

**Minutes of PAC Meeting
Langley Fine Arts School
September 23, 2010**

The meeting was held in the Library at Langley Fine Arts School. Prior to the meeting Mrs. Perkins hosted a tour of the school.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by PAC President, Sherril Gilmour at 7:35pm. Minutes were recorded by PAC Secretary, Rachel Chin.

Attendance:

There were 19 parents and 1 school administrator present.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION was made by Cheryl Kondo and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2010 Annual General Meeting. ***Motion Carried.***

Principal's Report:

Mr. Bonnar was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Mrs. Perkins, Vice Principal, gave a report on his behalf highlighting the following points:

- LFAS enrolment is good and the high school enrolment is meeting projections.
- Work is ongoing on the school budget and budget cuts are still in process.
- The school's plans and goals for this year include a focus on three areas of literacy: elementary reading literacy, secondary processing of discipline specific texts, and audience literacy.
- LFAS asked that the Pac consider monetary contributions for three areas of need: literacy materials, pianos, and technology.

Treasurer's Report:

- Stuart MacDonald distributed and reviewed financial statements for the PAC.
- There was a question about PST and HST refunds.
ACTION: Stuart will check into this.
- It was noted that there are LFA window stickers available at a cost of \$5 or \$8.
- It was noted that we will need two Food Safe Certificates this year at a cost of \$70 each. There is a line in DPAC's budget for parent education which may provide funding towards the Food Safe Certificates.
ACTION: The budget will be increased to \$150 for Food Safe Certificates and the possibility of funding from DPAC will be explored.
- **MOTION** was made by Marlene Yakabuski, and seconded to approve \$500 for the purchase of classroom playground equipment. ***Motion Carried.***

President's Report:

- Sherril Gilmour reported on fundraising initiatives and PAC vacancies.
- Sherril noted that there are a variety of fundraisers from the school that are not PAC sponsored. She encouraged parents to feel free to pick and choose what appeals to them.
- There was a question about whether our PAC is divided into elementary and secondary. Our PAC covers both areas of the school but we leave the high school to do their own fundraising. We try to balance our focus evenly but sometimes it is focused on just elementary, for example the new playground.
- There will be a Spring Carnival this year and it is scheduled for Friday May 13th. Each classroom runs a game at the carnival, staffed by parent volunteers. Funds raised go to the school.
- Sherril read a thank you letter that was received from Jill Barnet, a scholarship recipient.
- The PAC placed a notice in the Langley Advance thanking donors to the new playground. Sherril circulated a copy of the news clipping.
- The position of DPAC representative is still vacant on the PAC Executive for this year. This position attends DPAC meetings and reports back to our PAC. Carey Poitras has agreed to let her name stand for this position.
MOTION was made by Susan McPhee, and seconded to appoint Carey Poitras to the position of DPAC Representative. **Motion Carried.**
- The position of PAC Newsletter Coordinator is still vacant.
ACTION: Marlene has a contact she will be approaching about the position.

Question and Answer Time:

- LFA's share of the district budget cut is \$400,000. As part of the results of this cut, Middle School teacher hours were reduced from 1.2 teachers to 1 teacher.
- Mr. Ames will be looking for Grade 4-6 students interested in Robotics.
- Appreciation was expressed for the emotional muscles program.
- Concerns were raised about parking problems at the school. The administration is trying to address parking issues where possible.

New Business:

Tracy Wright reported that a position has come vacant on the school board due to a resignation, and plans are being made to have a by-election to fill this position. DPAC is in opposition to this idea. They note that a by-election will cost \$75,000, while in one more year elections can be run in conjunction with the next municipal election at no cost. Tracy read the motion that DPAC has on the table for its next meeting, to disband the entire school board and have an official trustee put in place for one year, and after one year hold a full election along with the next full municipal election.

MOTION was made by Tracy Wright, and seconded to support DPAC's motion.
Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9pm.