

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE PAC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm ~ Library

L'École Bilingue School Library - 1166 West 14th Avenue + virtual option

All parents and caregivers of current students are invited to attend.

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:01pm), 8 in person, 4 online.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (6:02) - Karla moved, Jessica seconded
3. LEB Parent Michael Menashy:
 - a. needs PAC permission to pursue position on DPAC exec. Found out about contract agreement w/ VSB and province which includes possible re-zoning and designation of gravel field as non-school property, including potential lease or sale of land.
 - b. Wants to lobby against this and protect school's field for school use. Urgency because of growing population of all schools; example of New West high schools running 12 months per year with online learning as a result of limited space. We are three years away from that kind of scenario with a projection of overpopulation of our schools. Will go ahead and plan to secure a seat on the DPAC exec.
4. READING AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES from Oct 9th, 2024 (6:09pm)
 - a. Motion to approve by Jess, seconded by Ishai.
5. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 6:09pm by Jess Lumer
6. ADMIN REPORT (6:10pm) by Evelyn Harcus
 - a. Halloween Haunt f/u: all kids should be with a parent and will not be permitted to attend without adult supervision. Musical cakes - historical association is troublesome and misaligned with current awareness, cultural sensitivity and respect. Decisions adapting or changing this activity will be forthcoming.
 - b. Literacy learning support focus of next Pro-D for teachers. Working toward a smoother progression of literacy skills in both French and English between primary and intermediate years, while also keeping in mind the school's social-emotional goals.
 - c. Combination classes: why we have them. Intermediate: everyone is in a combination class. Primaries: some straight and some combination. According to numbers and teachers. Then class composition formulas and efforts to accommodate childrens' suggestions about who they work well with and get along with.

- d. Soft plastics initiative: bin at the front. Need to thoroughly clean those soft plastics to prevent rodents etc., but please bring them in and bring lots. Big recycling initiative and push.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS (6:20pm)

- a. Chair - Sarah Willson:
 - i. Childcare update: both kindercare and le garderie spoke w/ Adrienne Stewardson from VSB. Can change licensing (will allow increase in intake); le Garderie has already applied. PAC exec to get a meeting w/ Kindercare; Adrienne will help facilitate.
 - ii. New sports lead: Mark Lavigne (need co-lead from primary cohorts)
 - iii. New recycling lead: Lori Metz
 - iv. New comms lead: Marko Pajalic
 - v. Still recruiting for: new PAC Secretary and a social committee lead, both great roles, speak to someone on the exec for more details.
- b. Vice-chair - Jess Lumer: no report.
- c. Treasurer - Heather Bradbury
 - i. 2024/25 Proposed Budget presented. Michael moved to approve; Karla seconded; passed.

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. DPAC rep Allison Mitchell:
 - i. there is a vote this week after which they will announce new exec members.
 - ii. The DPAC active transport safe routes committee is recruiting.
 - iii. Province and federal government have volunteered funds for school food programs and policies over the next three years.
 - iv. Next meeting is tomorrow Nov 14th. For more details and volunteer opportunities see <https://www.vancouverdpac.org>.
- b. Fundraising - Karla Thomas (6:28)
 - i. How to communicate re: direct donation; need to get the word out. It is voluntary, provides a tax receipt, the aim is to raise \$15K this year. Also passive fundraisers: update on amounts thus far. Potential Purdy's.
- c. Afterschool Programs - Allison Suter and Rose Lo
 - i. No activities planned for Jan-March as gym is occupied but all activities in the music room and library will continue.
- d. Yearbook - Jasmine Thorburn

- i. signed contract w/ Varsity. Asking for parents to submit photos they may have from this year thus far: email yearbook@lebpac.ca.
 - e. Sushi - Enoch Lam
 - i. need parents to volunteer (see email) - as little as 15 mins of your time and no longer than 45 mins.
 - f. Elizabeth Lefor: Pizza - no report.
 - g. Munchalunch: Krista
 - i. Pizza opening in Dec.
 - h. Sports lead Mark Lavigne:
 - i. Looking for a primary-cohort parent to shadow him and take over primary sports activities.
 - i. Communications - Marko Pajalic:
 - i. Starting to build a strategy for more effective communications.
9. NEW BUSINESS: none
10. ADJOURNMENT: 6:38pm.