

# Langley Meadows Community School Parent Advisory Council

## General Meeting - Friday Sept. 17, 2021

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*Held in the library at LMCS, on the traditional territorial lands of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Semiahmoo and Matsqui First Nations. Meeting called to order at 9:01am.*

### ATTENDEES

(Executive Members): Kim Olynyk (president), Chelsea Nestman (vice-president), Wendy Sjodin (secretary), Robin Kungle (treasurer), Marnie Spry (MAL), Meg Fildes (MAL), Jen Hillary (MAL), Paul Boyechko Vega (MAL), Kara Powell (MAL), Megan Streu (DPAC Rep), (general members): Megan T, Nikola S, Ariana V, Randi M, Kirnjot R, Lindsay W, Andrea W, Deb A, Jessica; special guest: vice-principal Ryan Neufeld.

**AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Agenda approved unanimously. Amendment made to previous (June 2021) minutes to move Paula Boyechko Vega from shared DPAC role to vacant MAL role. Seconded and unanimously approved.

### REPORTS

**Principal:** Mr. Neufeld has been putting in as many hours as possible at the school while recovering from his injury. Ms. Cairnie has been splitting her work hours between home and school until ready to come back from leave full-time. Almost all classes at LMCS are full. The reason classes cannot be finalized until the second week of school is that the Willoughby Slope is a massive growth area, and LMCS might have to take overflow from other schools (over 900 more students than expected this September enrolled in the Willoughby Slope area). Mr. Neufeld reiterated the importance of continuing to screen children for any covid symptoms prior to school. **Upcoming dates:** Sept. 30 Day of Reconciliation - this is envisioned to be an ongoing solemn observance similar to Remembrance Day ceremonies, but this year, due to covid restrictions, will start small and be observed by each individual class in its own way. Terry Fox run has been pushed back to Oct. 8 this year; Mrs. Erickson seeks parent volunteers for this community run event. StrongStart opens Sept. 27. Administration is starting a lunch program for kids who come to school without; volunteer shoppers (run to Otter Co-Op every 9-10 days) and meal preppers are needed (FoodSafe certification would be a requirement, but the school would pay for training.)

**Treasurer:** Robin Kungle presented the proposed 2021/22 budget. Approved unanimously.

**DPAC:** Megan Streu reported that DPAC will continue to meet virtually, via MS Teams for the short term. Next meeting is Thursday, Sept 23 at 7pm. Proposed “shareable assets” such as POS squares which we might use for pop-up sales to be discussed.

**LMCA:** Report from Erin Yachuk submitted digitally. **Upcoming dates:** Saturday, Oct. 2 - annual Fall Fair, outdoors on school grounds, rain or shine. MOOSC has spots available for Pro-D Day camps. Breakfast club is on school mornings in the library at 8:15; volunteers are also needed for this!

## FUNDRAISING

- A) Fun Lunch - Marnie is on it. Welcome-Back Wagon Wheels are still a ‘go’ this year, but due to school administration’s strong advocacy of adhering more closely to healthy food guidelines, treat items for fun lunches and snacks this year will have to be scaled back. We are delighted to be able to run fun lunches in school again this year, and are always looking for parent volunteers to help with this (usually one friday a month).
- B) Community Values Coupon Book - Kara is heading this up; books going home with every child today (Sept. 17). *Need to be returned if not ordering.* All orders to be processed through Fun Lunch.
- C) Neufelds Farm - Kara is running this too, and looking for more help. There are concerns with the logistics of the new online ordering system. Delivery will be Nov. 26 at 2:30pm.
- D) Purdy’s Chocolate - will discuss further at a later date.
- E) Spirit Wear / House Teams shirts - Mrs. Erickson is in the process of assigning house teams; the PAC is looking at sources for printing this and hoping to have them online as soon as possible.
- F) Family Photoshoot with HT - Wendy is heading again. This did not run last year due to covid. Dates will be evenings of Nov. 9/10. Registration \$25 per 15 minute sitting fee. More info to come.
- G) Fruit and Veggie Fresh to You Fundraiser - Ms. Cairnie asked us to investigate. Discussed and decided this might be too much for us to take on. Wendy also mentioned the City of Langley runs a similar program at a cheaper cost. (Check “Healthy Living Bag” through Langley Meals on Wheels, or KPU Weekly Veggie Box)

## COMMITTEES

- A) Constitution review / amendments - This must be done annually. Open to all.
- B) Grade 5 Rep - Jen Hillary to coordinate parent volunteers. This year’s grade 5 rep teacher will be Mrs. Kufske
- C) Hallowe’en Carnival - We are excited! (At least Wendy and Paula are!). Carnival can occur in the gym as in years past, but food portion will have to be somewhat scaled down. Wendy will coordinate volunteers. Carnival to be held Friday Oct. 29. First committee meeting tentatively set for this coming Thursday Sept. 23.

D) Raffles for Christmas / Santa Sale - the PAC is unsure what Christmas events at the school will look like this year. To be addressed in more detail at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Orange shirts - due to sourcing of stock issues this year, unfortunately the PAC cannot offer orange shirt sales to honour Truth and Reconciliation Day. We will be selling "Every Child Matters" buttons, however, ordered from the WGSS print shop. Vote to spend up to \$350 to purchase 300 buttons. Seconded. Unanimously approved. Sale format to be discussed - possible pop-up sale.

**NO New Business. Meeting adjourned at 10:37am. Next meeting, same location, Thursday, Oct. 14 at 6:45pm.**