

**PAC Meeting
Sept 21, 2015
LME Library**

In attendance: Greg Nelmes, Debbie Winter, Rebecca Legros, Vanessa Sierra, Andrea Bleasdale, Stefanie Pemble, Erin Palesch, Pauline McGreggor, Pam Frame, Leigh Munroe, Lindsey Day, Lori White, Amy Lanteigne, Meghan Perry, Lisa Apps, Karyn McMahan, Gabe D'Archangelo

- 1) Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.
- 2) Motion was made by Rebecca Legros and seconded to accept the minutes from May 2015. Motion carried.
- 3) Introduction of PAC Executive for the 2015/2016 school year.

Rebecca Legros - President
Debbie Winter - Vice President
Andrea Bleasdale - Treasurer
Paula Peterson - Hot Lunch Coordinator
Karyn McMahan - Secretary

4) Principal's Report

- It's been a good start to the year.
- There were some physical changes to the front entrance of the school done in the summer, and there's still more work to be done (planters will be added).
- There are 352 students enrolled in the school this year.
- There is a new bell schedule. Ten minutes for recess - seems short, but some teachers are allowing children to eat early to maximize their break time. The new bell schedule allows for a two week spring break this year.
- School supplies were ordered through Staples. This decision was made so that everyone has the same supplies (consistency makes things easier for teachers). The school did not make money on the supplies.
- Children in grades 4, 5 and 6 are being required to change into P.E. strips this year.
- Upcoming events are posted on LME website on a weekly basis.
- This week is Cancer Awareness Week. Students are asked to bring spare change to school this week and next to help support Cops for Cancer and the Terry Fox Foundation. Cops for Cancer will be coming on Thursday at 12:45pm.
- Terry Fox Run is set for Sept. 30th. Parents can volunteer to help out.
- Sept 28th is a School Pro-D day for LME. (This is not a district wide pro-d day).
- There will be three school wide hikes this year. First one will be held on Oct 5th. K-3 will be going to Rotary Trail, Blue Heron Reserve. Grades 4-6 will be going to Lindeman Lake.
- Parents who want to volunteer at the school need to fill out a criminal record check and attend the LME orientation session. If you have already done this, it is not necessary to do it again
- Turkey Trot - All students will be entered to win a turkey dinner. Six meals with all of the fixings will be given away on Oct 9th.

- School soccer team and cross country is starting this week (for intermediate students).
- Soccer Academy will start the week of Oct 5th. Beginners will play on Tuesday, more advanced players will play on Friday.
- Dance and Karate will also be starting up the beginning of October. Karate will be a 8 or 9 week long class. Dance will hold only 15 or 16 students.
- LME is a nut free school. One student at the school this year is "airborne allergic". Strict measures are in place in the classroom to make sure that it is safe. Parents, please do NOT send anything to school containing nuts. All staff will be trained on how to use an Epi-pen on Sept 28th.
- Red fanny packs will be worn by children on field trips who have medical needs. Parents should be made aware of their needs when accompanying children on field trips.
- PAC will be hosting a turkey dinner for the school on Thursday, Dec 10th from 11-1pm.

5). Vice-Principal's Report

Greg is teaching grade 5/6 this year. On Wednesdays, he will be working with several small groups of primary and intermediate level boys. He will be teaching students about healthy self-esteem, strengths etc. He is excited for this new opportunity.

- School wide run will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (weather permitting).
- At the beginning of the year, PBS (Positive Behavioural Support) is always emphasized in the classroom.
- Boys soccer has started this week. Greg will be teaching this. Brooke Janzen will be coaching the girls team. Other team sports this year will include volleyball, basketball, track and field as well as cross country. The first cross country meet will be taking place next Wednesday (Oct 30th).
- There will be several drills taking place soon, including a school wide fire drill, lock down and earthquake drill (scheduled for Oct. 15th).

6). New Business

- Two different coupon books are currently being sold. (A \$10 book as well as a \$30 book). LME PAC will receive \$4.60 for every \$10 book that is sold.
- PAC's current fundraising goal is to purchase new fine arts equipment. PAC executive met at the end of last year and voted to allocate \$2500 towards the purchase of fine arts equipment. This money was over and above what was used to provide literacy support in classrooms, field trip subsidy and year end take home books.
- Requests for additional seating at the playground have been made. The PAC executive is looking into this, but also wants to pursue replacing a much needed new sound system and possibly some new lighting in the gym (spot lights with stands).
- Hot lunches will be scheduled once a week this year. Little Caesar's will be offered three times a month, and the last week of the month a different option will be provided.

7). Drive a Ford Event - Scheduled on Oct 3rd.

- Parent volunteers needed. Please talk to Rebecca Legros to get involved.
- Encourage as many people as possible to pre-register. A flyer has been sent home with each child.

- Ruth and Naomi's will be serving coffee and collecting donations of socks and underwear.
- Every driver will earn \$20 for the school.
- There is no hidden agenda with selling vehicles etc.

8). Treasurer's Report

- We currently have \$9800 in our account.
- All expenses have been paid from last year.
- \$2500 has been allocated for fine arts equipment (this purchase has not been made yet).
- It will cost approximately \$6000-8000 for a new sound system.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.