

**Minutes of PAC Meeting
Langley Fine Arts School
May 4, 2011**

The meeting was held in the Library at Langley Fine Arts School.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by PAC President, Sherril Gilmour at 2pm. Minutes were recorded by PAC Secretary, Rachel Chin.

Approval of Minutes:

Correction to March 30, 2011 Minutes: approval of February 16 minutes should read 2011.

MOTION was made by Emily and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of the March 30, 2011 Meeting. *Motion Carried.*

Treasurer's Report:

Stuart MacDonald distributed financial statements and gave a brief overview of the current status of PAC accounts.

Gaming Funds:

- \$4605 extra funds have come from gaming funds to go towards music or sports.
- The PAC executive noted that we have funded quite a lot of music projects so we have approached the PE teachers about sports funding needs. The teachers will bring a proposal by the end of the year.
- Susan Perkins noted that the elementary classes needs small pinnies for sports and may have some other needs.

ACTION: Marlene Yakabuski will talk to the elementary teachers about sports pinnies and other elementary sports funding needs.

General Account:

- In our general account we have a net balance of \$1034.04.
- QSP fundraiser continues to bring in funds because it can be used through the year. We need to promote this year round.
- We are currently holding \$3200 worth of school clothing. We will be selling these items at the carnival and hope to bring that amount owing to zero.
- We have spent \$1000 for the Carnival and we hope that will bring in an additional \$6000 into the general account.

Comfort Funds:

- Comfort Funds are monies that the PAC directs towards STAR students – students at risk – students who have difficulty getting to school, getting food, etc. We give the money to Lori Burns, social worker, so that can be used to help students purchase bus passes, food etc.

Principal's Report

Jon Bonnar was unable to attend the meeting. The following items were discussed:

Forum:

- Representatives from LFAS attended the forum in March on moving education into the 21st century. It was a good event. The speaker will be coming back in the fall and there will be wider events available to parents. There may be additional information available on DPAC website.

Budget:

- The budget has been cut and there will be less funds available next year. Details will be forthcoming.
- There may be some budget areas that the PAC can support with extra funds. Possible items include library books and elementary programs.

PIRLS:

- PIRLS is an international test to assess reading literacy. Classes are selected randomly to take the test. One of our grade 4 classes will be writing this test. It does not affect student grades.

President's Report

Sherril Gilmour reported on the following items:

Spring Carnival:

- The Spring Carnival is May 13.
- Each classroom has been given sign up sheets looking for parents to volunteer to give 30 minutes to help run a game.
- The grade 7 class needs parents to volunteer for the prize stall because they have not had any parents sign up.
- Parents are encouraged to give 30 minutes of their time.
- Students in grades 6 and 7 also volunteer to help at games but these are separate time slots from the grade 6 and 7 parents.
- We hope to make \$5000 on the carnival.

Clothing Drive:

- The clothing drive raised \$375. It was quite labour intensive so we may need to re-look at it for the future.
- It was suggested that we look at ideas like asking families to provide the clothes pre-weighed.

Staff Appreciation Lunch:

- On June 1st we are giving the Staff Appreciation Lunch. We spend \$400 but we also ask parents to provide desserts.
- If parents would like to provide some dessert please notify Sherril Gilmour. It would be brought to the staff room that morning before lunch starts at 10:45am.
- We serve about 70 staff members.

The parent letter to trustees regarding the idea of LFAS relocating its elementary program:

- The PAC had drafted an apology letter. It was well put together but we decided that it was not our right or responsibility to apologize for something that we did not do.
- We feel an apology would be a good idea but should go from the people who wrote the erroneous letter.

Playground:

- We have some money left in this year's gaming accounts and the PAC would like to use these funds to the playground and install a donor appreciation sign.
- There is a piece of playground equipment – the log roll - that was removed when the new playground went in, and could not be reinstalled because it no longer met code. We would like to install a new log roll.
- We have \$700 already set aside for a sign but the custom sign that we would need will probably cost a bit more than that because some donors want logos.
- The total cost for the free standing log roll and a non-custom sign, installed, has been quoted at \$3743. We are waiting on the quote for the custom sign.
- Maintenance will do the install but they will meet the price quoted.

MOTION was made by Stuart and seconded, to designate \$3500 from gaming to go with the already allocated \$700, to purchase and install a new free standing log roll and custom donor appreciation sign. *Carried.*

- It has been noted that sometimes older kids twirl up the chains of the swings making them unusable.

ACTION: Susan Perkins will get a quote from Maintenance for getting covers for the chains and having them installed when the new log roll is put in.

Sports Day:

- Sports day is scheduled for Friday June 24th.
- Pac will have station set up and will give out freezies etc.

2011-12 Gaming Funds:

- In September we will get more gaming funds but we don't yet know the exact amount.
- A suggested gaming funds expenditure is TV screens for announcements and display art work. Our students have received a lot of video awards and it would be nice to showcase that art work.

PAC AGM June 1st:

- This will be an evening meeting because there is too much business to cover at an afternoon meeting.
- The meeting will include elections for the 2011-12 PAC Executive.

PAC Executive Elections:

- We have to have an election to vote in the PAC Executive for next year. Each year we have to vote in a new executive but people can run again.
- President: Sherril is stepping down as President after 4 terms. She is willing to stay on as Past President for one year.
- Vice President: Marlene is undecided. She noted that it is an easy position to do and maybe a new president will want their own VP.
- Secretary: Rachel is undecided.
- Treasurer: Stuart is willing to stay on but would like a treasurer-in-training who would be willing to take on the position the following year.
- Hot Lunch: Sara is willing to stay on if she has someone in training to take over the following year.
- Fundraising: We don't do a lot and some programs are already in place. This position can be split up/shared.
- School Planning Council has to step down this year and new reps selected.

Enhancement Committee:

- We used to have an Enhancement Committee that worked on the physical look of the school but that is no longer in existence.
- We are looking at having a sub-committee to the PAC for school enhancement.
- Items for the enhancement wish list include a leather couch (that can be easily cleaned) for the school office and new couches for Janine Orlando's office.

New Business:

DPAC:

- The annual AGM for DPAC is May 25th at the school board office.

Green Waste Program:

- Devan and Aidan, grade 10 LFAS students, presented their proposal for a Green Waste Program to start for 2011-12. They are seeking \$400 to start this project.
- Marlene Yakabuski offered to help Devan and Aidan write letters to obtain more funds to grow the project.

MOTION was made by Stuart McDonald to give \$400 to the Green Waste Program. Students will buy materials and submit receipts to the PAC for reimbursement. ***Motion Carried.***

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.