

LSS PAC MEETING MAY 27, 2024

In attendance: Cathy Worall, Kaeli Stewart, Bridget Dahlie, Lee-Ann Vinson, Carrie Sterma, Solanlle Panguinao, Jennifer Elderkin, Michelle McKinnon, Brittany Reid, Alex Joehl, Natalie Carmichael

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 7:07 p.m.

Approval of meeting Agenda & minutes for April 15, 2024 meeting
Motion – Lee-Ann, Second – Michelle carried all in favour

2. Administration report

VP Principal – Brittany Reid

Safeteen Program for Grade 9s, kids are grouped according to preferred gender identity (m/f) and provided with information regarding consent and other really important topics for kids to keep themselves safe. A feedback form is provided to students at the end and all forms are reviewed to flag anything concerning, anything to improve on.

Live Theatre: A play called 'Handcuffed' regarding the opioid crisis was presented to the Grades 10, 11, 12 students. Counsellors were available to the students if needed.

Grad assembly was held in April to provide general information on upcoming grad events.

Feedback from Grad Cruise was positive, kids were very happy, New Cruise line was used this year.

Grad meeting with more details planned week of June 3

Tickets for Banquet on sale and kids can continue to pick up tickets

Aboriginal Achievement awards were held the week of May 20 at the Church in the Valley. Grads were blanketed, pretty amazing experience for the grads.

Red Dress day and bear witness day was held. One of our teachers created lessons that can be taught during rep time regarding red dress day.

Mental Health fundraiser put on by the athletic leadership was a success, especially the Mario Kart. The athletic leadership kids were very involved in all aspects of this fundraiser.

Teachers in each department have selected the top three students in each grade. Academic awards will be a luncheon this year to recognize students in three different areas, academic excellence, citizenship and resilience. Each department chose one student per grade to receive an award. The luncheon to present these awards will be on June 18.

Scholarship tea is scheduled for June 12. Teachers will also nominate the ten most inspirational grads from the past year and they will also be recognized at the scholarship tea.

This year the school has received the most scholarships that we have had in quite some time and the counsellors did a great job in advocating for the grade 12s to receive these scholarships.

Counsellors will be at H.D. Stafford for transition meetings and getting information out to the incoming grade 9s.

More staff (teachers) have been hired for next year due to the growth in numbers. Most of the positions are being filled. Looks like there will be approximately 180 more students next year.

3. Executive Reports

a. President's Report:

This has been a great year. Considering at the start of the school year Natalie and I were the only executive members, thanks to all that have joined us to make it successful. Had some learning curves throughout, but think I finally figured stuff out. I have made a list of things that need to be done at the beginning of the year. Hopefully that will make it easier for any new PACs.

Things that happened or about to happen this year:

The PAC purchased a square reader to help the school with their fundraising. It has been well used and brought different groups over \$5,600.00 in fundraising revenue. We still need to figure out how to get around the two-step verification. But hopefully by September that will be worked out.

We received the gaming grant of \$19,060.00 and have helped numerous teachers and groups.

We, as in Michelle, put together two successful markets and with those funds raised we should have more money for next year's requests.

We were able to give three, \$500 dollar scholarships. Not sure who the lucky individuals are yet.

We as a PAC gave our opinions on how the school could utilize the provincial Feeding Futures Funds. It looks like some were heard, for having 2 areas for buying lunches have helped with more kids having the time to buy and eat their lunches.

We are putting together a thank-you coffee and cookie morning for the staff.

Have donated \$2500 to Dry Grad.

Am hoping that for the next school year, we will have more presence at the DPAC meetings.

Looking forward to next year and the school expansion that will be starting.

- b. Vice-President – Nothing to report
 - c. Treasurer – Raised between \$1,800 - \$1,900 at the Spring Market. There were more vendors but fewer donations. Will focus on the Christmas market only next year.
 - d. Secretary – Nothing to report
 - e. DPAC Rep – Reminder about applying for gaming grant. There was a presentation from Foundry which is a drop in centre for youths aged 12 to 24 and their caregivers to access supports.
BCCPAC AGM was on May 3, 2024. All presentations are on the BCCPAC website.
DPAC AGM was held the week of May 20, 2024. To view the results of the elections visit the DPAC website or facebook page
4. New Business - thank you coffee and cooking morning scheduled for June 13, 2024.
Cleanliness in the concession area is still a big issue with visible rodent droppings still present.
5. Old Business - Spring market was not as successful as the Winter market. More involvement from the school would make for a more successful market.
Break in the chain of information re: facilities. The doors were not open when the organizers & vendors arrived to set up. The janitors did not show up until the end of the day and there was not sufficient custodial staff to roll up the mats at the end of the day.
6. Elections:
- a. Cathy - elected as president
 - b. Alex - elected as vice president
 - c. Michelle - elected as treasurer
 - d. Natalie - elected as secretary
 - e. Natalie - elected as DPAC rep, Bridget and Solanlle will attend as well if able, first DPAC meeting is September 19, 2024

f. Bonnie, Solanlle, Michelle Gray - elected as Members at Large

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 @ 7 P.M. IN THE LEARNING COMMONS