

Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting

September 27th, 2022 – 7:00 pm – PEXSISEN Multipurpose Room

In Attendance

Lindsay Case – President
Sandra Arnold – Vice President
OPEN – Secretary
Pam Miller – Treasurer
Tom Davis – Member at Large

Marie Ikonen – Member at Large
Leanne Renfrew – Member at Large
Darren Russell – Principal
Glenn Bedard – Vice Principal

Regrets: Lovely Sidhu, Leigh Hoban

Families in Attendance: Pam Rosales, Tawnya Hughes, Heather Stallybrass, Catherine and Derrick Alexander, and Heather Power.

1. Welcome and call to order

Welcome from Darren Russell - introduction of Karen DeCicco - a special thank you from Darren, on behalf of the PAC, for being so welcoming of our grade 7 students.

Territorial Acknowledgement - We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation and Songhees Nation on which the school is built; and the nations SD62 works with Beecher Bay, Scia'new Nation, T'Sou-ke Nation, and Nuu-chah-nulth Pacheedaht Nation to the west. We recognize the territory and nation. We thank them for sharing this beautiful land.

Hych'ka – Coast Salish Kleco Kleco – Nuu-chah-nulth

Meeting called to order by Lindsay Case at 7:04 p.m.

2. Principal's Report

- Best way to communicate with Darren is by email - drussell@sd62.bc.ca. It usually takes about a day for him to get back to you. If you need a quicker response, call Darren in the office. Darren's tel #250-478-5531, ext. 3925
- Darren is positioned at PEXSISEN due to proximity to CML. Glenn is at Dunsmuir and Pam is at Spencer full time. CML kids are helped by Darren, Glenn and Pam.
- Move-in day will be November 9 and 10. First day will be November 14. There are no changes to this date at this time. January opening dates are rumours - no

one from the District has indicated that a November date isn't possible. There is currently plywood where windows need to be on the south side - still on revised track, still on budget.

- Our students and staff are making do in their temporary spaces. Playground is just going in at PEXSISEN - playground will be available to grade 7 students in a couple weeks. Any questions about move in? Please let Darren know.
- Mascot update from Glenn. Mascot design is in final stages - he has been working with artists and graphic designers - we are going with bears. Main colour is maroon, secondary colours are black and white, with subtle shades of grey and green.
- October 7 there will be a presentation at Dunsmuir for a review committee of parents, grade 6, 7 and 8 students and staff who will view the progress and make decisions on the font and mascot - if you would like more information about the presentation, email Glenn directly.

Q: Large group of families coming from Kettle Creek area - many are taking the railroad - is there any way to make the dirt hill a safe route to school? The concern is that kids are going to use this route anyway.

A: We do not have access. Darren is advocating for this because kids will go up there. It is not School Board property. Darren is having conversations with the City of Langford as it would be safer to have a proper path. This is City of Langford property. Parents are encouraged to contact the City, trustees, and school board. There is a walkway around the turf with a pathway that ends. There might be access in future on the far side of the turf field. Can we involve Arrive Safe? Email sent from PAC might help.

Discussion re Crosswalk - concerns about double round-a-bout - visibility is a concern. Speed is a concern in the area.

3. President's Report

- Minutes for previous meetings

Motion to approve minutes from May 16, 2022, meeting - made by Sandra, seconded by Tom, no objection. Correction to minutes - correct spelling of Chief Russell Chipps and PEXSISEN - no objection -motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from June 16, 2022, meeting - made by Pam M., seconded by Leanne - no objection -motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from August 18, 2022, meeting - made by Pam R., seconded by Pam M. - no objection -motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from September 1, 2022, special meeting - made Tom, seconded by Tawnya - no objection -motion passed.

Discussion regarding availability of minutes and timeline for sending to families - suggestion to make an open google drive for families where minutes will be put.

- Constitution and Bylaws

Overview of draft constitution and bylaws.

Motion to approve Constitution and Bylaws as presented - made by Marie, seconded by Catherine - no objection -motion passed.

- Open Secretary Position

Position is currently vacant - call for volunteers

Heather Power self nominated. No other nominations. **Heather Power is the Centre Mountain Lellum PAC secretary, by acclamation.**

Tawnya Hughes and Pam Rosales self nominated for a Member at Large position. **Tawnya Hughes and Pam Rosales are new Centre Mountain Lellum PAC Members at Large, by acclamation.**

- Fundraising

Discussion re forming a small committee of 2-4 parents to spearhead fundraising efforts this year. Marie I. volunteered to help on the committee and get some initial fundraising efforts set up but is not able to lead the committee.

Q. What does fundraising look like for a middle school?

We had a bottle drive, we have a CO-OP number. It could be popcorn days, it could be Purdy's orders, spirit wear, etc. Hot lunch is a possibility but will require coordination with admin and volunteers. Some schools have done walk-a-thons that are really successful.

Darren confirmed that there is no canteen, store or cafeteria at the new school. The school will likely do Pizza Fridays which will be a school initiative. Some classrooms will do their own fundraisers.

Anyone interested in joining a fundraising committee, email Lindsay at centremountainlellumpac@gmail.com

4. Treasurer's Report

- Bank account was opened at Coast Capital - monthly statements
- \$2,111.76 raised at bottle drive is the only thing that has gone through our general account

- General account balance as at September 28, 2022 - \$2,111.76
- Gaming account balance as at September 28, 2022 - \$0.00

We have 515 students at Centre Mountain Lellum. 21 Divisions.

Review budget proposal for 2022/2023

Pam discussed proposed budget lines:

- If we get gaming funds, we can transfer some expenses from general to gaming account as allowed by BC gaming guidelines.
- BCCPAC annual membership dues are \$75.00 - fees are due in December. Discussion re value of membership this year given our small bank account
- Bursary - tabled
- Cheque order - Pam tried her hardest to get free cheques. A cheque order from Cheques Plus - 100 cheques for our General Account - \$84.00, 100 cheques for gaming account - \$39.00. Total including \$147.81 with taxes and shipping. We need a physical cheque to open an account with BC Gaming.
- Classroom funds - we don't have any money to share with.
- Grade 6 immunizations are coming up. PAC usually provides juice for the day. 252 grade 6 students - \$150.00.
- Grade 8 graduation celebration - no funds yet - hopefully that will change
- Leadership program - 42 grade 8 students are already involved. They have started to organize a Terry Fox Run. A group wants to do a grade 8 leaving fund. Another group wants to do a ADST day, ie. Science World, Ski Day.
- Sports Fees - about \$2500.00 for the year's fees - we only have to pay \$100 up front, they have to pay the remainder in June.
- Operating Expenses - \$150.00. Includes a cash tin (\$50.00) for PAC floats.
- Peninsula Co-op Gas Membership - \$27.00. Tom paid this so we want to reimburse him.
- SPEAC has agreed to waive membership fees for the year.
- Student assistance - typically we give this money to the office to help with food, supplies, etc. Darren - normally catered lunches would come from Truffles - parents would fill out a form - we will not have that at CML - we will have more of a need asking for assistance. Parents go directly to

Darren. Requests for support can be made confidentially to Darren. Darren thinks it can be used in a better place. *Tabled*

- BBQ/Year-end event - blank for now.

Current proposed budget is \$577.00

Available funds remaining with budget passed - \$1,534.76

Motion to approve budget as presented - made by Tawnya, seconded by Marie I. - no objection -motion passed.

A series of staff funding requests have been received, as follows:

	Requestor	Request for	Amount	Purpose
1.	Kelly Dvorak	Classroom	\$100.00	neighbourhood breakfast
2.	Kelly Dvorak	Classroom	\$250.00	for bus to Port Renfrew Elem. year end trip
3.	Kelly Dvorak	Classroom Student Support	\$100.00	to cover a selection of snack time items
4.	Kelly Dvorak	Club	\$500.00	to support the Robotics team for training tools
5.	Kelly Dvorak	Club	\$250.00	robotics team trip to provincials (typically in Abbotsford)
6.	Counselling Department	Whole School	\$500.00	for sensory support items
7.	Grade 7 team	Grade 7s	\$1,200.00	a large canvas to make a mosaic thank you gift to PEXSISEN
8.	Heidi Nielson	Classroom	\$200.00	purchase novels written by and featuring stories of Indigenous and people of colour authors + STEM resources
9.	Sonja Efford	Chess Club	\$658.95 plus s&h (around \$50.00)	Chess Club supplies
10.	Sheri Gurney	Grade 6s	\$800.00	bussing back from JDF after school teambuilding fieldtrip OR fieldtrip to movie theatre

11.	Sheri Gurney	Grade 6s	\$1,500.00	Grade 6 Year end trip (place TBD)
12.	Pedra Stephen	Classroom	\$150.00	Classroom games and novels
13.	Pedra Stephen	Classroom	\$350.00	Art supplies for classroom
14.	Jesse Metro	Classroom	\$225.00	Classroom library
15.	Pedra Stephen	Classroom	\$56.00	clipboards
16.	Pedra Stephen	Classroom	\$100.00	storage containers for new shelving
17.	Sue Kilpatrick	Grade 7s	\$570.92	Books for literature circles
18.	Paul Burchard	Classroom	\$150.00	Books from Diverse authors, Indigenous authors
19.	Paul Burchard	Classroom	\$150.00	supplies for making an electromagnet
20.	Sue Kilpatrick	Grade 7s	\$529.80	art supplies
21.	Christine DoSouto	Whole School/ Library	\$5,200.00	books for library (50% of what they make goes back to the library)
22.	Darren Russell	Grade 8s	\$1,500.00	Grade 8 leaving celebration
23.	Darren Russell	Whole School	\$1,000.00	Outdoor lunch time activities
24.	Glenn Bedard	Whole School	\$2,000.00	Announcements Broadcast System
25.	Darren Russell	Student Support	\$500.00	extra food in the office
26.	Darren Russell	All grades	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00 per grade for end of year field trips
27.	Darren Russell	Student Support	\$1,000.00	funds for families who cannot pay for fees, food, field trips, etc...

28.	Glenn Bedard	Leadership Group	\$400.00	purchase and design leadership t-shirts
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All requests are tabled until the PAC has funds and can revise the budget. District does provide some funding to the counselling department and will be in a position to support some of these requests. Darren has been told by Healthy Schools that our school is not eligible for a lunch program.

5. SPEAC Rep Report

- SPEAC has been working with PEXSISEN and Centre Mountain Lellum PACs re transportation concerns and safe routes to school. Update from Ravi indicating that the City of Langford has ordered signs and further updates can be expected.
- SPEAC is hosting forums next week for School Board Trustee Candidates and gathering questions for candidates.

October 5 - Milnes Landing Zone - <https://fb.me/e/3viA000yg>

October 6 - Belmont Zone - <https://fb.me/e/1Ui27fRCP>

Let SPEAC know what questions you want asked:

<https://forms.gle/Kt4xpJMBHt7gkzfJ6>

- The District has reached out to SPEAC to get suggestions for use of the one time "Student and Family Affordability Fund" provided to the District. The District is looking for feedback on how best to use the \$1.24 million in our District. Emphasis will be on food security and support for students whose families face financial barriers to access school events, sports, etc.

To provide feedback/suggestions, reach out to SPEAC at speac@sd62.bc.ca or Harold Cull hcull@sd62.bc.ca. Decisions will be made soon.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 25th, 7:00pm at PEXSISEN library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm