

Lester B Pearson High School

Parent Council- November 23rd, 2015

In Attendance: Noelle M, Pat T, Carol M, Karen T, Manny N, Suman D, Stacey B, Leanne L, Hosam S, Harpreet D, Morgan F, Michelle H, Chantal L, Tammy L

Regrets: Shelina B

Welcome and Introduction - Noelle - 7:01 p.m.

Approval of minutes for October 2015 – no changes

Agenda reviewed – no additions

Action/Discussion Items

3D – Printer proposal by Ms. Lock: Demonstration of the product produced by a 3D printer. Some schools have it for career technology courses, pamphlets provided. 200 Students will have access on daily basis and printer will help students bring their ideas to life. Additional piece needed for \$150 (every year). Life expectancy of 5 years and materials used are nylon and plastic. Students get to experiment with different materials and students will cover the ongoing costs. A new course offered next year in Pre-Architecture and Industrial Design that will use the printer in 3D animation.

Member's Comments

- If renting printers option considered. However, regular printers bought by schools as per CBE rules and regulations.
- If there be opportunity for other classes to use it. Students interested will be shown about the printer as well.

Portable Language Lab Proposal by Ms. Laforest: It is computer software that helps reading, writing & listening in French. Requirements include: software (Rosetta Stone), 10 laptop computers, 1 laptop cart, and 10 laptop bags to start to rent out laptops to students. Any student taking full IB has to take French. Later plan is to try to find some software for Punjabi. One of the concerns is that a software lasts forever but, can family packs last forever? A total of 230 students take French every year at Pearson. All the students will have portable access to online subscription but they are costlier. No price will be charged for rental for students. Another concern is if laptop goes down, then the software is lost and laptops are also an additional cost. Further, laptops can only be used for French. Laptop has to be approved by CBE vendors/laptops. 5 logins are received from 1 software pack but only 2 can be used at a time from 1 pack.

Discussion with Athletic Director- Mr. Fraser

Question: - Transportation for students during sports (like volleyball etc.)? –For Mr. Fraser

Issue: One of the female student reached home at 11 p.m. after the game.

Ans. Coach is not responsible to drive students back to school. It is responsibility of adults involved to get kids home safely. Coaching after school hours is not paid and it's all voluntary work.

Issue: Not everyone on the team gets the chance to play. Fees are high.

Ans. Some teams have tryouts; others everyone is welcomed. Paying doesn't always mean you can play. It means you can be coached, trained. Coaches need to talk to kids to let them know that being on the team doesn't mean you will have equal amount of time to play as others. Parents also need to know about unequal play time. A disclaimer should be sent home on the forms. Playoff games gave fee for some games (volleyball). Calgary senior High School Athletics Association (CSHSAA) gets the fee not schools. Breast cancer run – Students enjoyed it.

Issue: Band and Sports. Is there communication between sports and band teachers to know that kids are not there for the game or practice because of band? Students who go to band feel brushed off by coaches.

Ans. Staff tries to work out something with each student, try to get along & make arrangements.

Suggestions: Communication is the key. Let parents know beforehand about the fees. There is need to change the communication ways with band and athletics.

CBE Engagement Study: Lack of time, therefore, not discussed.

Next Meeting Date: Decided not to have a January meeting as students have exams during this time. Will just have next regular meeting at end of February.

Auditing of Financial Records – Auditing completed and no issues were found. Thanks to Manny and Noreen N!

Discussion topic for next meeting: Lack of time, therefore, not discussed.

Reports

Principals Report - Mr. Patrick Thalheimer

- School development planning template posted on website and handout provided.
- Focus: - Objective Based Assessment
- Students input their reflection on Report Card comments.

Suggestion- Ask the teacher to explain the expectation from students in order to evaluate and input more time in explaining.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:16 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Monday February 29th, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting commences @ 8:16 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for October 2015 – no changes

Approval of Agenda – approved, no additions

Comments/Mail – GAIN sessions – if you want to know about casinos and spending these are very important. Noelle has the information if you are interested in attending.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Ending Balance, 31 October 2015	\$89,067.12	(Casino Account)
Interest Accumulated, October 2015	\$18.91	
General Account Balance	\$141.10	
Statement fee	\$2.50 monthly	

Banking changed to First Calgary Financial over summer. Not receiving statements for general account; will have to look into it. We have next Casino in the last quarter of 2016.

Action/Discussion Items

Spending Requests- spreadsheet provided.

Amount allowed for spending this year – not determined. Not a good idea to spend all the funds in the casino account.

Item#	Description	Quote	Member's Comments	Decision
1	3 Stand Mixers	\$1,050	Many students are taking cooking classes	Approved
2	Scoreboard	\$3,990		Approved
3	Replace 2 faulty smartboards	\$3,675		Approved
4	2 electronic balances for science program	\$3,690	Not sure what it does	Approved
5	4 data log explorer- Enhance science program	\$3,402	More explanation needed	
6	Rugby Uniforms	\$3,190	More information about uniforms is required like	

			number of uniforms needed, for boys or for girls*	
7	Flat screen monitor for dance class	\$3,665	It is a want not a requirement.	
8	Portable Stereo/ Sound System	\$3,785	Yes, until confirmed if allowed paying for it.	Approved
9	Moveable storage cart for Stereo/Sound system	\$546		Approved
10	3D Printer	\$7,200	Ask another teachers to have training as well	Approved
11	Portable Language Lab	\$14,423		Declined

*Rugby Uniforms will stay with school.

- Items already purchased are scoreboard, portable stereo / sound system, and moveable cart for the sound system.
- **Motion for item numbers 1,2,3,4 and 10 by Karen and seconded by Leanne for a total of \$19,605. Approved and agreed by all.**
- **Motion for item number 8 and 9 by Sam and seconded by Manny for a total of \$4331. Approved and agreed by all.**
- More information on item numbers 5, 6 and 7 is required in order to make a decision.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05 p.m.

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