

## LSS PAC MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2023

In attendance: Cathy Worall, Natalie Carmichael, Lee-Ann Vinson, Chantale Hubbs, Bonnie Macaskill, Gina Twellman, Michelle McKinnon, Selena Martens, Kimberly Massa, Diane Smillie, Greg Kilvert

### **MEMBERS**

Cathy Worall - President  
Lee-Ann Vinson - Vice-president  
Michelle McKinnon - Treasurer  
Natalie Carmichael - Secretary  
Kim Massa - DPAC rep  
Bonnie Macaskill - Member at Large  
Danette Orologio - Member at Large  
Corrina Dolphin - Member at Large

#### 1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of meeting Agenda and minutes from the September 25, 2023 PAC meeting

#### 2. Administration report

Principal – Diane Smillie

Grade 12s attended a post secondary institute fair with over 22 post secondary institutes in attendance. On October 19, 2023 there was a fair for careers in the trades.

Brandon Gabriel - school wide assembly to let students know about Brandon, why the artistry is happening, what the thunderbird means in Indigenous terms, his family experience at LSS - Connection to Artist, Artistry - Thunderbird. The wood Brandon is carving is from the beams of the old Learning Commons.

Staff participated in training for our trauma-informed practice on the school improvement day.

Avid 12 students led the school in a fundraising effort to Terry Fox And their goal was \$1,500. They have raised approximately \$1,000 so far.

Interim reports will go home this week. This is an informal learning update and no grades or percentages are given. Parent teacher interviews are next week.

First round of grad assessments are coming up at the end of the month. These assessments are mandatory.

PAC gaming funds request forms have been passed onto teachers for funding requests. Deadline for funding requests is November 17, 2023.

Information to grade 9 parents regarding Take Our Kids to Work Day will be sent home.

Letter sent home to parents if your child has an IEP regarding meeting with teacher in October, IEPs to be finalized in November. Current IEP stays in place until the new IEP is finalized.

### 3. Executive Reports

#### A. President's Report - October 16th

We received the 2023/24 gaming grant amount of \$19,060.00.

The PAC received thank you cards from the 3 grad students that received PAC scholarships, Manny, Amanda & Zahrah as well from the Langley School District Foundation for the scholarships. We also received a thank-you card from the Dry Grad Committee for our donation.

The school website has been updated with the current PAC executives and PAC meeting minutes.

The office has sent out forms for requesting funds to the teachers. They have a November 17th deadline in order for the PAC to create the budget at the November 20 meeting.

We received a letter from the Langley School District Foundation letting us know that they can help with the online platform for fundraising. If any of the school groups want more information contact the LSS PAC president.

The PAC had an inquiry about school wear and how to go about purchasing LSS hoodies and sweatpants. These will be available for purchase on School Cash Online. Right now, there are deals for school wear in the Castle Lobby - \$10 shirts, \$20 hats.

#### B. Vice-President - Nothing to report

#### C. Treasurer - Working on getting access to accounts

#### D. Secretary - Sent out letter to grade 12 parents re: forming a Dry Grad Committee. Several parents have responded and attended first meeting.

#### E. DPAC Rep - Nothing to report as DPAC meeting is on October 19.

### 4. New Business

#### A. Gift card and other fundraising.

Corinna has gotten information on gift card fundraising and would like to pursue it as a PAC Fundraiser. Which is great but a concern is that one of the school groups might be doing something like that.

#### B. Square reader

There is interest from some of the different school groups for having a square reader as payment at some of their activities. The PAC has been asked if they could purchase a reader for the use of different groups within the school. The square account would be linked to the general PAC bank account, square would deposit the charges minus their fees to the account. The deposits are clearly marked square deposit, then a cheque would be written to the group using the square. The PAC will purchase a square reader for school group use.

- C. Budget  
Gaming grant received. Will determine spending at the budget meeting next month.

- D. Feeding Futures Fund – Vice-Principal Greg Kilvert  
Feeding Futures fund is a new Ministry of Education initiative intended to expand existing school programs.

The ministry has committed to funding this for three years so far and the funding is expected to reach about 20% of the students in the province who are facing food insecurity. The funding is intended to develop or build capacity and will be accessible, stigma and barrier-free to any student that needs it.

District is consulting with PACs, DPAC, local first nations and some school district staff.

There are some guidelines from the Ministry regarding how the funds may be used:

Funds can be used this year to address the immediate need of feeding hungry students, hire additional staff to make and prepare the additional food and meals, enter into longer term agreements with non-profits, supplies, distributors, purchase equipment to allow food programs in the school to be provided in a more efficient manner.

The goal is to create something that is sustainable, culturally important, open access and stigma free.

The Ministry is looking for feedback from PACs regarding: What would we like to see and achieve around the school with the funds received from the Ministry; What would you like to see change in the areas of food literacy, and school food environments? Any other ideas to help our students consistently access healthy food? Perhaps expanding the servery and adding more seating so kids have a place to eat at lunch.

- 5. Old Business - No old business.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.