

Linden Meadows Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2025 6:45PM

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FACILITATOR	Crystal Henderson, Chair		
TYPE OF MEETING	Parent Council Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Angela Kuzminski		
CALLED TO ORDER	6:45 PM (by Christal)		
ATTENDEES	Richard Fyfe, Tara Liu, Anna Drewniak, Shauna Fyfe, Christin Chiappeta, Marie Fallis, Gillian Romeo, Lisa Fang, Summer Sun, Daley Raybal, Darren Oughton.		
REGRETS	Allison Zegalski, Stephanie Krcadinac, Jessica Classen, Heather Grower, Michelle Barclay.		
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	MOTION PASSED
Motion to accept December 2024 meeting minutes	Richard Fyfe	Tara Liu	Yes

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - DARREN OUGHTON/MICHELLE BARCLAY

- Enrollment (currently) = 441 students
 - o K 28 (14 & 14)
 - o Grade 1 / 2 85 (4 classrooms with 20-22 kids/class)
 - o Grade 3 / 4 98 (4 classrooms with 24 -25 kids/class)
 - o Grade 5 / 6 118 (5 classrooms with 23-25 kids/class)
 - o Grade 7 / 8 112 (5 classrooms with 22-25 kids/class)

- Staffing Update
 - o Ms. Johnston has returned half time for January and is sharing the position with Mrs.Loepky (regular sub in the building)

- Curriculum and Learning
 - o Network services are slowly being restored. Information shared by the division with parents is the same information schools have regarding the cyber security issue.
 - Printers have been restored.
 - Bells have been restored.
 - Announcements are still being announced outside the building and Administration is unsure why. Currently being investigated.

- Jan 22 is outdoor learning.
 - o Theme for January will be Festival du Voyageur.

- Jan 24 – Feb 8 is the Japan Exchange
 - o Three teachers will be chaperoning: Ms. Barclay, Ms. Bryson, and Mr. Nkwonta

- Kindergarten Information Evening is on Feb 3 @5:30 pm
 - o Have been accepting school of choice applications already but not for Kindergarten.

- Discussion regarding 5:30 pm start time and how it is quite early for working parents. This was the start time the prior year and there didn't appear to be any issues.
- Winter Activity Day at YFC: Grade 5 / 6 on February 7
- Tri-conferences are Thursday, Feb 13 and Tuesday, Feb 18 from 3:30 – 7:30
 - Attempting to get the sign-up for tri-conferences out earlier. Normally it is a week, but they are going to try for a week and a half.
 - Question asked about limitations to open the sign up earlier and Administration indicated that the Admin Secretary has to organize the registration (set up) and with the cyber breach it has been taking a while to get the system up and running again.
- Grade 7 / 8 ski trip is on Feb 27 and 28 at Asessippi
 - Forms went out last week and some registration forms have been received already.
- Grade 7 / 8 winter activity day at YFC is on February 28
- Questions for Admin
 - Question asked if there is a requirement for bus drivers to take attendance. As they have a new driver and it was noted they are not taking attendance.
 - Darren noted there is no requirement. If a bus is running late the transportation division will send a note to the school and affected parents.
 - Question asked about outdoor learning and how kids should be dressed.
 - Darren noted it depends if the kids get involved. It all depends on whether teacher sends them out for a full day, half day, if they only go out for phys ed, etc.
 - Question asked about Ms. Nicols and if she was returning.
 - Ms. Nichols, is scheduled to return and the plan is for her to return after spring break.
 - Question asked if dance and yoga will be returning as electives.
 - Darren noted it depends on staffing and who is available to teach the electives.
 - Question asked if there would be a band trip.
 - Yes, to Moosejaw, date TBD.
 - Question asked about graduation.
 - It will be on the last day of school and there will not be a change in date.

CHAIR REPORT – CRYSTAL HENDERSON

- Crystal provided an update on the classroom support program.
 - \$200 per classroom and let the teacher decide how they want to allocate the funds to support the learning.
 - Supplies will stay in the classroom and would be property of the school. Would not leave with the teacher.
 - Timing and dates were discussed.
 - Funds from Kernels orders will be used to fund this initiative.
 - Discussion on which classrooms should be included. Asked Administration how do we define a classroom? Should art, music, band, etc. be included?
 - Art and Foods are well funded
 - The school has lots of art supplies. We could ask if there is something they need specifically. Art supplies are consumable, so they are often ordering material. Art is only for Grade 7 and 8s.
 - Same for Foods in terms of utensils and groceries are always bought.
 - French is for 4 – 8
 - Music is k – 5. Do not have consumables, equipment stays in the classroom and instruments are expensive.

- Darren would talk to them (Art and Foods)
 - Film is a full year program and have been purchasing things there.
 - Do not have to include resourcing or ELA in this.
 - Would not want for consumable products like markers.
- Kernels
 - o Spring break is March 31st and normally delivered before spring break. Delivered last two weeks of march.
 - o Kernels Feb 3 – 14th. Launch on 3rd and open for two weeks.
 - o Agreed parents will have two weeks to order/sell.
 - o Letters and orders ready to go live by February 3rd.
 - o Angela to send out communication.
 - o Teachers get letter regarding the classroom support project on the same day we send out Kernels (which will include a firm due date to select items for their classroom). We will ask them to submit forms by Feb 28th.
 - Spring fling April 17th.
 - Carnival is June 19th.
 - Signage for donor recognition is almost done and will be installed soon. That will be done in the school.
 - Many key members on PAC are retiring call out to take on roles like Social Chair so we continue to have fun events.

VICE CHAIR REPORT – TARA LIU

- No update

TREASURER REPORT – RICHARD FYFE

- No update

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – ANGELA KUZMINSKI

- No update

FUNDRAISING REPORT –

- See above for Chair Report.

SOCAL REPORT – DENISE STEPHENSON

- No update

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT – GILLIAN ROMEO

- No update

SUPER LUNCH REPORT – JESSICA CLASSEN/CHRISTIN CHIAPETTA/HEATHER GROWER

- Going really well and new team is doing well.
- Asked if we like McDonalds and some feedback is that it is cold and soggy, others said their kids like it.

- The Superlunch Team is aware it gets cold fast and they are trying to keep food warm as much as possible.
- Will inquire if the food from the Grade 1-4 bucket is coming from a different location. They use two locations to break up the order to alleviate pressure on one location and make sure food is warm since we have two lunch times.

NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

- No new business.

Next Meeting: Feb 19th at 6:30 PM LM Library

Adjournment: 7:39 PM