

Lester B Pearson High School

Parent Council- May 30th, 2016

In Attendance: Noelle M, Stacey B, Carol M, Leanne L, Karen T, Suman D, Mike D, Pat T

Regrets: Manny N, Hosam S

Welcome and Call to Order - Noelle - 7:17 p.m.

Approval of minutes for April 2016 – Approved, no changes

Review of Agenda – no additions

Comments/Mail - none

Action/Discussion/Input Items

Meeting Ideas for Next School Year

- Programs available like Drug awareness and Mental Health issues
- Parent awareness regarding working of school, i.e. how system works at school like band, grade, etc.
- Meet the principal
- Talk about sports, i.e. why fee is high, rules and regulations of being on the teams, watching games.
- Guide parents more as compared to just students about the services available to them before the meeting and encourage parents to attend the parent council meetings.
- Answer the questions by parents
- Make parents aware of days off during exams, needs and requirements of students during exams, study skills and guidance resources
- Students need to attend the council meetings, so that their perspective can be heard as well. Feminism Club, Student Council, clubs etc.
- Teachers report is required on subjects like dance, French, etc. Teachers should be present when their topic is in the agenda
- Trustee to meeting – no real interest.
- Monthly meetings till Christmas and perhaps every six weeks after that

Dress Code Update Long lengthy dress code of 3-4 pages. Feminism Club (F Club) will be reviewing the dress code along with teachers and make changes accordingly.

Reports

Principal's report

- Ten new positions have opened up in the school due to recent retirements
- Out of 10, six are placed and four are on probation
- Offering summer courses for upgrading to get into secondary education
- Fire alarm went off because of the heat sensor in the faulty storage room, but no fire was found

Chair Report/Key Communicator

- COSC Meeting April 28- CBE planning and budgeting for next year. Carbon tax starting January 1st, 2017, CBE will be paying extra \$300,000 for busing, no extra funding from the government. Teacher bargaining, CUPE and others unions all coming up this year. Low Canadian dollar is having an impact.
- May Public Sessions on Transportation – 5 scenarios to pick from.
- Current survey online: provide feedback for draft Community Engagement Framework
- Need to complete Year End Report by June 30
- Starting September – School Messenger – will need to opt in, not receive automatically

Meeting adjourned @ 7:52 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on September 26, 2016 @ 7:00 pm

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Parent Advisory Society – May 30th, 2016

In Attendance: Noelle M, Stacey B, Carol M, Leanne L, Karen T, Suman D, Mike D, Pat T

Regrets: Manny N, Hosam S

Call to Order - Noelle @ 7:58 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – for April 2016 - no changes- Motioned by Karen and 2nd by Leanne (all agreed)

Approval of Agenda – approved, no additions

Comments/Mail – GAIN Sessions

Reports

Treasurer’s Report – Current balance: \$46,909.94. Cheque for: \$17,156.67. Next year’s balance will be around \$40,000. Haven’t paid for 3D Printer yet. Approval for dance monitor not received yet.

Casino Report: Casino dates November 30th and December 1st 2016. All paperwork is here to complete. Going to go back to the old system of volunteers, longer shift – less positions to fill. Hours are 11am to 3:45 am. Use same advisors as previous casino. Will need new casino person after this one. Does anyone want to help with this one to get some experience for the next one?

Action/Discussion Items

Preliminary Spending Requests for Next Year: Sound system for theatre, Steam serving station

Society Annual Return- Have received this year’s Society Annual Return. Year-end May 31, 2016. Need to get the books up to date for auditing.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 p.m.

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