

Trustee Report to Board, March 9/21

The LESS PAC meeting was on February 18/21. Topics discussed include the need for a written constitution, a leadership manual and for information regarding PAC to be available to all parents. A website was suggested, and Jason has since created a website for the LESS PAC.

Funds were requested and approved for an outdoor book box to encourage student literacy, the grad class fundraiser, and an after school art program facilitated by the grads.

Minutes from the PAC meeting are attached. Next meeting March 11/21

The Chamber of Commerce – January 28 meeting minutes attached. Highlights include the resident/business attraction project. There are three videos now available for viewing on the website. AGM March 11/21

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Farrell

March 8th Trustee Report – S. Gascon

NES Pac

- Meeting was February 17th
- Hot lunch was discussed, clothing items second order form was distributed, those pieces are now on the kids.
- Mike hinted at after school clubs after spring break.
- Looking ahead to budget consults – encouraged attendance.

Ed Transformational Committee

- Met with the committee Feb 17th via zoom.
- Talked about timely and improved feedback, most of the discussion was around the 4 point proficiency scale.
- Heard from the students regarding reporting – there is still some confusion to be cleared up and education to be done around the reporting.
- The students had a lot to say, and their input and feedback was really valuable, some students really liked the self-assessment, while others preferred to have the teacher do it and work to improve.
- We meet again on April 7th and we will be inviting some parents to bring their feedback and input.

LUCERNE ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING
February 18, 2021 at Lucerne School

Present: LESS Principal Nick Graves, Vice Principal Justin Bisson, Robert Madden, Theresa Tremaine, Jason Clarke, Sara Wearmouth, Jonathon Reynolds. Via Zoom Ray Schuff

Chair Robert called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting, January 5, 2021, were moved.

2. Reports

- Principal's Report - presented by Nick Graves (see attached)
- Financial Report - presented by Jason Clarke (see attached)
- School District Report - no report
- DPAC Report - no report as there have been no meetings

3. Old Business

-PAC Constitution- Jason discussed the need for a written constitution and the need for all information regarding LESS PAC to be available to all parents of LESS students. A leadership manual should also be considered so roles and procedures can be defined clearly. He said a website is the best way to relay this information and to encourage communication, cohesion and inclusion. An email list of all parents/members should be developed. Ray said he will request that parents provide their email addresses to assist in the development of this list.

4. New Business - Margot Baker requested funds (\$200.00) to create an outdoor book box to encourage student literacy. Approval for placement on school property has been granted. Sara made a motion to support this project with \$125.00. Jason seconded. Passed.

The possibility of a climbing / bouldering wall was also discussed, as well as the need for cross-funding for a project of this magnitude. The school division would need to be contacted to start the conversation.

Jonathon suggested the need for student council to have a liaison between students and PAC to make recommendations and requests for funds. He talked about extra-curricular activities such as an online film festival and an online newspaper to engage and include all students across the school cohorts.

Grade twelve student Shanna also requested funds on behalf of the Grad class. Jason made a motion PAC provide \$300.00. Passed. She also requested funds to purchase materials for the after-school art club she leads. Jason made a motion PAC provide \$300.00. Passed.

Sara spoke about the danger of vehicles parked idling in front of the preschool / school. Is it possible to have a policy introduced and post signage.

5. Next Meeting - All future meetings will be held via Zoom. The next meeting will be held March 11 at 5:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Parents of Lucerne students please remember that you are all members of the Parent Advisory Council and your participation is encouraged. In order to keep you informed, we need to be able to communicate with you. If you would like to be included in our email list, please send me a note and I will add you. You can contact PAC secretary Ray at chefrac99@hotmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORT – March 9, 2021

DPAC:

-next meeting to be held April 26

BCPSEA:

-conference call held on March 4

-update on bargaining between BCPSEA and BCTF

-discussion is respectful and creative and going well

-46 districts responded to the survey sent out in mid-February

-they are looking at a trial process of the timing of the local bargaining process

-during the last bargaining session local bargaining was held at same time as provincial and local bargaining was left open waiting for provincial bargaining to end

-contemplating having local bargaining start earlier than provincial and be put in place the local language when completed – this would allow districts to implement their local agreements before the provincial bargaining is completed

-Impasse topics – local items that are referred to the provincial table –appoint a neutral third party to act as facilitator to help districts and local reach agreement

-decision on what is a district item and what is a provincial item

-BCPSEA is meeting with Labour Relations Board for 2 days next week and the following week

-will keep BCSTA and Districts updated on process

BCSTA-Provincial Council

-virtual meeting was held February 20

-very successful with the virtual meeting and voting on motions

-President Higginson reported on a rundown of recently advocacy efforts and an update on BCSTA's involvement with the province's K -12 COVID19 response

-BCSTA's CEO, Sylvia Russel highlighted that the association has provided important and balanced leadership in the province during the pandemic and that the involvement of BCSTA representatives on the provincial steering committees has been invaluable. Sylvia also brought focus to BCSTA's development of a number of excellent position papers scheduled to come out prior to AGM

-reports were given by the CSBA committee, the Legislative committee, the Indigenous committee, and the Professional Learning committee

-the budget was presented – I have forwarded a copy of the budget to trustees and it will be voted on at the AGM

-Motions dealt with:

-BCSTA Travel Expense Policy – increased from daily \$54 to \$55 (B-12 L-17 D-26) – carried

-BCSTA Travel Expense – Dependent Care Costs – coverage of \$50 daily with receipts – carried with a definition of dependent care

-BCSTA Travel Expense – Appeal Process – carried

-Thompson-Okanagan Branch Bylaw Change – carried

-Funding for Distributed Learning Costs Increase to standard FTE funding – carried

-Vaccine Priority for School Workers – carried

-nominations are now open for BCSTA president, vice-president and directors to be elected at the AGM

-virtual AGM will be held April 15-18, fees for each district will be \$1500

**Respectfully submitted,
Lora Lee Brekke, Trustee**