

LSS PAC MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

In attendance: Cathy Worall, Natalie Carmichael, Chantale Hubbs, Michelle McKinnon, Diane Smillie, Gina Twellman, Valli Jones, Meredith Dew, Michelle Young, Kelly Dewar, Alex Joehl, Solanlle Panguinao, Julie Zarenubee, Bridgette Dahlie, Carrie Sterman, Nancy Petersen, Ciara Barber, Kristina Peters

MEMBERS

Cathy Worall - President

Alex Joeh - Vice-president

Michelle McKinnon - Treasurer

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 7:02 p.m.

Approval of meeting Agenda for September 23, 2024 meeting

Approval of minutes from the May 27, 2024 PAC meeting

Carried all in favour

2. Administration report

Principal – Diane Smillie

Smooth start to the school year. Lots of kids (1,200), there are no empty classrooms in the school. Happy to report that LSS is fully staffed and all teaching positions are filled.

There will be another expansion to the school and an additional 11 new learning spaces are to be added. No exact date for when the work will start but the goal is to have the work completed by September 2026. This will alleviate some of the strain on the school, however, it is expected that the portables will be staying.

Fall sports (football, volleyball, soccer) are up and running

Theatre auditions have started.

PLC Day on September 19

- Grade 9s were put in groups and conversations were centered around consent, awareness and safety
- Grade 10 - 12 assembly with Guy Felicella - shared personal stories with the kids about living on East Hastings for over 20 years, overcoming addiction, and coming out on the other side.
- Grade 11 & 12 post secondary fair. 18 Vendors from various post secondary institutions were in the gym, students signed up for sessions that they were interested in.
- Check out newsletter for career opportunities.
- Spirit Week put on by the Athletic Leadership
- Avid Classes - fundraising for Terry Fox run - sold over \$450 worth of Krispy Kreme!
- Student Council up and running and looking to fill positions
- Grad Council up and running and planning the Grade 12 BBQ
- Vaping in the bathrooms continues to be an ongoing issue, safety in the washrooms also brought up.
- Hall passes will be implemented again this year.
- New Cell phone policy going well.

3. Executive Reports

President's Report

- Funding requests sent to teachers with a deadline of October 31, 2024 in order to prepare for budget meeting in November.
- Thank you cards received from scholarship recipients

Vice-President – Nothing to report

Treasurer

- Books are balanced
- Gaming Grant application has been submitted.

Secretary – Nothing to report

DPAC Rep

- Attended the September 19, 2024 Langley DPAC meeting
- The Langley DPAC has a full slate of executives for the 2024/2025 year
- Upcoming training sessions for PAC 101 and Treasurer 101 scheduled for October

24, 2024 in person at the school board office. Please see Langley DPAC website for further information

- Discussions on various expansions throughout the school district including new schools, expansions and modular classrooms
- The district is working on establishing protocol for volunteers that are at the school on a regular, or one time basis.
- Next DPAC meeting is on October 17, 2024 via Zoom. See Langley DPAC website for link.
- All parents/guardians of Langley students are welcome to attend.

4. New Business

- Fundraising Ideas are needed. Due to changes to the Gaming Grant, **WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO USE GAMING FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**. In the past LSS PAC has awarded three scholarships per year to LSS Grads. In order to continue to offer these scholarships to LSS grads, we will have to generate the funds through fundraising. Any and all ideas are welcome!
- Dry Grad Committee is in the process of being formed. First meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Learning Commons
- Photo retakes are scheduled for November 5, 2024
- LSS Christmas market will be held on November 17, 2024
- PAC will apply for BCCPAC membership
- Future PAC meeting dates are as follows:
 - October 21, 2024
 - November 18, 2024
 - January 20, 2025
 - February 24, 2025
 - April 28, 2025
 - May 26, 2025 - AGM

5. Old Business

- Staff appreciation - cookies and coffee was well received
- Cleanliness of concession area (critters) is an ongoing issue that needs to be addressed

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 21, 2024 @ 7 P.M. IN THE LEARNING COMMONS