

## **Lester B Pearson High School**

### **Parent Council- Feb 29, 2016**

**In Attendance:** Noelle M, Stacey B, Carol M, Karen T, Leanne L, Manny N, Noreen N, Hosam S, Suman, D, Syed I, Pat T, Steve P.

**Regrets:** None

**Welcome and Call to Order** - Noelle - 7:07 p.m.

**Approval of minutes** for November 2015 – no changes

**Review of Agenda** – no additions

**Comments/Mail:** COSC meetings March 2 and April 28, 2016

#### **Action/Discussion/Input Items**

- **CBE- Engagement Study Update:** For CBE Engagement Study update – see Stormy Lake Consulting Executive Summary, attached to original minutes. Can also be found on [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca). Go to Get Involved on the website and visit Public Engagement tab.
- **Next Meeting Dates:**  
March 2016 – None  
April 2016 – 11<sup>th</sup>  
May 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Math Excellence Night Summary:** (CAPSC.ca) a summary is available on their website. Math Excellence Night included a variety of speakers to speak on Math. Singapore Math is an example of math being taught in a good way. Standardized testing is necessary to ensuring student success.
- **Shaping our Budget:** Area III- meeting for Shaping our Budget is taking place on March 1, 2016 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Marlborough school. The budget includes detailed information of revenues and expenses for 2015-16. Requesting all parents to fill out the Shaping our Budget feedback form on the website [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca). Go to Get Involved on the website and visit Shaping our Budget tab.
- **Topic for Next Meeting:** Ideas for Last Meeting – Food/Potluck, Other; Next Year's Meeting Dates – Monthly, Every 6 Weeks,

#### **Reports**

- **Principals Report:** Failure rate for last year is 6%, which is one of the lowest in Calgary. Our average daily attendance has improved approximately 100% over the last 6 years. 20% of students used to be absent but now only 10% are. We have approximately 25% of our students achieving honour roll status in Grade 10 in the first semester this year, and 18% in Grades 11 and 12.

Planning: School is planning to have 16 grade 10 classes next year and to provide four core subjects for whole year. Organising will be starting soon. Flex time will be provided. Success is connected to time, teaching skills and study skills. All Students will be given three credits for TA time every school year and students will not be allowed to leave during TA time. Projections for next year for 1596 students. Staff will be higher so number of students in each class will be smaller.

Grad Information: Grad list not available for another month. Grad planning is ongoing.

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 p.m.**

**Next meeting to be held on Monday April 11, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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Parent Advisory Society – Feb 29, 2016

**In Attendance:** Noelle M, Stacey B, Carol M, Karen T, Leanne L, Manny N, Noreen N, Hosam S, Suman, D, Syed I.

**Regrets:** None

**Call to Order:** @ 8:21 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes** for November 2015 – no change- Motioned by Stacey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen (all agreed)

**Approval of Agenda** – approved, no additions

**Treasurer’s Report** - no report.

**Discussion Items:**

**Spending Requests:** - continued from last month.

5-Data Loggers: They are used in physics and allow students to easily gather data and create graphs for Physics 20.

6-Rugby Uniforms: uniforms for boys and girls (both separately) is needed. The amount mentioned in the requirement list \$3, 190 is only 50% and many students play Rugby.

7-Flat Screen for Dance Class: School wants to buy 70” smart TV. Smart board does not fit in dance class flat screen monitor is now preferred as it much more useful and can be used a computer screen.

**Decided to support #5 (4 Data log explorer) and #7 (Flat screen monitor). \$7,067 in total (\$3,402 and \$3,665 respectively). Motioned by Karen and seconded by Leanne. Approved and agreed by all.**

Total amount agreed on is \$31,003 over the 2 meetings.

**School Bus Proposal:**

Three school buses are required for school uses. One of the buses has been found unsafe after testing. \$22,000 is required for service to bring the bus back on road so it was decided it was not worth the cost. The school has \$50,000 in savings the rest will come out of their budget. Would appreciate some support from Parent Society to help cover the cost. All students use the buses. The new bus has a diesel engine and will last 10-12 years.

**Bus Proposal: Spend \$25,000 to support new bus. Motioned by Karen and seconded by Manny. Approved and agreed by all.**

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:43 p.m.**

**Next meeting to be held on April 11, 2016.**