

**Lake Trail PAC Meeting  
February 7th, 2019, 7:00PM, Lake Trail Library**

**Attendance:** Gerald Fussell (GF), Donna Graves (DG), Heather Green (HG), Kathleen Hawksby (KH), Ramona Simard (RS), Thu Robertson (TR), Kathleen Birkett (KB), Shannon Aldinger (SA)

**Call to order: 7:00 pm**

Recognized the traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation.

**Adopt agenda:**

Motion: HG

2nd: TR

All approve

**Approval of last meeting's minutes:**

December: Motion – TR 2<sup>nd</sup> – DG All approved.

January: Motion – RS 2<sup>nd</sup> – DG All approved.

**Trustee's report:**

- District is being gifted a song by Wa Wasden Jr. It is being released on February 15<sup>th</sup> Pro-D day. Select classes in the district have been taught the song in secret for the release. A link for YouTube will be available after the release for viewing.
- Budget process in the works.

**Principal's report:**

- Grade nine basketball team placed 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Great salad bar this week, working with indigenous community. Served bison taco's with roasted corn and cilantro sauce/avocado sauce to over half the school.
- ISP (international student) dance Tuesday and school dance Wednesday.
- Trying to get interact group at school going. 9 students from different parts of world coming to talk to kids a luncheon to promote it.
- Cross boundary transfers coming up again amongst a couple students . Keeping an eye on trends with this.
- Hosting district GSA tomorrow. (gay straight alliance).

**LTNC report:**

- Large board this time around. Strong group of people working together. Transitional period right now as everyone learns what LTNC is all about.
- Excited about future projects.
- KB is new communications director and will be attending all future PAC meetings.
- Putting a hold on after school programs (winter/spring) for now. Hoping to bring back summer sprouts for sprint/summer season.

**Treasurer's report:**

- November 30<sup>th</sup> bank balance is \$10, 740.00 in gaming account. General account \$2623.00.

**Guest speaker; Shannon Aldinger**

- Ecole Puntledge park resolution re sex education and consent.
  - *“Be it resolved that the ministry of education develop and implement an age-appropriate sexual health curriculum for all grades (k-12) that includes consent and online based safety as key concepts, with the assistance of qualified sexual health educators, and to provide the additional funding necessary to support consent-based training for teachers.”*

- Goal is to make consent a core concept taught yearly to help cut down on violence.
- World wide studies have shown education is key in preventing sexual abuse in two major ways. 1. Children taught anatomical terms and having open and honest conversations with parents at home and in school are less likely to get involved in situations where they may be attacked. 2. Kids who appear less knowledgeable or aware of surroundings/situations are easier targets to predators.
- The hope is teaching kids about consent will prevent them ending up in situations that put them in danger.
- The resolution is not suggesting the school's curriculum replaces a parent's responsibility to discuss these topics with their kids.
- The resolution is not particularly extraordinary – it is being passed in similar formats across the province.
- Curriculum currently does not cover grade 11 and 12 years, which is when most students are more likely to actually be sexually active in some way. The resolution aims to continue the conversation of sexual education during these grades and not only take a proactive approach in earlier years.
- Intention is that experts in sexual education are hired and consulted with to create the curriculum, not necessarily to teach it. Funding to be provided to ensure teachers get the training needed to teach the curriculum themselves.

Discussion: End conclusion being Lake Trail PAC does not disagree with the general concept, but feels wording needs to better explain that guidance is being sought from professionals to design the curriculum that will then be taught by our teachers. Lake Trail PAC agrees that more education needs to occur at the grade 11 and 12 levels.

**DPAC's report:**

- Discussed Sex ed/consent resolution.
- Discussed the song being given to the district.
- New chair would like Reps to do a brief update of whats' going on at their respective schools at the end of district meetings.
- Discussed salad bars in the district.
- Budget: With new secretary treasurer, things are being done differently. This year it is a true consultation forming the finance committee. DPAC has a change to present April 16<sup>th</sup> to the finance committee. Will get share holder's say. By April 16<sup>th</sup>, need all PACs together to say whats important to us as parents – what is important in our school, where do we want the funds to go.

**Old business:**

- Outdoor circuit is currently being built.

**New business:**

- Spring vendor market: Come up with firm date to sit down as a fundraising committee at March meeting. Vendor likely slated for a date in second half of May.
  - If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, they can be emailed to Thu at the treasurer's email address.

**Next meeting:** March 7th, 2019, 7:00 PM, Lake Trail Library.

**Adjournment:** 8:24 pm

Motion: DG

2nd: GF

Minutes written by Heather Green