# David Livingstone Elementary School PAC Minutes

October 15, 2015

Started with an interactive activity where we wrote down the following questions on sticky notes:

1) What are the 3-5 main areas you would like to see your PAC focus on?

- Library, Advocacy, Parent fun, parent ed., filling in the resources/gaps

2) What are the top 3-5 areas you would like fundraising dollars spent on?

- Similar things mentioned in the past, talk more specifics moving forward

The meeting was called to order by Andrew and Cara at approximately 7:20pm

## In attendance

Andrew Nolan and Cara Laudon – Co-Chairs, Makeesha Fisher – Communications, Helena Tse – Treasurer, Juliet Brown – Co-Secretary, Jodi Adrian – Co-Secretary, Darren Mitzel – Principal as well as approximately 12 other parents/guardians.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 15, 2015, were approved.

Motion to approve by Juliet. Seconded by Vanessa. Motion approved.

## Co-chars Report – Andrew Nolan and Cara Laudon

* Back to School Bingo BBQ- great turnout, huge success, thank-you to Darren for organizing, Joanne and Karen as well. This spirit, community driven events what we are looking toward
* Exec. Approved $100 donation to Melissa Filiatrault off on disability. Heather and Jasmine organizing
* Question? Can we let the greater community aware of this?
  + Yes, Will find a way to spread the word.
* Class Reps – info sharing from classroom, to PAC info, to social, getting underway.
* Hot Dog Day – Friday Oct 30. Same day as the Halloween Dance. Lunch time, giving out free hot dogs, and juice box. Need volunteers at 11:00 (10).
* Popcorn Day Tomorrow – 204 bags sold.
* Gift Cards – order forms will go home Nov.6, get orders in for the 16th .
* Babysitting course on Pro D. Day in November. Nov 27th.
* Changes going on – Feedback?
* Losing a lunch program, not being able to walk through library etc., Cara suggesting we have a thankful perspective for the work and things being done.
* Library is open in the day and accessible for the children, be examples as parents of how to appropriately handle change.
* What is the deal with the library? Previous librarian very very generous with her time, anything after 3 is volunteer time. Teachers are volunteering their time, awesome things are being done, access might look different to parents.
* It’s Ms. Gerry’s classroom, need to respect that, and need to respect the work she is doing; her position is needed and she is a teacher-librarian, used for resource and collaborative work with the teachers.
* We have approached the idea of parents helping after school, the answer is no for now.
* Need to remember it is not a public library.
* Suggested library a really good space to have school community hang out, by parents, any chance of the current situation changing?
* Its browsing and borrowing time, not hang out time anymore.
* idea raised, parents coming together to work with the school to create a different space for after school.
* Why door closed? Its used as a classroom, cutting down through traffic, and after school programs pay for the space but were not getting full access to the space till 3:30, security issues as well.

## Treasurer’s Report – Helena Tse

See Treasurer’s Report October 2015

Motion to accept report, Carolyn, Second Maggie. Motion passed.

Motion to approve expenses:

-Back to School BBQ additional expenses $659.89

-Popcorn up to $1000

-Free hotdog lunch up to $300

Judy motion, Jodi second Motion passed

Gaming Account expenses:

-Child care PAC meetings $300

-Teachers lunch Dec. $200

-Teachers lunch June $200

-Tupper scholarship $500

-Grade 7 grad $300

-Garden Supplies $500

-Gift fun $200

Maggie motion, Vanessa second. Motion passed.

-Earth Bites – Judy suggested to look into bringing her in, pass on to Leah (garden co-ordinator).

## Principal’s Report – Darren Mitzel

* Elementary School Mobile Teaching Cart, coming for Ms. Lee’s class and another one for library; moveable teaching device includes ipad, Apple TV, LCD projector.
* ipad minis are in.
* lock and charge carrier 30 cart ordered.
* Pumpkin Patch – 216 pumpkins coming Monday Oct. 26th. Most classes participating. Was up to individual teachers. Classrooms will go out and each kid can pick a pumpkin. There will be a small cost (probably $2) but far cheaper and accesible than a trip to pumpkin patch.
* School Photos – Various companies have approached the school and PAC to sell their services. Concensus at meeting was to stay with Lifetouch for now. Only one year since a review by PAC took place.
* Online conferences scheduling has been well received. Looking to increase way for online sign up.
* Interested in having a school app? Darren presented a visual of it, info from school on an app, about $800 a year non-branded, $3500 for branded.

## Committee Reports

Recycling

* Recycling Drive Saturday Oct. 17 and Nov. 7 10am – noon.

Fundraising

* Cara spoke briefly for fundraising committee as Jo Anne not present. Goal to raise $30,000 - $40,000 this year. Fun Lunch on track to bring in $10,000 - $15,000.
* Also looking at making direct drive an option as well as doing a walk-a-thon in the spring.
* Will also continue with re-vamped holiday basket raffle.

## Next Meeting

November 19, 2015. Staff room. Child minding is provided.

Motion to adjourn was made at approximately 835pm and was passed unanimously.