

Friday, May 13, 2022

Langley Meadows Community School Parent Advisory Council May General Meeting (at LMCSPAC portable)

1. Call to order: 9:03am
2. Land acknowledgements and quorum established; welcome and introductions.
 - In Attendance: (*Executive Members*): Chelsea Nestman, Jenifer Hillary, Kara Powell, Meg Fildes, Megan Streu, Paula Boyechko Vega, Randi MacDougall, Wendy Sjodin
 - (*General Members*): none (*Special Guest*): Vice-Principal Ryan Neufeld; (Regrets: Marnie Spry)

3./4. Agenda and Minutes moved to accept. Seconded. Approved.

5. **VOTE for 2022/23 Executive**

(No last-minute nominations. Election was conducted as a slate, as only one member ran for each position and was acclaimed).

President: Kim Olynyk

Vice President: Chelsea Nestman

Treasurer: Robin Kungle

DPAC Rep: Randi MacDougall

Secretary: Ariana Villers

Members At Large: Meg Fildes

Kara Powell

Paula Boyechko Vega (FunLunch Coordinator)

6. Reports:

A. Principal's Report (*Ryan Neufeld*)

Teacher absenteeism is a big problem across the district right now. Ryan informed us about summer programs which will be occurring on the LMCS campus. More volunteers are always needed for the Breakfast Club. Parent appreciation planned for June 2. Participation in Km Club has been amazing. Teacher collaboration initiative to prioritize student needs has been happening on Wednesdays. Casual noon-hour supervisors are being sought; applications can be accessed through Ryan and Beth.

B. Executives Annual Reports:

President: Kim Olynyk

The 2021-2022 school year has been yet again a very unique year. Stepping into the role of president this year after so many years of wonderful leadership was not without its challenges. But I'm thankful for April and Miranda's past leadership and their guidance through this changeover. This year has been about learning the ropes of the role of president, and helping to lead our team through another year of constantly changing guidelines and restrictions. It was amazing to be able to begin to see some things return to the way they were (fun lunches, pop

up sales, meetings in person, Halloween Carnival etc) and it was exciting to think outside the box and come up with new ways to support the school when the old ways couldn't happen due to Covid restrictions (mainly the Christmas event in place of the Santa Sale). We have navigated through some challenging moments as a PAC this year as we've balanced the different comfort levels of our community because of COVID, and we have worked hard to make sure that our school community has been supported through this season. This year we have also begun the investigative and planning process into upgrading part of our playground structure. In my role as president I have also focused on strengthening communication, by continuing to publish our newsletter, create WhatsApp chat groups to help volunteer involvement and working towards a prominent social media position. It has been a privilege to work with our school administrative team and our Parent Executive. We have a great partnership and I am thankful for the caring team that leads our school. Our PAC has provided funds for many different areas of the school (literacy, PE, library, classroom allowance, field trip funding, presentations, technology and event support to name a few). But I am also thankful that our PAC's focus is not solely on funds but is also on creating community and fostering an encouraging and supportive environment for our students (community building events like the Polar Bear Bash, Halloween Carnival, Love Your Staff Day, Respect and Diversity Week, support at school events like book swap and km club, Support for those who can't afford fun lunches/events). I am thankful for the school community we are a part of!

Vice President: Chelsea Nestman

For the 2021-2022 year I have served on the Executive Team as the Vice President. As part of my role I was an active participant in the pac meetings, meetings with the principal/ vice principal, I was in charge of organizing our grade 5 hoodies, and setting up the new spirit wear ordering system. I helped with the fun lunches and snacks as well as most of the events the school or PAC hosted. I got to organize the hockey game fundraiser and I helped in the starting stages of our playground planning and I am very excited to jump into fundraisers to get that going! This was my first year on the executive team and have loved every minute of it. I love getting to work along side this amazing group of dedicated parents and with the fantastic staffing team we have at Langley Meadows.

Secretary - Wendy Sjodin

While I still have another two years remaining with my youngest child at LMCS, I have decided that the 2021/22 school year will be my last as a member of this PAC executive, after nine years volunteering in various capacities.

This school year, in my role as secretary, I attended most general and executive meetings (except when I was unavailable with notice, and I was very grateful to have Meg Streu or Jen Hillary to take notes in my absence) and generated minutes. I co-chaired our Hallowe'en Carnival, organized our family photoshoot fundraiser and assisted with other events, such as the Winter Polar Bear Bash, FunLunches and pop-up sales.

MAL - Marnie Spry

2021-2022 Fun Lunch Responsibilities:

Rolling the system forward from the previous year
Updating the teacher and division info
Deciding on which suppliers to use
Reserving specific fun lunch dates with each supplier
Entering supplier information and all food items
Deciding which menu items will be used for each supplier
Creating menus for each fun lunch
Setting up schedules for the menus
Entering food cost and trying to find a happy balance between cost and selling price
Sending out start up info to all parents at the beginning of the year
Answering parent questions & dealing with system questions, account questions, etc.
Creating, posting and taking down monthly fun lunch signs
Picking up all food items that we don't order from the vendor such as chips, juice boxes, fruit cups etc.
Posting and emailing reminders for parents
Sending required reports and labels to vendors to place the actual order
Organizing and coordinating food delivery from the supplier and distribution to students on the day of
Providing financial results to exec and PAC for each fun lunch

Past things I implemented that I continued this year:

Making the site look more like a website and have the main 2 pages look more appealing.
Adding Fun Snack
Making the accounts receivable more automatic by adding an outstanding balance limit
Being able to order for the whole school year. This is kind of scary to do, but I think it works well
Having a "Keep it simple option"; for picky eaters and also for budget conscious parents
Having at least one Vegetarian and one Gluten Free entree on each menu
Having at least one entree in the \$3 range on each menu

Going Forward:

As most of you know, Paula is taking over the fun lunch program. It was time for me to 'retire' as I have new projects going on and my time is more limited. Paula will do a great job and has an obvious passion for the role! I wish her the best and am always here if she needs support!

MAL - Paula Boyechko Vega
Langley Meadows Hot Lunch Coordinator

For the 2021-2022 year I have served on the Executive Team as a Member at

Large and moved into the Hot Lunch Coordinator roll. This very different year has presented some challenges and unique opportunities. The best part of it all is being recognized by kids with smiles, hugs and waves everywhere I go. As part my role I...

School supplies: sort

Terry Fox Run: Cheerleader, parent spotter

Community Value Books: helped sort, label, sell and collect funds

Halloween Carnival: ordered rewards, shopped and picked up rewards and snacks, helped on day of event and teardown.

Picture Day: assisted photographer with children

Neufeld's: helped sort and distribute orders

Spirit Day: Always dress up to motivate kids

Book Fair: helped with sales, collecting money and finding books

Purdy's Fundraiser: set up account, promote, made posters, sort, label & deliver

Oliver Labels Fundraiser: set up account and promote

Kernels Popcorn: help sort and deliver

Christmas Wonderland: helped clean garbages and run crafts station

Find an elf: I was an elf

Playground committee: reach out, main school contact and meet with playground companies

Social Media: make facebook and instagram posts for events and reminders

Kilometre Club: staying in contact with Ms Erickson and helping lead the lunch hour stick hand out.

Hot lunch coordinator: communicating with suppliers, setting up and rescheduling hot lunch dates, learning the software, creating and modifying menus, following up and responding to all emails from the hot lunch site, refunds, credits, shopping for supplies (snacks, juice boxes) and the delivery of food day of

PAC: attending all meetings in person, Facetime or by zoom

Robin Kungle

Treasurer

For the 2021/2022 school year I have served on the executive team as Treasurer. This was my first year in this role and there was definitely a lot to learn. As part of my role I managed the PAC finances, wrote cheques to vendors for fun lunch and snacks, received and tracked payments, tracked and distributed classroom allowances and kept the budget up to date. I also worked with the Langley School District Foundation to get a playground fundraising page set up so we can receive donations and have them issue tax receipts. I have enjoyed being able to be involved and help out in the school community.

MAL - Jen Hillary

I have been a member at large this year. Helping volunteer as much as I can. It's been so great that restrictions haven't slowly opened so we can do amazingly fun things with the school. Such as the Halloween carnival and Christmas celebration. Also restarting the pop up sales. This is my last year now that my kiddies are moving onto middle school. I will miss all the opportunities putting smiles on the students faces and hanging out with all you lovely ladies.

MAL: Meg Fildes

For the 2021-2022 year, I have served as a Member at Large on the PAC executive. It has been a full year which has kept me busy volunteering in various events/activities. These include helping distribute Fun Lunch, being on the Halloween Carnival Committee and facilitating this event, being on the Christmas committee and facilitating this PAC sponsored event(Polar Bear Bash), volunteering at the school Book Swap and running Pop Up Sales. I have very much enjoyed being on the executive in this role and look forward to continuing on in the future.

MAL: Kara Powell

This 2021/2022 school year, I served as a Member at Large. My main focus was on The Community Values Coupon Book and the Neufeld Farms fundraiser. For the CVCB, I was in charge of all communication with the book rep and any questions asked from parents. I organized and labeled all the books and flyers throughout the fundraiser, kept track of books purchased vs returned and delivered all books and their coordinating prizes. I also was in charge of our Neufeld Farms fundraiser which included setting up the fundraising page, corresponding with the Neufelds rep, applying for a Stripe account for payments and organizing the orders off the truck for distribution. I also assisted many other PAC tasks, such as helping organize the Halloween Carnival and Polar Bear Bash plus volunteered at both events. I have also helped out at many fun lunch days and pop up sales

MAL - Meg Streu

This year I was given the opportunity to serve our PAC as District PAC representative. I have truly enjoyed this role and have learn a lot over this past year. This role has also deepened my appreciation for not only Langley meadows, but all of SD35; it has also given me insight into some of the challenges our quickly growing community faces and the ideas, goals and plans to resolve some of those challenges. I am also proud to report that our school district puts our students mental health and wellbeing very high on their priorities list, and in a time when mental health is still treated as a taboo subject. *SD 35 is the only SD in north america to have registered clinical therapists on staff with project resiliency.*

I have also been able to serve our PAC in many other small ways, such as occasionally filling in as secretary, distributing fun lunches, and many other various tasks to help out my fellow executive team members. I have loved every minute being on the PAC Executive team these past 3 years, and I'm sad I can't be apart of this amazing group next year. However, I hope you will think of me if you ever need an extra helping hand.

Thank you for every opportunity, laugh and memory

Randi MacDougall (MAL):

This was my first year as a member of the PAC executive team. To say I have been grateful for the experience would be an understatement. I served as a Member At Large and loved every minute of it. Our school has very dedicated parents who inspired me to get involved. I started by just attending a few PAC meetings and was relieved to find the parents on the executive team to be friendly, approachable and down-to-earth.

No Gwendolyn James here! I followed by getting involved with a few events and was offered a vacant MAL spot on the executive council. I had the pleasure of helping with the Halloween carnival, winter wonderland event, respect and diversity week, and the fun lunches just to name a few. I love getting to see the school kids enjoy the events and activities the PAC hosts and/or helps with. It's especially rewarding to see how much my little Kindergartener is enjoying his very first year of school and to know that I had a tiny part in it! I also appreciate how being involved means I have firsthand knowledge of upcoming events, activities and anything else that has potential to affect my child's learning experience. I hope to continue being involved, in some capacity, for years to come.

C. Treasurer's Report (*Robin Kungle*)

Robin discussed the difficulty in accurate budget planning going forward, seeing as how there has not been a "normal" school year for comparison in three years. In addition, the past couple years the PAC has been operating at a loss in order to clear out previous surpluses before gaming grants expire. There was a general discussion regarding the problems with making sure the PAC is charging for fundraisers and fun lunches in accordance with inflation to ensure that we are not losing money.

D. DPAC Report (*Megan Streu*)

DPAC AGM and elections are to be held next week (Thursday May 19). So far, Megan has not received information on nominations for positions or motions to be voted on. There is a proposed motion: "I, Amita Gill, move to allocate \$500 from the trade scholarship fund to be awarded to the applicant from the Richard Bulpitt educational award for the 2021/2022 school year."

E. LMCA Report (*Kim Olynyk*)

Annual neighbourhood garage sale this Saturday; yoga; Nights Alive; May 26 7:15 AGM in LMCS library; tennis

6. Fundraising:

A. FunLunch (*Paula Boyechko Vega*)

Discussion regarding recycling juice boxes in classrooms for fundraising.

B. Pop-Up Sales (*Jen Hillary*)

Wednesday, May 25 and June 15

7. Committee Reports:

A. Grade 5 year-end celebration (*Jen Hillary*)

Meeting held and planning well underway. Amazing Race / Minute-to-win-it theme. Food options are being explored and local businesses will be canvassed.

B. Playground testing equipment (*Kim/Paula*)

Today at RC Garnett after school

8. Old Business

- A. Grade 1 book bags - the PAC had \$400 remaining from the literacy fund; these bags will be distributed in June.

9. New Business:

- A. Staff Year-End Appreciation - June 10 at 10am in staff room
- B. Clothing Drive for TOL Firefighters charity - May 26; to be picked up May 27
- C. Dates for next year's meetings

10. Next Meeting Date: Thursday June 16 @ 6pm in LMCS library

11. Meeting Adjourned at 10:54