

Lester B Pearson High School

School Council- November 28th, 2016

In Attendance: Noelle M, Karen T, Pat T, Suman D, Leanne L, Margaret P, Hosam S, Harprit S, Karen P, Dwane H.

Regrets: Faisal J, Joe D.

Call to Order - Welcome and Introductions - Noelle - 7:06 p.m.

Approval of minutes – October 2016 – deferred to next month

Review of Agenda – no additions

Reports

Student Council Report: Presented by Avneet & Carrington

- Success support survey results show that students are responding. They like it, but it's difficult to access teachers. 1/5th school responded. Targeted majority grade 10 students.
- Main Concerns- Success connect in middle of the week, noisy work environment and grade 10 cohort cannot sign and leave and then return
- Recommendations - Moving Success Connect classes to Friday, allocating designated quiet rooms and starting 2nd semester all grade 10 students able to leave their cohort classes.
- Upcoming projects - Mental health. Aim: What exactly is causing the stress?

Key Communicator Report

- Council of School Council meeting held on Nov. 16, 2016.
- 1st part of the meeting included system update, communications update, schools impacted by new school openings survey and open houses, What Do the Trustees Do? Governance and Advocacy.
- 2nd part was a Mental Health and Wellness with a table discussion. Nadine Burke Harrison – video was shown. PowerPoint was presented and is available on CBE website. <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Documents/20161116-COSC-Mental-Health-Presentation.pdf>.
- Showed Brain Builders video from COSC meeting which talked about the different types of stress.

Chair Report – nothing to report

Action/ Discussion/ Input items

Success Connect/Success Support Feedback - Information from Principal - 210 failure letters to Grade 11 and 12 sent last year, only 120 failure letters this year. Success support- 80-85% Attendance. Success Connect- 95-97% Attendance. Feedback – are 11's and 12's really going to Support? Are the students who really need the help attending? How do you track it? What are some other options? With Support and Connect there are no other times for students to get help? What about mornings, lunch and after school? Teachers are unavailable? Some teachers are too busy and don't have time for everyone, how to solve this issue?

Principals Report –

- Annual Report 2015-2016. Math- trying to make improvements. Excelled in Sciences, 86% students enrolled in post-secondary education. Sheet provided and attached to original minutes.

- Discussed Targets for 2016-2017 School Development Plan. 100% of students will have SLP (Student Learning Plan), Achievement Goals, Instructional Goal (Sheet provided for both and attached to original minutes).
- Report to Parents on Fees December 2015. Attached to original minutes.

Pedestrian Safety Update - Deferred to next month

Fundraising Letter– Yes or No? Council feels it would be worthwhile to attempt a fundraising letter and see what the response is like. Karen P will prepare the letter in January.

What do Parents Want to Know About? Council feels it would be a worthwhile idea to survey parents. Some ex: Fundraising, does the school communicate effectively, weekly newsletter, interest in mental health issues, does council communicate effectively, school activities. Hosam will get some questions together and bring them back to council.

Completed Audit- Thank you to Harprit and Hosam for doing the audit, much appreciated. Everything is done and the Annual Return is sent away.

Next Meeting Dates-

- Feb 6, 2107
- March 20, 2017
- April 24, 2017
- May 29, 2017, last meeting of the school year.

Meeting Topic - Separate Parent night for speaker for mental health. Noelle to work on getting this. For parents and students

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10 pm

Next meeting to be held February 6, 2017.

Lester B Pearson High SchoolParent Advisory Society – November 28, 2016

In Attendance: Noelle M, Karen T, Pat T, Suman D, Leanne L, Margaret P, Hosam S, Harprit S, Karen P, Dwane H

Regrets: none

Call to Order: by Noelle @ 8:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – October 2016 – deferred to next month

Approval of Agenda –no additions, approved

Comments/Mail – none

Reports

Treasurer’s Report - Current Balance in account- \$35,496 approximately. General account \$141.68

Casino Report- all spots filled. Asking staff to act as backups for last minute positions as have used all backup names filling recent cancellations.

Action/Discussion Items

Spending Requests 16/17 Year –

Item#	Description	Quote	Comments
1	Steam Serving Station	\$8600	School has to have it so they will purchase new one
2	Portable LED Smartboard	\$6717	School no longer interested as does not address their needs
3	Theater Sound System - Surround Audio System Upgrade	\$42,000	See October 2016 council minutes for full details. This is desperately needed. School would like us to focus support on this item.
3.2	Digital Mixing Console & Stage Box	\$20,000	Future purchase
3.3	Video Recording System	\$5300	Future purchase
4	Gym – Pearson Logo	\$5000	Logo done on mats for use during basketball season.
5	3D Printer	\$7,500	Is currently being used 24/7. Requesting another to expand classes and uses. Students love it.

Motion for items by Karen P and seconded by Karen T.

1 - Steam Serving Station – support amount of \$5,000 (if allowed by AGLC) Funds to #3 if not allowed.

3 - Sound System Proposal – support amount of \$15,000.

5 - 3D Printer – support amount of \$5,000

Total: \$25,000. Approved and agreed by all.

Member comments –May have some funds still remaining. Would like to spread out support for different areas of the school. Felt have been very generous with Theater in years past as per ongoing Casino funds handout (attached with original minutes). Ask school if there are other requests, if nothing else will look at giving more to Sound System proposal.

Allocation of Casino Funds – How does the Society want to spend gaming funds? What to do with the funds being received in early 2017? Use it this school year? Split it up and use evenly over following 2 school years? Use when something big comes up?

Consensus was to not use it this school year. To use it evenly over the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

Next casino will likely be in last quarter of 2018. Money received early 2018.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:32 p.m.

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