

Lake Trail Community School PAC Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 2019

Attendees: Thu (Pac Chair) Anna Rambo, Elisha D, Kathy K, Allison W, Kathleen Hawksby (Trustee) Stephanie J, Amanda W, Jen R, Lauren H, Gerald, Ramona S (treasure) Kendall (Secretary)

Meeting Start Time: 6:34pm

Motion to adopt the agenda: 1st Ramona, Alicia 2nd – All in favor

Chair Report:

- New board report – When do we want to meet?
 - Monthly, Semi Monthly?
 - Recommend meeting monthly because of the construction and other changes.
- Brief overview of motions and voting
 - Basically, when we make govern decisions, spending decisions outside of our budget
 - We need to make a motion and we need someone to accept the motion and a 3rd to accept it.
 - We give the room the option to change the wording, have a conversation about it before its finalized and voted on.
- Staff appreciation luncheon – last day of school super yummy but a little rushed, still a great time.
 - Thank you, Donna Graves, for attending
- Still must connect with secretary and treasure and their new positions.
- Social media presence and Facebook posting to try and be more present and updating.
 - Auto posting has made this much easier and cohesive.
 - Hoping more people can reach the information and attend our PAC meetings.

LTCES Report:

- Lake trail is a community school and follows the community school model.
 - Not for profit society within the community.
 - Liaison for the community and the school and create a “hub”
- Free after school programs and programs for the community.
- Finding the needs to support our community students and members.
- Ideas? Please come see me and we can discuss.
- Community program sheet – has after school options.
- Mentor club – homework and project support drop in
 - Wednesdays September 18th-December 11th 2019
 - 3:15-4:30pm
 - Art Supplies, Snacks and a weekly door prize entry.
- Disc Golf into course – open to 10 students
 - Wednesday’s October 2nd-October 30th
 - 3:30pm-5pm
 - *Registration is required*
- Mic Drop – Rap writing workshop, literacy program
 - Tuesdays November 5th- December 10th
 - 3:30-4:30pm

- *Registration Required*
 - Special guests like DJs and MC's
- Programs are free and very accessible to all families.
 - Bursary for the cost programs if they need assistance.
- Newsletter and Facebook – Lake Trail Community education society.
- Any input and thoughts on the program are welcome
- Wednesday Free salad bar for the students for lunch, Tuesday prep by volunteers.
 - Approx. 100 students come out, but we would like more students to eat and grab a lunch
 - Produce often comes from our gardens.
 - Purchasing a bit more fruit this season for things like smoothies.
 - Putting the emphasis on healthy food options
- Because of the age grouping of students, we offer the food for free to want children to eat it and not use funds to purchase other items.
 - We are looking for a sponsor business to help fund the costs of the produce - \$400-\$500 per month.
 - We are open to feedback or modifications to the programs.
 - Our garden, then local farmers and then grocery stores within cost.
 - Amanda W and Gerald will connect to discuss options for local produce.
- School Photos – no one got a prepaid order code.
 - Code might come in 10 days or will be given to student on photo day.
 - It does come with the proofs.
 - There is no option for prepay it will have to be done with the code.

Principals Report:

- We have had an incredible undertaking this year – 2 weeks into June when we found out about the reno
- A) Teachers are hoarders –
We don't like change; we hate moving rooms – 2 weeks into June we found out if we were staying/going. Had to empty rooms and keep teaching and we hard out of the building on June 27th/ - Teachers were allowed back in the Thursday before school. They have been working tirelessly and endlessly. Construction crew did an awesome job and the changes are massive and it has turned out great. Its not perfect but the kids have had an awesome start up.
- B) Basic premise behind the renovation – When we got approved for the seismic upgrade then tariffs went up and we had to scale back the plans to reduce the costs.
- C) Once we decided we were designing a new school – Teachers wanted professional development, and trial of the new changes so they have time to practice and modify as needed.
- D) As we got in on Tuesday, we needed to fix things right away, some walls we needed put up and extra things
- E) Its been super positive and everyone ahs been working together
- F) Outdoor fitness circle – When grade 6's came there was anxiety and fear but its mostly subsided. Parents wanted a Big Toy and we decided to find an alternative. We talked with parents/PAC/LTCES and decided to build the outdoor fitness circle.
- G) Kids can use it, LTCES can use it and its something to climb on
- H) Disc golf course, it's a meant for the community as much as the students and helps deter those for using the forest for other things.
- I) Partnership with BC Disc Golf association. Working with parent groups where to put the holes to protect the salmon stream. Working on a long-term plan with more holes and going more into the forest
- J) Invite all families to come on weekends and play disc golf and on the outdoor equipment.

- K) We haven't started teaching with disc golf yet, but we will have a club soon and we purchased discs for a good deal.
- L) Set BC – In June we were one of 6 schools that got a major 3-year grant on inclusion.
- M) Staff are working on how to help our students who struggle and meeting the needs of the kids who are excelling.
 - a. We are going to plan on what can work and how we can do better and what we need to learn.
 - b. Working to improve our teaching and skills.
 - c. Parents will hear more and more about it, as we find out more info to relay.
 - d. How do we make each child's life better?
- N) How do we help each child become an expert learner?
 - a. How to be effective learners in all capacity
 - b. Developing their health – includes mental health, physical, environmental
 - c. 2nd is developing community skills and in practice
- O) Pride week, some kids didn't feel safe
 - a. heads up for us we need to do more to make them feel safe
- P) Executive functioning skills – time management, planning etc.
- Q) Any questions – just e-mail.
- R) Stop e-mailing on weekends.
 - a. Value teachers time and respect their time.
 - b. If you don't hear back from a teacher on a weekend, its because they are being asked to not respond. They will respond during the week.

Trustee Report:

- Board meeting at the end of the month
- Education meeting
 - Field trip visiting different properties the district is responsible for.
 - We got to go inside some very interesting buildings – like union bay school.
- This fall we will be doing our community consultations on the boundaries due to overcrowding and numbers within other schools.
- Everything we are doing at board level is driven by the strategic plan.
 - Available online and in print.

Treasure Report:

- Next meeting, we will vote on the budget.
- Not a lot of fundraising happens at this level, one main fundraiser last year.
- Gaming Grant – based on Last years enrollment numbers roughly \$6000

DPAC Report:

- No Rep and no meeting yet.
- 1st meeting October 7th
- Thu makes a motion for Lauren Hunchuck as our DPAC rep and Ramona Simard as our alternate delegate and Jen Rollins as the 2nd Alternate Delegate.
- Kendall accepts the motion.
 - All in favor.

- Verify last meeting minutes: 1st Kendall/Thu 2nd
 - All in favor
- **OLD Business:**
- Change of signors is done.
- DPAC rep is done.
 - Thanks Lauren, Jen and Ramona

New Business:

- Set regular PAC meeting dates
 - 2nd Wednesday of every month @ 6:30
- Renew BCCPAC membership.
 - \$75 in the budget included.

Adjourn: 7:36pm

1st Kendall/2nd Stephanie.