



École Laura Secord School Parent Advisory Council

PAC General Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025 at 6:00pm

In-person at École Laura Secord School, in the Heritage Gym

Online Link: <https://meet.google.com/rug-iaxo-cap>

Present: Stephanie Wenger, Kisti Thomas-Ring, Chris Tierney, Wade Gregg, Sandra Benson, Lukas Thiessen, Lauren Schoeck, Kaleigh Quinn, Elizabeth Dvergsten-Beauce, Kathy Osadczuk, Renee Hill, Laura Pauls, Kristy Rebenchuk

Virtual:

Regrets: Erin Winter, Angela Senak, Catharina de Bakker, Melina Chow, Sonja Iserloh, Alex Irwin

Welcome & Chair Report - Stephanie Wenger

- Stephanie is in her last year as chair. We will be looking for a new chair next year, as well as a new treasurer and vice chair.

School Admin Report - Wade Gregg/Sandra Benson

- Anxious Generation meeting is tomorrow at 6:00-7:30 pm in the Lynx gym. Everyone is welcome. We have childcare available. Matt Henderson and the school trustee will be there.
- Spring performance will be happening in the music program.
- OurSchool Survey has been completed. It is a standard survey about a variety of topics given to grade 4, 5, and 6 students. Wade can share more information about the survey and answer questions we have at the next meeting.
- Registration changes. Current students do not need to register for the 2025-2026 year (this is done through the intention forms). February 10, 2025, is the division wide registration day. WSD has changed the registration process for those out of catchment or out of division. They will need to fill out a Schools of Choice form which will only be accepted beginning Monday March 3, 2025. This must be delivered to WSD (not the intended school).
- Open houses for grade 6 going into grade 7 will be listed in the weekly newsletter reminder.
- The weekly reminder is sent out every Friday and contains important details about what is happening next week and future important dates for families.
- Grade 4's will be going to the Swimming Counts Program. It is a water safety program, not a swimming lessons program.
- Student conferences will be on the evening of March 13 and the daytime of March 14, 2025.

- Required fire drills practices. The school continues to do mandatory safety drills. The school is required to do 10 fire drills, 3 lockdown, and hold and secures. Workplace safety and health meetings for the staff have been happening a few times each school year with staff, teacher, EA, and custodian representatives.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Tierney

- The current balance is \$48,583.66
- Matt Henderson is working to make playgrounds a division expense rather than a parent council expense. It is unclear how often there would be a budget to do upgrades in this model.
- We should think about how we want to spend this money.
 - At our next meeting, we will need to make some decisions about how to use up these funds or commit them to projects, by the end of the year.

Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator Report - Melina Chow

- We are still missing 11 classroom representatives for the following classrooms: 103, 104, 105, 116, 203, 204, 213, 214, 301, 314, 317.
- The holiday fundraiser brought in just over \$4,700. Kaleigh Quinn assisted Melina and will be taking over the holiday fundraiser next year.
- There is no division volunteer coordinator so our new volunteer applications aren't getting approved very quickly. Some parents have been waiting for months for their forms to go through.
 - We should be calling the office of Shelly Warkentin and leaving messages about these delays.

Central District Advisory Committee Member Report- Erin Winter

- They have not met this year. Wade will check what is happening.

French Immersion Advisory Committee Member Report- Sonja Iserloh

- No report

Inclusive Education Advisory Committee Member Report - Sonja Iserloh

- No report

Classroom Representatives

- We are still missing 11 classroom representatives for the following classrooms: 103, 104, 105, 116, 203, 204, 213, 214, 301, 314, 317.
- The idea for these reps is to increase parent involvement in the PAC, share school information with all parents, and provide a way for parents to bring information or

concerns to the PAC from individual classrooms.

- The role is to connect with families in the classrooms. We aren't allowed to email parents directly, but you can send messages and updates to the teacher who can then distribute it to the parents. They are not supposed to solve problems but to share information between the classrooms and the PAC.

Traffic Committee

- Lukas discussed restarting the traffic committee. He would need 4 members of the executive and 4 more parents or caregivers. They will need to meet for 1 hour on 3 different occasions by the first week of Saturday to get the plan together. Please contact Lukas Thiessen if you are interested.

Upcoming Meetings:

PAC General Meeting

Tuesday February 25, 2024 at 6:00pm