

Linden Meadows Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2025

6:30PM

LM LIBRARY

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| FACILITATOR | Crystal Henderson, Chair |
| TYPE OF MEETING | Parent Council Meeting |
| NOTE TAKER | Angela Kuzminski & Stephanie Krcadinac |
| CALLED TO ORDER | 6:30 PM (by Crystal) |
| ATTENDEES | Tara Liu, Angela Kuzminski, Gillian Romeo, Heather Grower, Jessica Classen, Stephanie Krcadinac, Anna Drewniak, Summer Sun, Marie Fallis, Shauna Fyfe, Lisa, Situ, Nina, David |
| REGRETS | Richard Fyfe, Denise Stephenson, Allison Zegalski, Christin Chiappetta |

MOTIONS FIRST SECOND MOTION PASSED

Motion to accept February 2025 meeting minutes Tara Liu Heather Grower Yes

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - DARREN OUGHTON/MICHELLE BARCLAY

- Enrollment (currently) = 445 students
 - o K 29 (14 & 15)
 - o Grade 1 / 2 85 (4 classrooms with 20-22 kids/class)
 - o Grade 3 / 4 101 (4 classrooms with 23 -25 kids/class)
 - o Grade 5 / 6 118 (5 classrooms with 23-25 kids/class)
 - o Grade 7 / 8 110 (5 classrooms with 22-25 kids/class)
- Facilities Update
 - o Kindergarten room will get new flooring over the summer
 - o The risers will be taken out as there are cords that are currently running through the classroom and it is creating a hazard for students.
 - o Summer watering – Michelle has coordinated with the two daycares to water the plants, trees, and flower beds over the summer on a planned schedule.
- Staffing Update
 - o Staffing levels will remain status quo for next year
 - o We will have 2 kindergarten classes, 4 grade 1 / 2, 4 grade 3 / 4, 5 grade 5 / 6, and 5 grade 7 / 8 classes.
 - o School of choice applications cannot be approved until the end of April at the earliest.
 - o LM postings went up today
 - Ms. Johnson - going down part-time.
 - There are 79 postings in the division, individuals may apply for them. This potentially could create further staffing shifts at LM that are not known of yet.
 - Movement in the division is encouraged, to allow teachers to obtain broader experience.

- Curriculum and Learning
 - Outdoor learning day April 23rd Earth Day.
 - Outdoor learning days will take place every week for May and June starting on May 14th.
 - Classes are creating land acknowledgements as we continue to learn about Treaty Education and the calls to action for reconciliation.
 - Track, Beach Volleyball and Ultimate are underway.
 - Grade 6 Band Festival is on April 22nd.
 - Grade 7 and 8 Moose Jaw Band trip is taking place on May 12 – 14.
- Questions for Admin
 - Question asked about class placements.
 - Darren noted that Class Solver is used to initially balance the classes and then it goes back to the teachers for adjustments. Teachers ensure a good fit friend for each student will be in their class. This is not necessarily their best friend, but a good peer relation that works for a good learning environment.
 - Class Solver considers where students are in learning, where they are as EAL students (1-4), gender, and it creates a class that balances all of these components.
 - Can put up to 5 friend requests in the system and can even say which kids should not be together.
 - The focus is on balancing the class on needs, and adjustments can be made and make sure kids are in the best spot.
 - Question asked about the recent cyber event.
 - Administration has no information.
 - Darren recommended reaching out to the trustees.
 - Information was compromised and nothing new has transpired (info on the dark web).
 - Division has hired a cyber security company to rectify the situation.

CHAIR REPORT – CRYSTAL HENDERSON

Update on Classroom Support System

Donated \$200 per classroom in the school

Kindergarten – Wooden word builder puzzles & Books

Grade ½ - Books, Marble Runs, Math Games, Books, table top toys to start the days (creative stem activity),

Grade ¾ - Books, puzzles, games, lego

Grade 5/6 – Games, math puzzles, dice, books, games, tablets (for translation), maps, doorbell

Grade 7/8 – Tablet, cards, 3d printing ink, math supplies

French Room – wipe off boards, supplies, Tablets for translation

Library – Books

Band room – equipment

Art – Lots of pottery supplies

Foods – Equipment

Teachers were asked to label items indicating they were purchased by PAC.

Possibly an idea to revisit at a later date as an initiative to do yearly as funds are available.

Spring Fling

291 tickets sold so far (approximately 300 available)

Cookie bar

Drinks, Necklaces, wrist bands, Glow wands will be sold as an extra

Square online payment system available

Teacher appreciation lunch

Will be on May 26 with a new team running it this year (Jessica, Gillian, Shauna, Heather)

VICE CHAIR REPORT – TARA LIU

No update

TREASURER REPORT

No update

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – ANGELA KUZMINSKI

No update

FUNDRAISING REPORT (By Crystal Henderson)

Update on Kernels Fundraiser

Sorted in the library, it was a success, went smoothly and quickly

Hot lunch online ordering was used this year to enter the orders

SOCAL REPORT

Carnival Planning – discussion as to online, cash, or both

Payment will be accepted online through the hot lunch system and also classroom teachers will accept payment in the classroom (cash)

Teacher suggestion – have 2 supervisors at each bouncer if possible

All students need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian

After school event

Will be calling for volunteers shortly

Possible opportunity to use Signup genius as volunteer management software

Raffle prize recruitment and sponsorship for carnival

Looking for donations from parents and businesses

Large items or baskets accepted, as well as smaller items that can be combined with other items to make a nice full basket

Handouts have been created for local businesses that have previously donated.

Brief brainstorming session for current or new businesses that may donate

Thank you cards or posters will be printed out and sent out (new initiative this year)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT – GILLIAN ROMEO

Grades ½ will be planting the planters in front of the school, PAC funding \$250.

Grade 1/2 classrooms will water / weed the planters until the end of June

Trees will be watered by nature as they are older

SUPER LUNCH REPORT – JESSICA CLASSEN/HEATHER GROWER

Three dates left for the year
Trying Smoke'n Bobs for the first time in May

NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

No new business.

Next Meeting: May 21st at 6:30 PM LM Library

Adjournment: 7:23pm