

Linden Meadows Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2024 6:30PM

LM LIBRARY

FACILITATOR	Crystal Henderson, Chair		
TYPE OF MEETING	Parent Council Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Laurel Harrison		
CALLED TO ORDER	6:33 PM		
ATTENDEES	Crystal Henderson, Angela Kuzminski, Christin Chiapetta, Laurel Harrison, Richard Fyfe, Allison Zegalski, Denise Stephenson, Tara Liu, Christine Schaffer-Kelly, Michelle Barclay, Jen Franklin, Zoe Zheng, Marie Fallis, Stephanie Kreadinac, Jessica Classen, Davis Wong		
REGRETS	Jaclyn Vande Graaf, Darren Oughton, Heather Grower		
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	MOTION PASSED
Motion to accept November 2023 PAC meeting minutes	Richard F.	Angela K.	Yes

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - DARRIN OUGHTON/MICHELLE BARCLAY

Enrolment (currently) 476 students

- K 32 (16 & 16)
- Gr. 1/2 90 (4 classrooms with 21-23 kids/class)
- Gr. 3/4 104 (4 classrooms with 26 kids/class)
- Gr. 5/6 120 (5 classrooms with 23-25 kids/class)
- Gr. 7/8 130 (5 classrooms with 24-27 kids/class)

Staffing Update

- Cheryl Kenyon returned after winter break.

Facilities/Equipment Update

- Stop, Drop, Go Signs coming soon, the bus loop will be closed from 8:00 to 8:15 am.
- Bus loop will open after the school buses depart
- Parents will use Stop, Drop and Go lanes to drop off students
- There will be additional communications for parents

Curriculum and Learning

- Classroom Composters – Using the STEM grant, each class now has a composter to help minimize waste.
- Gr 5/6 PAD at YFC on Feb
- Gr. 7/8 PAD is March 1 at YFC/Ski Trip is February 29 to March 1
- Lunch hour opportunities continue to develop. The library and art room are in regular use for clubs and meetings
- Recently added: The Oodena Sharing Circle will be open to grades 5-8 students and will take place on the first Monday of every month to set our intentions for the month and learn about Indigenous culture. This circle will provide a safe and supportive space for students to share their thoughts, experiences and questions about Indigenous culture and history and also a place to invite Indigenous elders and knowledge keepers. "Oodena" means "Heart of the Community" in Ojibwe

- January 23 6:00 pm Gr. 7& 8 Band Concert
- Moose Jaw band trip – planning is in process for May 14-16
- Japan Exchange Update – the opportunity has been extended to our current grade 8 students. We spoke to Shaftesbury admin and they support the participation of students who will be in grade 9 next year to attend. Goal is for 16 students to attend and we have 14 currently who have applied to participate. We may be looking at taking 12 for this round
- Kindergarten Information evening on February 5 at 5:30 pm
- Beginning tomorrow, we will be having monthly recognition/acknowledgement assemblies with all of the students
- Tri-conferences on Feb 15 and Feb 20 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm (more information to come)
- Shaftesbury Grade 8 tour on Feb 6 in the morning and the Shaftesbury Open House is on February 13th at 6:30 pm
- Basketball and Indoor Track are now taking place. The gym is busy every morning, noon and evening with activities

CHAIR REPORT – CRYSTAL HENDERSON

- “Let’s Play Linden Meadows” fundraising update - funding is still coming in and the campaign is still open and accepting donations
- Grant applications are in progress, some grants are not accessible because we have accessed them in the past or grants are not open because of the change in Government
- Looking for a “Let’s Play Linden Meadows” table set-up for the band concert - Michelle suggested the students can set up the table before the concert and will support
- “Spring Fling” PAC is looking for volunteers to run the “Spring Fling” for Gr. 1-6. (last year it was on a Thursday night)
- Consider candy bags or pizza rather than ice cream
- Can we use the fundraising tab on the “hot lunches” website? - confirm with Heather Grower
- Use Eventbrite for tickets?
- van Wallegem PAC has invited LM parents to join their PAC meeting, they have invited the school trustees for a presentation and Q&A – February 12th at 7:00pm at Van Wallegem

VICE CHAIR REPORT – TARA LIU

- No report presented this month

TREASURER REPORT – RICHARD FYFE

- No report presented this month

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – ANGELA KUZMINSKI

- No report presented this month

FUNDRAISING REPORT – JEN FRANKLIN/JACLYN VANDE GRAAF

- No report presented this month

SOCAL REPORT – DENISE STEPHENSON

- Carnival is planned for June 18th in the evening

- Teacher Appreciation – targeting April, but will work with LM admin to coordinate a date

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT - CHRISTINE SCHAFFER-KELLY

- No report presented this month

SUPER LUNCH REPORT - CHRISTIN CHIAPETTA/HEATHER GROWER

- We have five Super Lunches per term
- Mrs. Barclay will help to arrange regular student volunteers to help distribute Super Lunch

NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

- No new business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM