

MINUTES OF ECOLE DOROTHY LYNAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
HELD February 23, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE:

Arlie Thompson	Kim Grimwood	Chris Graham
Craig McMahon	Lisa Hammermeister	Tamara Johnston
Christie Breakingbury	Catherine Yoell	Paola A___ de Anda
Yani Petrova	Robyn Ward	Veronica Garza
Suzanne Siemens	Warren Campbell	Jane Tom
Crystal Gerling	Emina Dervisevic	Heather Daoust
Stephanie Jones	Lisa Reid	Christine Gillespie
Jorge Carrera		

MEETING

1. Call to Order – 6:30 pm meeting called to order by Craig McMahon
2. Agenda adopted.
3. Approved Minutes from January 20, 2015 GM.
4. Principal's Report – Arlie Thompson. – Update on the school tech plan. There are three steps in the school tech plan:
  - 4.1. IPADs – new IPADs are needed to replace the existing 40 IPADs in the school. The reason for that is Apple no longer supports that edition. IPADs are used in the classrooms to support learning and develop skills.
  - 4.2. Projectors – The school has 17 projectors (include 2 ceiling mounted projectors). Teachers find the existing projectors very unpractical to use (pushing a cart from classroom to classroom trying to keep all equipment intact and not disturbing the already set up configuration seems very hard). One other thing is that there is not enough room in the classroom to keep that kind of equipment. Last but not less important is to keep the classroom environment safe and stretching wires across the classroom doesn't look safe.

The school is looking to replace the existing projectors with Hi def projectors. Ceiling mount projectors would be the best choice so that consultations with the maintenance team will be scheduled.
  - 4.3. Laptops – The strategy plan is replacing 15 laptops each year which is going to take about 3 years. Plan on starting a maintenance plan.

The computer LAB is overbooked and there is not enough resources to satisfy the needs of the school. There are 23 IMACs in the LAB which is not even a full

primary class size. The school district will be asked 15 of the old laptops that will be replaced to be used in the LAB. In consideration is 10 of the old IPADs to be replaced that are not obsolete to stay in the classroom pods.

6. Committee Reports:

**6.3. Seycove auction** (Heather Daoust) – All the dinner tickets have been sold out. A few tickets still available for the party after the dinner. Looking forward for a really good event!

7. Other Business:

7.1. **Warren Campbell** was very kind to come to the meeting and promote the **Fun 5k and Walk for MPS**. The Fun run has been established 5 years ago to raise funds in support of families affected by MPS. It will take place on **Sunday April 26, 2015 at 9:00 am Cates park**. The Fun run is **looking for participants!** They will be prizes, awards, food and fun for everyone! Get involved, keep the tradition!

For more information go to [www.covefunrun.ca](http://www.covefunrun.ca)

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm

**The next PAC Meeting will take place Wednesday, April 22th at 9:00 am  
in the MultiPurpose Room.**