

Langley Christian Schools

PAC General Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

7:00pm

MINUTES

7:05 pm - meeting began

Welcome - Introductions and Prayer - Laura Vis

LCS PAC follows Robert's Rules for Order. Want to add something to the agenda? Make a motion to amend the agenda before it gets adopted. Want to see a change to something? Make a motion.

1.0 Minutes - review and approve minutes (inaugural meeting, none to review)

2.0 Agenda - additions/deletions to agenda

- agenda approved with addition (motion carried)

5.6 General Questions

3.0 Reports

3.1 Admin Report - Adam Woelders

- welcome to all. Shared that there has been a lot of changes over Covid and that the PAC will be a great way to rebuild community within the campuses. At future PAC meetings, he is willing to present more detailed info on certain topics that the parent body may be interested in.
- Why a PAC? Christian schools have evolved and our schools have 113 churches represented. Need additional structures to build community. Aware that parents make a commitment to support with gifts, talents and time - important to be responsive to the parent. Historically, there was "Friends of LCS" but that was curtailed during covid. Heard from parents that there was a feeling of lacking structures to feel connected, that they want to know how to get involved and what events are happening. Looked at various schools, such as MEI, who have a PAC in place and came up with some criteria. The PAC is also a great forum for admin to get feedback from parents. Board very much in support of this.
- What will the PAC do? Primary purpose is equipping, connecting and thriving through volunteerism, through annual events that welcome and get parents interacting with each other and staff, which allows parents to also experience community, along with their children. Will also equip parents via speakers on social media or parenting through middle school years in whatever season of life they are in. The PAC will also help admin/board to have a better understanding on what

parents think and feel about the school experience - to discuss, ask questions and even come up with initiatives.

3.2 Board Development Report - Carey Bornn (Director of Development)

- Previous structure (Friends of LCS) was primarily a fundraising group for construction or printers etc. New PAC will not be involved in that, other than some annual events like the dinner auction and golf tournament. Volunteerism will be a key focus. On the development side, the board is fundraising for student scholarships, items for the school such as playgrounds etc and for the capital campaign (elementary and middle school). Hoping 1/3 will be donated from the community (parents, grandparents, alumni etc). Typically raise about \$300-400k/year.

3.2 President's Report - April Ferguson & Laura Vis

- Intro to Interim PAC Members
 - April introduced as the Interim PAC President. Reiterated that the executive provide leadership of the school parents, who are all fully voting members. Interim members were appointed only to set up a foundation for the new PAC but moving forward, there would be a nominations committee put in place and each of the PAC position nominees would be voted in by parents at an AGM. The current Interim PAC Executive will likely carry on into the fall of 2022 and then schedule the AGM, so that voting can be done with all parents. Would like to create a culture of transparency and inclusiveness. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the PAC or has any questions about our role, please reach out via our email address.
 - each member introduced themselves, gave a bit of information on themselves, their position and why they volunteered for the PAC.

3.3 Treasurer's Report - Sarah Stewart (absent)

- Tentative Budget for 2021/2022
 - April spoke on behalf of Sarah.
 - no full budget to present. We currently have two bank accounts, looking to merge into one account - hot lunch account and a Friends of LCS account. \$20,000 in both accounts combined. This year, we have committed to supporting grads at \$30/kid, for a total of \$2730. This will leave us with \$17.5k in our accounts. Sarah will have a budget prepared for the fall AGM and will get input from parents. Ideas are welcome.
- Gaming Grant
 - gaming grant available through the provincial government, over \$140 million are distributed each year, are intended to benefit kids by enhancing extra curricular activities within schools. Applying for this would provide \$20/student across all campuses. There are specifications on what it can and cannot be used for. Schools need to apply in the spring and funds are received in the fall. The PAC Executive are in support of the idea and would like to apply for the grant.

- April made a motion to apply for the gaming grant. Petra seconded. The floor was then opened to the parent group for discussion.
- Someone mentioned that these funds have been applied for and used before at LCS. Another parent was concerned about the origins of the money and was against using the funds.
- Adam shared that Calgary Christian school had the same discussion during his recent visit. Nothing scriptural from accessing government funds. These are funds coming from one of many government pots that are available to schools and could be used in ways that were redeeming, restorative and bring glory to God.
- Vote was taken - majority in favor, 5 opposed. **Action: PAC will apply for the BC Community Gaming Grant and will revisit this vote on a yearly basis.**

4.0 Old Business - none

5.0 New Business

5.1 Hot Lunch - Karla Toews

- Hot Dog lunch date, volunteers needed - May 19 (Tuesdays or Thursdays)
 - no one available to run the hot lunch, as the current person is no longer able to carry the position. Need one coordinator (or group) and then we will organize the volunteers needed for each campus. **Action: Chaliese would like to do it, preferably with someone.**
 - school has requested that parents run concession for track and field on May 26 - big money maker. Need someone to oversee the purchasing of the food, organizing volunteers and more. **Action: Renee has done it in years past and would be willing to do it again. Cindy commented via zoom, saying middle school is different and she is happy to run it.**
 - Kristin inquired around the BC Ministry wanting to change the rules on foods allowed within schools, via the proposed 2022 BC School Food Guidelines. Adam's impression is that participation in this guideline is voluntary. General discussion seemed that most felt parents should have the choice to purchase or not. PAC encouraged parents to review the guidelines and provide feedback on the survey.
 - Guidelines: <https://healthyschoolsbc.ca/guidelinesconsultation/>
 - Survey: <https://surveymoh.health.gov.bc.ca/public/survey/bc-school-food-guidelines-feedback-survey>

5.2 Social Media & Communications - Andrea Petkau

- Facebook Page - search for "LCS PAC" and answer the three questions to help us confirm your child attends the school. Then, invite all your LCS parent friends to the group!
- Instagram - search for "lcs.pac"
 - Petra set the accounts up, Andrea manages them. Messages will go through to her to answer, unless she needs further input. Encouraged the

group to invite their friends to the social media sites and build the community. These accounts will be used to send reminders for meetings, callouts for volunteers, and other school events.. Parent posts can also be made on the Facebook page, but are moderated to keep a positive environment.

5.3 Volunteer Opportunities - Karla Toews

- LCS Dinner and Auction - Sarah & Lisa - May 3
 - Lisa spoke. The auction is 50% sold out. Will be sending out sign up genius for all the ways that parents can help out. Everything from set up, to welcoming guests, to running the auction and creating baskets. She confirmed that if you buy a couple tickets instead of an entire table, seating is assigned to build community. Ticket holders can request to be seated with certain people. Still purchase a ticket if you're volunteering, unless you are volunteering for the live and online auction.
- several committees need to be created - volunteer sign up sheets at the back of the room
 - Year End PAC Committee - for existing and new students - June 2 - food trucks
 - Hot Lunch Committee needed

5.4 Events Updates - Nicole Gil Gallo

- Year End PAC and New Family Event - June 2
 - celebration of year end with existing families and new families coming in fall 2022, prior to starting in September. There will be food trucks and games and more. More details to come..
- school speakers for 2022/2023 school year
 - already looked in to White Hatter & Dave Curry
 - Nicole is looking for any ideas that parents may have for other speakers or community building events.
 - A parent spoke on how important it is to educate and share knowledge, due to unlimited access via internet, need to protect kids online.

5.5 Elementary Parking Lot Concerns - Laura Vis

- Laura brought parking lot reminders to the group. Parent volunteers would be helpful to keep traffic flowing.
 - Come a little earlier or later.
 - Park at the church and walk them in.
 - If you come through drop off zone, pull up all the way to the front.
 - Don't do double drops, drop off all kids in one spot.
 - If there's no parking spot,, keep circling until a spot comes available.
 - No parking on 48 Ave - RCMP officer is now giving tickets.
 - Don't drop off kids outside of the drop off zone (2nd or 3rd row)
 - Make sure your kids are ready to go by the time you reach the drop off spot.
 - encourage parents to drop off and not walk in.
 - Can come as early as 8:15 and pick up as late as 3:20, as there will be supervision during those times.

- Parents mentioned it would be helpful to have volunteers in the lot. Some suggestions were:
 - to cut the curb by the tree on the edge of the lane
 - signage is soooo important as there are others who do drop off like grandparents etc
 - staggered start was great but not practical for teachers. Asked if parents could volunteer to cover so teachers can still prep? Similar issues at high school - sidewalk is so tricky, hedge on both sides and cars parked plus two lanes exiting the lot are dangerous. **Action: April and Laura will meet with admin at the high school level to discuss and give feedback.**
- Adam suggested that parents with concerns relating to the parking lot layout, email Frank - operations@lcs.com. Also confirmed that there will be 48 new spots coming along with an additional access point coming with the renovation
- **Action: Anyone who would like to volunteer to help direct traffic in the parking lot, please email the PAC.**

5.6 General Discussion

- question on how many General PAC meetings will there be? Once a month is currently the plan but not fully decided. Due to all the events and the fact we are still setting things up, there may not be another General meeting until the fall.
- question on how decisions will be made - general pac vote or exec vote? April explained that it depends on what is being decided. Smaller decisions will be made by the executive but those impacting the larger school body will always be brought to the General meetings for discussion and voting.

8:30 pm - meeting adjourned

Next General PAC Meeting : TBD