



**PAC Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2020 on Zoom Video Conference**

PAC Committee Members in Attendance

Chairs	Cynthia Springate
Vice-Chair	Melissa Wandt
Past Chair	Tanja Phillips Catharine Macrander
Secretary	Katie Corbeil
Treasurer(s)	Marina Heidt & Caroline Thindal
Communication Rep	Elisabeth Smith
Class Parent Coordinator	Alita Roberts
DPAC & CPF Rep	Michelle Hoffmann & Julie Elliot
Members-at-Large	Stefanie S, Amy G, Tracy M, Hollis P, Laura R, Gaby G, Joy R

Total of 40 Members present at meeting plus Principal, Mme Niro and Vice-Principal, Mme Boudreau.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Welcome & Introduction

1. Cynthia S. welcomed everyone to the first PAC meeting of the year.

Approval of Agenda

2. No new items were added to the agenda.
3. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Melissa W. and seconded by Tanja P. Majority in favour, motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

4. Motion to approve minutes from PAC Meeting held June 5, 2020 moved by Melissa W and seconded by Tracy M. Majority in favour, motion passed.

Principal's Report

5. Mme Niro provided an overview of the face-to-face and blended divisions and how the blended divisions are organized within the region including 3 other French immersion schools. How classes are placed in cohorts was discussed.
6. The school will not be doing extra curricular activities. Our Librarian and Mme Niro are discussing the option of a virtual Book Fair and consideration is being given to an alternative for the Christmas Concert.
7. Questions were asked about January. Mme Niro advised that it is too early to know what will happen in Jan when the blended program is scheduled to re-unite with face-to-face at the school but it is not likely that the divisions would remain as they currently are organized. As a result, Teachers are working together within Laronde to ensure the delivery of curriculum is consistent throughout the Fall for the transition to January. There is more of a challenge in ensuring that is done in the blended divisions as every school may be on a different cycle however teachers are working together as much as they can.
8. Mme Niro answered questions on band for grade 7, how grade 7s will be prepared for high school, delivery of music class for the blended divisions, how the decision was made to not stagger the bell schedule and what happens when/if a student at Laronde has Covid.

9. Mme Niro answered questions about ventilation in the classroom and advised that the school has been inspected and all classrooms are vented to the outdoors. Students will go outside for a min of 15 minutes a day (rainy days) and as much as possible on other days.

10. All Laronde students are able to attend the photo day on 1 October. Only individual photos will be taken that day.

Financial Reports

11. The approved budget and account balances was reviewed. The difference between the fundraising account and the playground/technology fundraising account was discussed.

12. Mme Niro requested PAC support to add equipment to the classroom sports bins as equipment can no longer be shared between classrooms. Cynthia S made a motion to spend \$1,000 on recess sports equipment to be purchased by the school and kept in the classrooms. Motion seconded by Melissa W. Majority approved, motion approved.

13. The School District has asked the school not to circulate technology carts throughout the school. Mme Niro would like to distribute the current resources throughout all divisions. She has assessed a need for an additional 20 ipads and 20 laptops to adequately supply each Division and has requested support from the PAC to purchase the additional resources. The school will also fund the provision of additional resources. The Executive previously discussed the request and is conflicted on the level of support to recommend for PAC approval. The Executive's concerns included that the PAC fundraising should enrich curriculum and not support delivery of curriculum and some felt the school knows what they need and we should support the request. With playground 2 soon needing to be replaced the money will be needed for that project and was considered. The option of purchasing non-Apple products was discussed to reduce the cost however Surrey Schools only uses Apple or Dell products and Dell does not provide the necessary tablet.

14. To summarize the discussion, a poll was conducted to determine what level of support would be considered for a motion. The poll included an option for: a. full 19k support (25 of 32 votes); b. 10k level of support (6 of 32 votes); and c no support (1 of 32 votes). Option a received the most support.

15. A Motion was then made by Cynthia S to spend up to 19k to fund the purchase of ipads and MacBooks. Melissa W seconded the motion. A majority approved. Motion passed.

Chair Report

16. The Chair started by thanking Mme Niro for all the hard work from her, the Teachers and Administrators.

17. Cynthia S. gave an overview of the activities and events that traditionally occur throughout the year that have been cancelled due to Covid-19. While parents can not contribute in the normal way, schools need parental involvement and support now more than ever. The PAC will continue to help to ensure that Laronde is a safe, inclusive, happy place of learning in our community. PAC will continue to support virtual enrichment opportunities in the arts, science, IT, and physical education. PAC will continue to support the teachers as they re-tool their classrooms with COVID safe educational materials and continue to advocate for the safety of every Laronde student. The PAC will continue to be the collective voice of parents in our Laronde community.

18. The Chair provided the background on what the PAC did with the results from the survey conducted by the PAC in August. As of August 12th, it was roughly a 50/50 split with half of families wanting to send their children back full-time and half seeking another option. The PAC began lobbying the Ministry of Education, and the Surrey School District for an additional option for parents unhappy with the full-time in class option. The collective voice of all BC parents can and does make a difference. We will continue to advocate for all Laronde students whether they are learning in class or at home.

19. The PAC is hopeful that we will be able to continue to support enriching activities for our children in the arts, science, and PE without the majority of the traditional fundraisers. We are also hopeful to continue to support body health and social media educational presentations. If parents are aware of any virtual presenters in these areas, ideally in French, please advise chair@larondepac.ca.

20. The Cheque Writing campaign is simple and win/win for all involved; it allows the PAC to keep 100% of the money raised, and is tax deductible. Specific details on the cheque writing campaign will be distributed in early October. As this is potentially the only fundraiser we will be able to operate this year, we hope all families will contribute whatever amount they are able.

21. The Chair reported that the Kindergarten t-shirts have been distributed to all new K students as a welcome gift from the Laronde community. This continues our three year tradition of gifting all new K students a Laronde Lynx T-shirt in Sept. Thank you Tanja for organizing .

22. The Chair outlined the importance of having Class Parents and reviewed the responsibilities. Many class positions remain vacant. If interested in becoming a class parent this year or have questions about the role, contact Alita R at classparent@larondepac.ca.
23. We are seeking a volunteer to be the Outreach Coordinator. The position coordinates winter clothing drives, and other collections throughout the year to support families in need within the Surrey School district. This position can be as big or small as you are willing to take on. Contact chair@larondepac.ca if interested to take on this role.
24. The Playground Committee members will actively begin the process of replacing playground 2. There was one committee meeting in the early spring prior to school closures. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact chair@larondepac.ca.
25. A reminder to all families to register on the larondepac.ca website. Even though we will not be able to offer hot lunch this year, we use the web-site as a communications portal for all things PAC. If you tried to register earlier and your teacher/division was not listed, apologies ! We have since updated the website. Please try again.

Committee Reports

26. Emergency Preparedness. An overview of the purpose of the committee was provided by the Chair.
27. Hot Lunch. No hot lunch this year and therefore nothing to report.
28. Playground Committee..As per Chair report.
29. Year Book. Tracy M is prepared to start a bare bones book but would need significant support from the Teachers as parents are not on school grounds and there will be fewer photo opportunities.
30. Outreach. No volunteer named yet. As per Chair report.
31. Lost & Found. Elaine has volunteered to coordinate the Lost and Found. Procedures are being reviewed by Mme Niro and will be confirmed.
32. Grade 7 Rep. Catharine M is the coordinator for Grad 2021. She has made contact with all families. Camp 2021 was booked in the Spring and questions were asked about refund options. Catharine is working on fundraising options.
33. On behalf of the Treasurers, Katie C noted that the grade 7 funds from Graduation class 2019 remains in the PAC bank accounts. The year responsible is working on the plan to distribute those funds.
34. Christmas Hampers. Laura R. is working on a plan for the hampers to support Surrey Families at our Sister School.
35. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) & District PAC (DPAC). DPAC has been busy working with the School Board. The DPAC AGM was held 23 Sept 2020. DPAC will be conducting a survey on the use of portables and the lack of hand washing stations.
36. The Chair advised that the portable at our school does not have a sink for handwashing. The executive has looked into the cost of renting a handwashing station for the portable and was prepared to cover the \$100 per month rental cost. The School District is not allowing the PAC to provide this to our children who are assigned to a portable. If you have concerns or questions forward to chair@larondepac.ca.
37. LogoWear. No volunteer named. If interested in taking on the role, advise the Chair. It was suggested that facemasks with the Laronde logo could be produced.

New Business

38. No new business. Meeting started a Q&A.

Adjournment

39. End of Meeting. Melissa W. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Tanja seconded the motion, All in favour. Meeting adjourned.