

## **LSS PAC MEETING JANUARY 20, 2025**

In attendance: Cathy Worall, Alex Joehl, Carrie Sterma, Solanlle Panguinao, Gina Twellman, Carrie Sterma, Natalie Carmichael, Kaeli Seward, Michelle Green, Diane Smillie

### **MEMBERS**

Cathy Worall - President

Alex Joehl - Vice-president

VACANT - Treasurer - please contact [lsspacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:lsspacpresident@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking on this position

Natalie Carmichael - Secretary

Natalie Carmichel - DPAC rep

Bonnie Macaskill - Member at Large

Solanlle Panguinao - Member at Large

Michelle Grey - Member at Large

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of meeting Agenda for January 20, 2025 meeting

Motion by Alex & second by Solanlle

Approval of minutes from the November 18, 2024 PAC meeting

Motion by Cathy & second by Alex

Carried all in favour

2. Administration report

Principal – Diane Smillie

Welcome to 2025! We started the new year with a new vice principal. Brittany Reid is now at Vanguard and Rachel Johnson has joined us . Rachel has an extensive background in Resource, Inclusion teacher. A new teacher was hired for French classes. We welcome Max Schwartz.

**Christmas** fundraising went very well and many families received Christmas Hampers from the school, AVID program, CLA and Firefighters. Aboriginal Winter Solstice Gathering had over 1000 people in attendance. Santa breakfast was very well attended by staff and students and

the Christmas Assembly was a lot of fun with staff providing the entertainment.

**School Wide Assembly:** students listened to guest speaker Carling Jackson who is a humanitarian and professional athlete portrait artist whose worked with organizations to fight racial injustice and systemic oppression.

**Sports:** Students participating in league and tournament play in basketball , curling  
Last week, Semester 1

**Fine Arts** students showcased their talents in Film , One Act plays and Dance  
Artona studios were on campus for the Grad Photos.

Grad assessments took place last week with the focus on grade 10 Literacy. 250 students wrote.

Grade 9's had their immunizations with a second date offered in February.

**Careers:** There have been many workshops for students throughout the semester Semester 1 Capstones are complete and went very well. Youth Train and Trades applicants have been interviewed and accepted with new students starting with the Piping and Plumbing program. An info session for parents for new students and graduation for students who have completed the programs are coming soon. Pathway to the Future info session takes place on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> .

Our Liason officer, Cst Millar just held interviews for students who expressed interest in the Jr Youth Volunteer program.

Students started a KPU course called Strive (Social Justice) every Tuesday for the next 6 weeks.

**Semester turnaround** will have the gr 9's in for Career Conversations, some students writing grad assessments if they need to catch up, Transition meetings for grade 9, High Five Training, and Taste of LSS event for the grades 8's at HDMS. Reports cards for Semester 1 will be published on Fri Feb 7<sup>th</sup>.

Prep for **course planning** has begun for next year. Students can ask for a course change through the counselling department between Jan 20 – Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be 1 new course offered in Semester 2 called Game Theory Unplugged 11 (elective). There will a new course offered for next year in the Careers Dept called Workforce Training Certificate 12 .....

The new course planning description and digital course planning selections will be posted on the school website by the beginning of February.

**Grade Assemblies** for course planning start second week in February.

### **Building Update:**

1. The first step is to set up the daycare. The fencing on the south end of LEC will be erected the first week of February.

2. At spring break the three LEC portables under the metal canopy will be relocated to the south end of LEC. They will be ready to go for the students return from spring break. Portable 24 remains where it is. Fencing in place.

3. After spring break, we move full steam ahead on addition. It will open for September 2026

### 3. Executive Reports

President's Report - Scholarships have been increased to 4 x \$750. The Langley School District Foundation has been advised of this. In turn the foundation advised that previously, LSS had been providing 3 x \$250 scholarships while donating 3 x \$500 for these scholarships. There is now an amount of approximately \$10,000 in funds allocated for student scholarships with the Langley School District Foundation.

Vice-President – Nothing to report

Treasurer

This position is vacant. The PAC is asking for someone to take on this position for the remainder of the school year. Please join the next PAC meeting on February 24, 2025.

Secretary – Nothing to report

DPAC Rep - By-election to fill vacant positions with the BCCPAC concluded on January 5, 2025. Alicia Rempel (SD35 - Langley) was elected as 1st Vice-President and Jennifer Rak (SD37 - Delta) was elected as 2nd Vice-President

Next DPAC meeting is February 20, 2025 - via Zoom - see DPAC website for link.

### 4. Old Business

Christmas Market update:

The market raised approximately \$2,500 for the PAC General account

Further, ongoing funds are necessary to maintain and support items such as scholarships and funding requests where gaming funds cannot be used. In this regard, we are reaching out to the school community for support. Please see attached letter to see how parents, caregivers, guardians can help with donations.

### 5. New Business

Fundraising - Food Trucks. Michelle is coordinating fundraising treat days (bubble tea, lemonade, mini-donuts) with Tin Lizzie. Tentative sale date is March 14, 2025. PAC will provide more details once available. Thank you Michelle for organizing this

fundraiser.

Dry Grad - need more grade 12 volunteers and more involvement from the grade 12s.

Tickets are \$50 and will on sale until April

Any input from Grade 12 students and Grade 12 parents is much appreciated.

Looking to help out with Dry Grad when your child graduates? You are welcome to join a meeting and see how this event gets planned.

Dry Grad is 100% planned by the Dry Grad Committee (completely separate from PAC).

This years Dry Grad Event will take place at Central City Fun Park right after the Grad Dinner & Dance.

February 22, 2025 - possible fundraiser at Murrayville Hall - Volunteers & donations needed. Contact [lssdrygrad@gmail.com](mailto:lssdrygrad@gmail.com) for more information.

Next Dry Grad Meeting is February 6, 2025 at 6:30 in the Learning Commons

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 24, 2025 @ 7 P.M. IN THE LEARNING COMMONS**

- February 24, 2025
- April 28, 2025
- May 26, 2025 - AGM



## LANGLEY SECONDARY PAC

January 29, 2025

Dear Langley Secondary Parents and Guardians,

The Langley Secondary Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to extend a warm welcome to all the parents and guardians of our Langley Secondary students. The LSS PAC meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of most school months to receive school updates from the principal and to discuss recent events and issues that arise at the school.

One of the required functions of the PAC is to distribute funds raised through parent donations and gaming grant funds. This is a very important task allowing parents to have a voice in how money is allocated at the school.

The Gaming grant that the PAC receives does help with most of the requests from teachers, but there are some items which do not fall under the gaming grant criteria. Scholarships and bursaries are one of the items that are no longer eligible with gaming funds. In the past we have been able to help 3 LSS Grads with bursaries for post secondary education, we are hoping to continue helping our students for years to come.

Please show your Thunderbird Spirit by donating to LSS PAC. Any donation, large or small, is welcome and greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for helping enrich the school experience for all our Thunderbirds.

**Imagine, if every family donated \$5, your support would make a big impact.**

If you would like to contribute to the PAC, please donate via your School Cash Online account.

Lastly, we welcome you to attend our PAC meetings for more insight on how these funds are spent. The next meeting is set for Monday February 24 @ 7pm in the school library.

Sincerely,

Cathy Worrall: PAC president, as well as the rest of the PAC executives

If you have any questions, please email me at [lsspacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:lsspacpresident@gmail.com)