

Parents' Association Larson School

1 June 2017 7:10 P.M.

Annual General Meeting

Chair: Tammy Pollock

Vice-Chair: Deb Dagenais

Secretary: Sam Moller

Treasurer: Mark Newman

Previous Chair: Kevin Barefoot

DPAC: Tina Moncado (regrets)

REGRETS Members at Large: Daniela Dornicak, Maria King, Julie Mah, Rhea Rosario, Jill Soles, Michelle Torrance, Ashley Chapman, Laura Weatherly

GENERAL ATTENDANCE:

BAREFOOT, Kevin

BRUN, Karyn

CAPITANIO, Lisa

HABIB, Aadeeb

DAGENAIS, Deb

DALTON, Chris

FIRENZE, T.J.

LIBERTY, Tracy

MACMILLAN, Kimberly

MARSHALL, Karen

MIROSHENKSKY, Naldy

MOLLER, Sam

MOSSOP, Brent

NEWMAN, Mark

NG, Jennifer

PARSONS, Angela

PITEUX, Cathy

SABET, Trina

SCOBBIIE, Kara

POLLOCK, Tammy

WATT, Mischa

AGENDA

1. Adopt Minutes of previous AGM – passed

2. Principal's Report – Cathy Piteux provided an overview of the new curriculum and how it impacts Larson School. She spoke to parents about the impact of the recent Supreme Court decision that has restored contract language from 2002. Parents who attended the meeting also learned about some changes to reporting for 2017-2018. In the Carson FOS for 2017/2018 there will be (1) November Student-Teacher-Family Conference, (2) March Report Card & Conference, and (3) June Final Report Card). There was a discussion about the BC student grant; the entire amount will be put towards the purchase of a laptop cart. The Larson School Plan will focus on inclusion, early literacy, student

engagement through self- regulation. Additional work is needed in the area of integrating First Peoples perspectives and principles of learning.

3. Treasurer's Report – PALS has spent more this year for expanded programs, but they fundraised more and so have significant savings. A proposal is being crafted for purchasing and changing outdoor equipment and the surplus will be spent on that in the coming years.

4. Chair update – a complete breakdown of PALS-funded activities from the past year. A very long list! This will be emailed to parents this week.

5. Grade 7 Committee update – incomplete information, need more from Grade 7 Committee.

6. New Business – Nominations for next year

Chair – Tammy Sengotta is stepping down, Trina Sabet taking on the role.

Some previous volunteer parents are retaining their current roles in the PALS Executive. No new Members-at-Large stepped up but new parents are automatically members of PALS and are encouraged to participate in meetings and volunteer events.

Some events in 2016/2017 were cancelled due to lack of parent volunteers, such as traffic safety officers during the school drop for certain days of the week. We need you!

District PAC Representative – this role needs to be filled, a monthly meeting and email communication back to PALS.

Canadian Parents for French Representative – this role needs to be filled, a monthly meeting and email communication back to PALS.

6. Vote on Mindful Kids to pass \$7,000 budget item to pay for schoolwide self-regulation training. This provides four 45-minute presentations for the entire school and a night for the parents along with support materials. Self-care, safety, personal boundaries. Teaching growth mindset. PASSED This is great news as Larson students will be losing 1 day a week of counselling services under the reinstated contract. The school counsellor is integral in providing assistance to those students identified as struggling with anxiety, social interactions and self-care. This program will provide support for all Larson students beginning in the new school year.

Adjourned at 9 P.M.

Additional information that may be of interest for Larson parents:

1. **WHAT THE RESTORED CONTRACT MEANS FOR NVSD**
<http://www.sd44.ca/Board/Meetings/Documents/Restoration%20101%20FINAL%201704251%20updated%20for%20web.pdf>