

Lord Roberts PAC General Meeting
Library, Lord Roberts Elementary
Wednesday, October 11th
Call to order: Andrea Jacques, PAC Chair
6:32pm

Present:

Andrea Jacques
Rochelle Pauls
Chris Fretwell
Chris Hyndman
Kenna McKenzie
Mistin Wilkinson
Dennis Wilkinson
Marnie Bailey
Holly Paddon
Rayne Ritten
Becky Chan
Cathy Comber
Cale Nishimura
Heidi Thomasen
Catherine Longul
Bozana Sabo Sipos
Robert Sabo Sipos
Jennifer D'Aquiro
Kyla Wise
Wim Arits
Anika Gibson
Sonja Dueck
Sandy Galpin
Mark Achtemichuk
Evelyn Lee
Susie Joe
Olivia Lam
Chris Stairs
Kirsten Haywood-Fauer
Ryan Schweitzer
Araniloe Lims
Arnie Wadaggart
Lori Kittelberg
Stefani Purviance
Hadas Shapira
Danielle Neer

Andrea: What PAC is: a non-profit organization

What PAC does:

Communicates with administration

Helps parents advocate for themselves and their kids

Advocates for making our community better

Helps be the conduit for making things better in general

PAC is not a forum for handling staff or student issues

First point of contact is your child's teacher

Next would be administration : vice principal or principal

Please be sure to approach the appropriate person, be direct, avoid rumours and misinformation - please go straight to the source for information

Our PAC team is quite stretched - we encourage you to come forward with solutions and willingness to help

Goals for 2017/2018

1. Create lasting legacy of documented PAC systems
2. Improve communication from LRE admin
3. Increase active parent involvement in PAC/the school
4. Enhance ease, amount, and predictability of funds to support PAC initiatives
5. Advocate to ensure more schools are built in our community

Volunteer Roles We still need :

1. Parent education coordinator
2. Admin support guru
3. Events and fundraising coordinator
4. Classroom rep/volunteer coordinator
5. Student activity /programs coordinator
6. Website and IT coordinator
7. Sponsorship and grant coordinator

Communication

- a big goal from last year

Alison - communication improvements

- communication is so key

- 608 students this year

- such a diversity of people coming together for the common goal of support of the children

- communication is a priority for the administration in this school

- sending out monthly newsletters

- first was paper, second was digital

- Alison is posting the newsletters on the website

- also sending out "Roberts Updates" digitally
- the updates are going to be archived on the website
- the website has lots of room for growth
- September has been very busy
- 14 new staff this year, 6 new staff members just in September alone
- adjustments take time, and we needed to reorganize our entire school
- Alison is able to shift over from "startup-mode" (September), now that it's October

Andrea: take suggestions for the Lord Roberts website

- staff directory?
 - this is a high priority, will be addressed promptly
- calendar that is compatible with personal calendars?
 - this could be done through email newsletters - will be followed up on
- school policies?
 - it ought to be there, and will be there soon
- getting the website updated and working better is a priority for October

- what is the best way for parents to suggest ways to improve things they see at the school?

- start with the teacher if it's an individual classroom issue, approach Andrea if it's a PAC issue, if it's directly about the school, policy, etc. Speak with the administration
- "room for improvement" suggestions could be forwarded to PAC representatives

Mindful Eating

- every classroom is different
- number one feedback is that kids are now eating, an improvement over the lunch room of last year
- Alison says that when she walks around, it's like a dining room table, the students are sitting around a table together, enjoying a meal together
- according to Alison, the teachers are giving the children enough time to eat
- there definitely are case-by-case situations
- investigate what is happening in the individual classroom by speaking directly with the teacher if need be

- suggestion box? The PAC could collate the suggestions
 - digital version? Do we involve Facebook?

- it would be nice to have a way to speak to the teacher since parents are no longer allowed to go into the school

- it's also challenging to not be able to connect with other parents of children in our children's class
- Alison and Andrea are working on a possible solution that could help restore

PAC is developing a policy to guide the kinds of posts sent out in email newsletter and posted on Facebook

LRE Website progress and plans

- lots of great plans in the work to get communication out to parents about activities in the school

Class Representatives/Classroom Communication Coordinator

- vote to proceed with next steps :
 - if approved, Andrea would then go to LRE staff
- motion passed

Alison: District Reporting Pilot Project

- new BC curriculum
- changing the way report cards are done
- moving from assessment of learning to assessment for learning
- district's pilot project will likely be standard next year
- "Communicating Student Learning" (CSL)
- two formal reports, January and June, three informal meetings

1. A shift from primarily focusing on summative assessment to primarily focusing on formative assessment
2. Five required communications with parents within a school year
3. Student Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies accompanies the written summative report in June

Vote

Sonja made a motion to approve

Chris Fretwell seconded

Motion passed

Alison: Student Learning Funds

- staff want additional funds approved by PAC to purchase some laptop computers

Sonja made the motion

Rochelle approved

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

Next PAC General meeting:

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Wednesday, November 8th 6:30 pm