

PAC AGENDA

Laidlaw School

December 13th at 7:00pm

Current Members

Chair – Ruth Abreu

Co/ Chair – Jill Cesario

Treasurer – Tracy Enns

Secretary – Janelle Penner

Social Media – Lacey Terwin

Fundraising Coordinator – Laura Speziali

Fun Lunch Coordinator – Katie Denis/Ashley Abbott

Volunteer Coordinator – Karley David

Available Positions

Treasurer

Fundraising coordinator

Fun Lunch coordinator

Reports

Principal's Report – Heather Eby

Treasurer's Report- Tracy Enns

Fun Lunch Report – Katie Denis/Ashley Abbott

Fundraising – Laura Speziali

Agenda

1. Laidlaw Clothing:

- Clothing was delivered and distributed to students.

2. PAC members:

- PAC still have available positions. We are specially looking for another treasurer to help Tracy.
- Want to join PAC? Get in touch with Ruth or Jill.

3. Lunch Program:

- Flannery, our lunch coordinator, reported that lunch program is running smoothly.

- Finally, there are enough supervisors, and we don't need to worry about that for now.
- She sent out an email to remind families of lunch supervision payment and that seemed to help, but still many to collect. Its way better than it was, though.

4. School improvements/initiatives:

- Ziplines need some maintenance. One of the lines is peeling the cover from the chains and the ground needs (desperately) some wood chips filling as the underlayer (a net or something like that) is already showing.
- On May we talked about the need to replace the sails post and do the wood chips.
- We need to get informed if wood chips are responsibility of Pembina Trails, thought. Maybe Mrs. Eby can get in touch with them and let us know about that.
- Laidlaw was on the list to get beehives as part of the Bee Project Apiaries, but they didn't have enough hives this year, so we're in the waitlist for May 2023. For this project happens we need to have money saved or when the time comes there will be no funds available. Are we still interested in do this project?
- We let Mrs. Eby known that her and the teachers are welcomed to present ideas to use the money PAC have available.

5. BBQ

- Last year we talked about make the BBQ more inclusive. Some questioned that the prices were too high and if there was a way to make it cheaper or even free.
- PAC usually loses money during the BBQ. Last year we actually didn't. Tracy can fill us out with the amount earned.
- Let's keep in mind that if we do this a free event, where you only pay for the food you'll consume, we need to raise this money during the year with fundraisings and it's something that we will have to do every year. We can hardly start to ask families to pay after everyone had it for free.
- Other options are welcomed, but whatever decision we make from this we need to start thinking about now, especially if we make it free.

6. Teachers Appreciation Week

- This happens in February and PAC always plan something fun and thoughtful to show our gratitude for the amazing Laidlaw teachers that we're so lucky to have.
- A committee will start to work in this, and everyone is welcomed to join. If you're interested, please send an email to Ruth or Jill.

7. PAC Account and Finances:

- PAC has 3 accounts: 2 PTESF (accounts with Pembina Trails) and another one where the "everyday" money circulates and is kept.
- The "everyday" account is the one used for cover costs, like BBQ, Teachers Appreciation week, Grade 8 graduation, etc.

- Both PTESF accounts are used to the PEG project and maintenance of the playground. It was the Division recommendation that some money should be saved for that purpose.
- Last year we talked about open a savings account and keep some money there to be used when needed.
- Usually, PAC give some money to school in the beginning of each year. The amount depends on what the schools is in need.
- The Division is questioning why we have so much money in the PTESF accounts as they don't know our plans and it seems only reasonable that they want us to use that money. However, with the pandemic years everything was on hold and that is something they're not taking in consideration.
- Here the fundraisings, finances and school improvements come together. We need to move forward and start working in a plan to use the money, as we can all agree, that is there for this purpose.

8. Next meeting (s):

- Next meeting is schedule for January 30th. I won't be available that day and all February as I will be away. Could the meeting be rescheduled for one week earlier, January 23rd?
- There is no meeting scheduled for February, only March 13th.
- Possibility to have the meetings earlier on evening, around 5 or 6pm.

Fundraising

1. Pembina Trails Division and PAC fundraisings:

- As per Pembina Trails Division recommendation, we should stop raising funds until we figure it out how to use the money available in PAC accounts (PTESF).
- They believe we have too much money not been used and no need to get more if there is no project that justifies this.
- With the pandemic, many projects were left aside. For example, the Phase 3 of PEG project (baseball diamond) and the Beehives project. In that way, monies raised from Grooveathon and other fundraisings in the last couple of years are accumulating in those accounts.
- We are not forbidden of do fundraisings, it's a recommendation.

Next PAC Meeting

Our next PAC meeting is on January 30th at 7:00pm.