

Mintues of a Meeting of the Lac du Bonnet Senior School
Parent Advisory Council
Held April 22, 2009

PRESENT: Darlene Augustine, Community Rep (V/Chairperson); Ron Sugden, Principal; Parents; Bill Zurba, Lyle Beuckx, Geraldine Beuckx, Karen Nilsson (Treasurer)

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35 p.m. by D. Augustine, V/Chairperson.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by D. Augustine, 2nd by G. Beuckx that the minutes of Feb. 25/09 be adopted as circulated. Carried. (Note: March meeting was cancelled due to spring flood conditions and spring break.)
3. **Correspondence:** (None) C. Kellendonk not in attendance; mailbox in office wasn't checked.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jan-March account interest totaled \$.69; No expenditures or deposits (Sunrise funding not rec'd. yet); PAC operating fund balance as at Apr 22/09: \$146.34.
5. **Principal's Report:**
 - Cabot grant application completed & passed on to Cindy & Heather for submission; Ron spoke to H. Landry (Tanco) -chances are fairly good, as no other applications are currently on the table.
 - Staffing for 09/10 mainly unchanged;.25 extra for Special Needs.
 - Grooming Room request submitted to Prov. Government.
 - Ron attended the vocational school meeting on Apr 21st -He is still working on plans to modify LDBSS and secure various partnerships with businesses and other educational institutions in order to run some programs (ie: carpentry, small engines, plumbing, electrical).
 - Middle Years Portfolio Day: Apr 23.
 - New bleachers have been approved and will be ordered soon.
 - Next LDBSS newsletter: May 8th. E-mail any submissions to Ron.
 - 20 teams will participate in the AA volleyball Provincials here in the fall.
 - Canoe Trip (May 29-31/09) open to grade 9-12's;cost \$175.00, all inclusive; need 25 students
 - Attendance scanner received; working on software problems.
 - No info on grants list from Sunrise.
 - Students cleaned up around town for Earth Day.
 - LDSCC will implement Smooth Start for Gr. 7 & 8 this Sept. (Similar to Centennial School, where parents come in, meet teachers, etc.)
 - \$500 rec'd. from last year's fishing derby-will be used to purchase an outside bench.
 - Dates to remember list for Apr 27-end of June provided.
6. **Student Parliament Report:** Nil- (Did Cindy Contact the P.M.?)
7. **Old Business:**
 - Grad planning progressing; K. Nilsson provided Ron with a revised draft LDBSS grad handbook for review and any changes. (Samples of forms, rules & regs to also be included.)
 - Ron to look into criteria for Shell Oil Grant.
 - Ski trip was successful; were a couple of injuries; another trip already booked for next year.
 - Not likely that anything could be done to access the \$250,000 Wpg. River community Futures funding for the Tech Voc project.
 - Several items listed on agenda were discussed under Principal's Report.
8. **New Business:**
 - Ron was not award of any LDBSS teachers being nominated for the Minister's Award.
 - All agreed that our PAC minutes should be forwarded to the Sunrise Board members and Trustees. Geraldine to contact Carol Lackman, and action this.
 - School Initiated Courses (SIC's) have been cancelled by the Province, however, in most cases, there are equivalent or similar Provincially approved courses to replace them.
 - There was an accident on the street in front of LDBSS involving a youth on a bike and a passing vehicle. No serious injuries.
 - New bleachers approved.
 - LDBSS has a new web page (Twitter?) that allows for public interaction. Check it out!
9. **Open Discussion:**
 - Yearbook: has been worked on by the Print Communications class; cost approx. \$30; will be on sale soon, and distributed in the fall.
 - Fire department Presentation: Lyle Beuckx would be interested in doing it again, however, the school has to request it.
 - Drug Dog demonstration-Discussion on benefits of at least having them to demonstrate.

-Tutoring Methods vs. Teacher Methods: Discussion of marking of methods when the answer arrived at is correct. Ron stated that methods are sometimes marked, if it is part of the curriculum, which must be followed. Ron has a list of suggested tutors.

-Special Needs Students & EA's: Discussion on whether an EA comes over from Centennial School, following the student, etc.

-Mrs. Lucci's Program: Discussion on what type of diploma Lucci's students receive. (Same as regular Grade 12 students-not shown as modified program.) Question of the fairness of this to LDBSS grads who have regularly attended classes, followed the rules, and don't get one-on-one-help.

-Discussion on Apprenticeship Option Credits: Available to Gr. 9-12 students;(must work for an employer who agrees to take on the student). One high school credit for every 110 hrs worked. Completion of 8 credits equals a Level 1 apprentice. Must still complete regular core high school subjects as well.

10. **Adjournment:** 8:00 p.m. by D. Augustine,V/Chairperson.

11. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m., LDBSS Library

(Minutes recorded by K. Nilsson)

All Parents and Community Members Welcome to Drop In!

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