

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

February 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Teams Meeting

In Attendance - delete those not in attendance

Lindsay Case – President
Sandra Arnold – Vice President
Heather Power – Secretary
Pam Miller – Treasurer

Tom Davis – Member at Large
Leigh Hoban – Member at Large
Darren Russel – Principal

1. Welcome and call to order

Meeting called to order by Lindsay Case at 7:00 p.m.

2. VP/Teacher Report – delete if not needed

School planning day Update, PowerPoint on what we have done and the feeling of feeling like we have finally settled into the school. 25-minute presentation and I would like to share a few things from the presentation with the PAC.

- **Shared a video of Chief Chipps** talking about the name of the school. Approached to name the school. Center Mountain is a place where Beecher Bay, Metchosin and Langford had to come together as communities and look at each other as equals, making a stand for tolerance and that good things can get done in communication. A safe place for students, communities, and learning. Lellum = a place of learning. So, as you come into the school, I want Center Mountain you to be aware that you have friends, partners and family, we got your back. Prosper, grow, and become our next leaders. (This Video has been shown to our staff and students)
- **Using the full Center Mountain Lellum Name instead of CML** - We talked to staff and students about the name. At a meeting one day with John Lyle (principal of Westshore/Colwood) said you have been gifted the name and that we are shortening it. We have been trying to use the whole school's name as much as we can. We are encouraging others to use the full name.
 - Shared pictures of before and after.
 - First day Elders to drum us in. Was a great moment. We hope to continue this tradition on the first school day of the year.
 - What we have done, what we are doing and what needs to be done.
 - A sea of solar panels on the roof. *I Want to take the Pac up there one day to see.*
- **Creating culture** – Using the Scianew Language to learn our values. We are hoping that every student will be able to explain our values using the Scianew Language.

PAC: Does the logo have the full name represented?

Darren: Not now but the logo will never be used by itself. Center Mountain will always be added to Lellum.

PAC: CML shortened name. We use CML for email addresses. Do those have to change?

Darren: I think we can keep it like that. If we can change it, great, but hot lunch and treasurer and fundraising one can stay the same. More important for when we are talking about it.

Request FAF Update – We have had 3 meetings. We talked to as many people as we could in a committee. We consulted with PAC, Indigenous Education, Inclusive education and came up with how to handle the funds.

- 60 million dollar grant from the province. Center Mountain Lellum got 43,000 for the grant.
- Half to be used for family needs, half to a universal design. Plan had to be submitted to the district. Our plan has been approved.

Breakdown of Family Affordability Funds:

- 4300 GC's 10% could be spent. 43 GC's were bought and handed out before Christmas. We have 14 left (please let us know of anyone you think is in need). The district told us we can spend more on GC's now if we want.
- 10000 Snack bins (one in each classroom) Used to have to come to the office but now there are 23 bins, one in every classroom. Healthy food. No drinks, as water is right there. Snack foods. Bin comes back to the office to stock up.
- 1000 hot lunch
- 4000 field trips
- 1200 athletic clubs
- 1500 breakfast club
- 5000 clothing
- 11000 hoodies - One for each student
- Leaves 5000 left over. We heard that it may be carried over but don't know yet.

We have also been helping with Hot lunch, waiving fees for field trips, supplementing the breakfast club, needs for shoes/boots, etc.

PAC: Meetings of the FAF committee - we didn't realize that consultation stopped there. We thought that no decision would be made until they met again and then we didn't hear anything. So, we were surprised to hear the hoodies were happening. 11K is a lot of money. I have a child that won't wear one so it is wasted money. Is there an opportunity to opt out?

Darren: I guess you could? I would be surprised that people would want to opt out.

PAC: I would prefer to be able to opt out and have that money go towards families that need it.

Darren: If they know they aren't going to wear it, then we could keep them for future use.

PAC: Do we have an opportunity to stock up on non-perishables to be able to offer through next year with the FAF?

Darren: I think that we could do that. We will stockpile as much as we can. We are waiting to hear if the money can be rolled over. We have 5k left over as the hoodies came in lower than we thought.

PAC: Do you have the notes and suggestions that were given from the PAC about the FAF money?

Darren: Yes, there were a ton of suggestions. I know the PAC was invited. The 3rd meeting happened a week or two ago.

PAC: My kids don't know anything about the food bins. Where are they?

Darren: There is but the teachers just picked it up yesterday. This is brand new. Students used to come to the office. Some students may not have noticed it yet.

PAC: Are there rules in the classroom about the snack bin?

Darren: We are trying to take away the stigma, it isn't there to replace lunch, it is snacks. If teachers find there is a certain group that is using the bin it could be an opportunity to contact the parents and talk about how we can support them.

PAC: Have we done any hampers for families – maybe around spring break?

Darren: We did a food drive, but no, we haven't talked about doing that for specific families. It is hard to know who needs it. If the PAC knows of anyone, please let us know.

PAC: Perhaps we could reach out to families that requested the GCs prior to Christmas.

Darren: Yes, we could think about doing something like that.

PAC: Maybe set up a store in the library and people come shop for themselves in the evening?

Darren: Superstore GC's seem to be working as families can purchase what they need.

PAC: Our understanding was that the hoodies were not in touch with what the families needed. We thought there would be another discussion. Were we not invited because we disagreed?

Darren: I was told that the PAC didn't attend. I assumed you were invited.

PAC: Jan 5th was the one we attended. But we were not invited after that. Pam G. was excited for some of our ideas. We thought there was a dialogue.

Darren: Was it only the item of the hoodie that you disliked? Did any of your ideas get used?

PAC: We had a lot of ideas, whole school BBQ, clothing closet, access to hygiene products, a full school meal (PAC supported) appliance (help with food security) There were lots of ideas.

Darren: We now have a small fridge for breakfast club (yogurt, juice, fruit) but we certainly could purchase a larger fridge if it was something the PAC wants to use.

PAC: Are there any year end field trips for the grade 8's and other grades?

Darren: Yes, this is something we are doing for every grade. The grade 8's will be a leaving ceremony. That was a question I wanted to bring back to the PAC about allocating gaming funds.

PAC: If the grade 8's are going on a trip, is that something that the FAF could support. Maybe no hoodies for the grade 8's as they move to high school next year and that

money go to fund the field trip instead? Some of our suggestions for the FAF was to use the money for the bigger ticket items.

Darren: We were paying for families on a need basis. The question came about the ski trip. How many could we help? We will always cover the costs for families that can't afford it.

PAC: Can the field trips be funded by the FAF?

Darren: Yes, with the left-over funds we could use \$1500 per grade.

PAC: We have 6600 in the gaming fund, and we have 3 years to spend it. The FAF needs to be spent this year. So, we thought if the FAF could go towards things like Field Trips then the PAC would be in a great position next year to start equally funding the classrooms.

Darren: Yes this is something the school could do.

PAC: The FAF meetings. Confusion came at the last meeting when the PAC was told that there would be another opportunity which got captured in the Minutes. Looking at Agendas and Minutes moving forward the Pac would like to send out the agenda a week prior for review. Then send the Minutes within a week of meeting to the school to review before sharing with the community prior to being adopted at the next meeting. Will this work?

Darren: Yes, we could send it to Donna, and she could share it out.

3. President's Report

Adoption of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the PAC adopt the Minutes from Jan Minutes, 2023 -

CARRIED

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer shared their screen (see attachment)

5. SPEAC Rep Report

Need to put the word out that we are looking for a new SPEAC rep. President to put the word out this month.

- Rendering of the new south Langford school presentation
- 219 staff since hired at the district since last august (112 teachers)
- Dogs, pick up after them on the weekends/after hours
- Tonight, there is a presentation on K-12 career education.

5. Fundraising

- 50/50 coming up on March 11 at the craft fair
- Purdy's fundraiser has 3 weeks left and has hit \$1,000 sold so far. All chocolate will come to my house and will be dropped off at the school.

- **Spirit Wear** – Still working with a company. Must have the full name represented so cost is higher than first thought.
- **Bottle Drive** – Need to pick a date after Spring Break April 15 or May 27

5. New Business

Speed calming requests - Identify locations that are a safety risk to children on their walk to school. 2:40 – 3:15 Control of the kids crossing would be a huge benefit. Crossing across the driveway coming out of the parent loop. PEX Staff are there but not enough. It is busy for about 15 minutes (2:40 – 2:55). Maybe we need a 3rd crossing guard.

Update on Book Contest – Donations from local bookstores to be used to create an opportunity to look at inclusion in the classroom/School. PAC working on rolling out to classrooms after spring break. Final product to possibly go up in the Multipurpose room.

PAC: Is the Learning commons open now and is it fully staffed?

Darren: Yes, and fully staffed

PAC: Pick up drop offs Sidewalk being blocked by landscaping vehicles, lower drop off forcing kids out into the roadway.

Darren: Sidewalk just completed last week so this shouldn't be an issue and I will speak to the contractor to make sure the sidewalk is blocked.

PAC: Watching Langford Council meeting and heard that our field is owned by the City of Langford. How does that work?

Darren: The turf was paid for by the city and is booked through a permit process. Nothing to do with the school. They go through Westhills anytime they want to use the Turf. The school has full access Monday – Friday till 6pm. This is how they are getting their money back.

PAC: If we wanted to use the field after hours what does that look like?

Darren: We need to give a 45-day notice and apply for a permit.

Total of 59 students showed up for school today due to the weather.

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00pm at Center Mountain Lellum library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm