

LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAC AGENDA

January 22,, 2024

- 1) General Meeting Called to Order: 6:30pm
- 2) Introductions/attendance: Aaron, David, Stu, Natalie, Sarah, Kendra
- 3) Additions/Revisions and Approval of Agenda: Approval motion - Stu. Second - Sarah. Motion passed
- 4) Revisions and Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: None
- 5) Receiving of Delegations/Presentations: PAC Secretary replacement: Outgoing - Jen Galvin; Incoming - Kendra Stahl.
- 6) Reports:
 - 6.1- **Teacher's Report**: Learn about what the teachers of our school are doing and/or working on to improve learning, school environment and events. No Teacher
 - 6.2- **Special Speaker**: None
 - 6.3- **Principal's Report**: Learn about what's happening in our school, upcoming events, how issues are handled and more. - See attachment
 - 6.4- **Trustee's Report**: Learn about what's happening in the district, the policies, decisions and advocacy that may affect our school and your child's education. - See attachment
 - 6.5- **DPAC Report**: Learn about the parent perspective on the district and/or provincial level, upcoming parent events and opportunities to supply feed-back to our district. None
 - 6.6- **Treasurer's Report**: Opportunity to learn about where your school's. Fund-raising and gaming grant money is being spent.

General Account: \$271.73
Gaming Account: \$9,619.06
Hot Lunch: \$

7) Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- 7.1-
- 7.2-
- 7.3-
- 7.4-
- 7.5-

8) New Business:

- 8.1- Banking updates (signing)
 - Outgoing secretary Jen Galvin; Incoming Kendra Stahl. Cheque signing authority to be updated at Bank of Montreal.
- 8.2- Parkland Night
 - Brought forward by Natalie; would it be possible for Laurie school to host a similar event? Parkland featured their band playing, tobogganing on the grounds, bake sale, classroom activities like math challenges & booths in the gym from around the community. Laurie PAC would appreciate any ideas for next meeting.
- 8.3-
- 8.4-
- 8.5-

9) Special Ongoing Items:

- 9.1- Fundraising - Teachers can submit requests
- 9.2- Save On Foods - Ongoing
- 9.3-
- 9.4-

10) Correspondence: None

11) Questions: None

12) Next Meetings: February 20,2024

13) Adjournment: 7:15pm

Item 6.3 Principal's Report

- a) Superstore Gift Card fundraiser has begun. Cost is dollar-for-dollar to buy cards. Fifteen percent of money spent on gift cards goes directly to our school, and more specifically to your child's own electives/sports/interests (eg. Band trip, Girls' soccer team, Harry Potter trip) Began with \$20K; down to \$14K available. A wonderful way to raise money for the school. Currently only cash is being accepted in exchange for the cards. Many teachers have been in support of this campaign with funds allocated to the general school account (recently purchased coats & shoes for kids in need). Setting a goal of selling \$20K in gift cards each month.
- b) Report cards are due February 8th & will be sent home February 15th
- c) In the midst of the last few weeks of basketball (Grade 8 will run an extra 2 weeks due to a late start). Upcoming soccer (girls); track to follow. Middle school track meet has been booked.
- d) School catchment boundary changes have been made official; this will be a great help to increase numbers at Laurie. Currently around 380 students; hopefully will have 420-430 for next year. This will increase class sizes on average from 18 students to 20 per class.
 - i) More students means we will be able to have more electives to choose from; administration will work with staff to develop/implement new electives (eg. Creative writing, S.T.E.A.M., French 9)
 - ii) Mr. Thorn & Mr. Doll are collaborating & hope to create a completely new social studies course focusing on Indigenous history & affects. They will try to develop a course with the permission (and hopeful collaboration) of local indigenous leaders.
- e) Activity Day February 27th: Bussing has been arranged; signup sheets will be in homerooms this week. Activities will include skiing, tobogganing, ice fishing & swimming at Fairmont (Fairmont will be a \$10 charge).
- f) Decent used clothing is being gladly accepted to the Laurie school "Boutique" run by Theresa Burman. Clothing goes to kids who need it.
- g) Busses are back on line & able to travel to Alberta overnight after some problems through the last year.