, 1 year term 6 positions open!
 - a. Connect here to vote (you can self nominate) - this will stay open until May 18th 1 week before the AGM. AGM is Thursday May 25th
 - b. Nominations can come from the floor during the meeting as well.

President's Report - Alicia Rempel

- i. Had the opportunity to meet with Keven Reeve (HR) and Deputy Superintendent Woody Bradford last week to review the 2023/24 District Calendar and provide input before it is approved next week.
 1. District met with all stakeholder groups
 2. Lots of moving pieces to consider but some great positive shifts will help families navigate early dismissal weeks and parent teacher conferences.
- ii. DPAC continues to discuss the Professional Learning Collaboration time at the Secondary level. We recognize (and the district does as well) that there is a disconnect between the intent of the pilot and what is actually happening in schools. Just know we are continuing to push that conversation forward.
- iii. Our next event is the April 27th "Nurturing the Gifts of Diverse Learners" with Ms. Kathy Keyworth. This session is intended primarily for families who have a child with a new diagnosis or who suspect their child may need one. Kathy is also hoping to share a draft of the new parent/caregiver handbook and is looking for feedback. Please share with your parents! [Link Found here](#)

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Stiglic

- i. 2023/2024 Draft Budget Questions or Comments from PACs
 1. Review of Financials
 2. Questions on proposed budget for 2023 / 2024 school year – none (Vote will be held at May AGM)

Announcements

- A. Next School Board Meeting: April 25 2023
- B. Next DPAC AGM & Elections May 25th in person at the School Board office - 7pm