

**Lucerne School  
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting  
MINUTES**

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 10, 2020  
@ Lucerne School

**Present:** Principal Nick Graves, Vice Principal Justin Bisson, SD#10 Trustee Lora Lee Brekke, Robert Madden, Theresa Tremaine, Sara Wearmouth, Karin Dodds, Sandra Kleiss, Leda Botting, Sara Thomas, Ray Schuff.

Special Guest: Constable Matthew Jones

Chair Rob called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Special Guest Speaker: Constable Jones introduced himself as the new officer at the Slo-can Lake RCMP detachment. He said that drugs are present in most communities and New Denver is no different. Parents asked whether he had any concerns, he said he's fairly new and still getting to know the community but so far from what he's seen there's no huge concern; however, if anyone has concerns, feel free to contact him. Or if you want to remain anonymous Crimestoppers is another option. His business cards were given out to parents and staff attending the meeting. He will also look into educational resources for parents, so they have the ability to educate their child about drugs and safety. Constable Jones was invited to meet some of the local youths at the Youth Centre by Leda Botting and by Principal Graves to meet students at a future lunch hour basketball game.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

MOVED by Sara W and seconded that the agenda for the **Nov 10, 2020** LS PAC meeting agenda be adopted, moving guest speaker first and then moving on to regular agenda as presented. CARRIED.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

MOVED by Karin and seconded that the minutes of the **Oct 27, 2020**. LS PAC meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

**4. Reports**

- **Principal's Report** - Presented by Nick Graves (see attached)
- **Financial Report** - Presented prepared by Sara W (see attached)
- **School District Report** - Presented by Lora Lee Brekke (see attached)
- **DPAC Report** - Karin: Attended a DPAC meeting in Nakusp last week and there were only 3 people in attendance. The DPAC president and VP have resigned as their children have graduated and DPAC will need to fill these roles.

**5. Old Business**

- Election of Secretary: Karin Dodds moved and seconded that Ray Schuff be elected as Secretary. CARRIED. PAC is still seeking to fill the Treasurer role as Sara W's daughter is graduating this year.
- Skatepark - Nick Graves asked if PAC could get a hold of Harriet at the Youth Centre to coordinate putting away skatepark equipment for the winter. Theresa will communicate with the Youth Centre.

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- Signing authority - Sara said we're still working on getting signing authorities updated so we can get a couple of people to sign cheques to pay invoices.

**6. New Business**

- Gaming grants usage:
  - Sara asked if we are able to spend gaming grants for mental health services for students; she is just currently looking at ways to use the funds and this could benefit students or families that are struggling.
  - Nick suggested that if PAC is looking ways to spend gaming grants to consider buying scooters and helmets for use by students at lunch hour. Also sleds for winter use.
  - Theresa asked about the possibility of getting a bouldering wall in the school. Nick suggested to email Art Olson to enquire about the possibility of this at the school.
- Vaping - Nick said that student vaping is currently a concern. It's sometimes difficult to detect it but he is aware of quite a few students vaping. He asked if PAC would be interested in some educational resources for parents or organizing speakers for a future meeting. PAC agreed that this would be good to have.
- Garbage at school - Sara W mentioned there's been a lot of garbage found in the lower playground area - specifically, by the skatepark and younger kids are finding garbage which is not ideal. She asked if anyone was looking after picking up garbage outdoors. There is no one specific looking after this and that everyone (staff & students) contributes to keeping the school clean. Nick will look into bear-safe garbage can for the playground. Ray mentioned that dog poop was also a concern at the playground. He'll look into writing a letter to the newspaper to address this concern and ask dog owners in the neighbourhood to pick up after their pets.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec 8, 2020** at 5:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

## **Lucerne Principal Report**

- Student Council organized a fantastic Halloween parade and party for students. We also made a short video of our parade and sent it to the Pavilion as we will be unable to go there this year.
- We held our Remembrance Day Assembly today, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, and it was really successful. Student Council organized a walk down to the Cenotaph and then Senna led the placement of stones painted with poppies and Shanna read In Flander's Field.
- Photos have gone out to everyone who had their picture taken. Each student has a code and can view their photos. If students have lost their code, they can contact the school to receive their code.
- Valerie Piercey-Wilson has been hired as the temporary Learning Support Teacher to fill in while Kristin Kipkie is on leave
- Upcoming Dates
  - Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – Grade 10 to 12 Work Exp
  - Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal
  - Nov. 23 to 27<sup>th</sup> – Mark Ikeda will be coming to the school to work with the high school English classes and also to do some movement workshops
  - First Week of December – Student Reports

## **Trustee Report LESS PAC November 10, 2020**

The Board has been attending In Service meetings once a month, where we are brought up to date with learning events in the District.

Last week, we learned about the Indigenous Equity scan in our District, and the Changing Results for Early Learning. Each school shared what is happening with the CR4EL at their schools.

The Board meets again next Tuesday. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, and meetings are open to the public via Zoom with the Covid restrictions. The Zoom link can be found on the District web page just before the meeting date. Elections for Board Chair and Vice-Chair will take place next week (these happen each year at the November meeting).

Lora Lee Brekke  
Trustee  
SD10 Arrow Lakes