

Linden Meadows Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2024

6:33PM

LM LIBRARY

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Crystal Henderson, Chair		
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Parent Council Meeting		
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Laurel Harrison		
<b>CALLED TO ORDER</b>	6:33 PM		
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Crystal Henderson, Richard Fyfe, Christine Schaffer-Kelly, Jen Franklin, Laurel Harrison, Darren Oughton		
<b>REGRETS</b>	Tara Liu, Allison Zegalski, Angela Kuzminski, Denise Stephenson, Christin Chiapetta, Michelle Barclay		
<b>MOTIONS</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
Motion to accept February 2024 PAC meeting minutes	Richard F.	Jen F.	YES

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - DARRIN OUGHTON/MICHELLE BARCLAY

Enrolment (currently) 479 students

- K 32 (16 & 16)
- Gr. 1/2 92 (4 classrooms with 21-23 kids/class)
- Gr. 3/4 104 (4 classrooms with 26 kids/class)
- Gr. 5/6 121 (5 classrooms with 23-25 kids/class)
- Gr. 7/8 130 (5 classrooms with 24-27 kids/class)

Staffing Update

- No changes at this time

Facilities/Equipment Update

- Washroom reno at the front entrance
- Request for new bank of lockers for grades 7 & 8

Curriculum and Learning

Outdoor Learning Days

Wednesdays starting May 15<sup>th</sup> – June 25

- Teachers are encouraged to take their learning outdoors on those days. Each day, one or two activities for classes to opt into and ask specialist teachers to teach outside that day.
- Outdoor cart to be made up for shared supplies like binoculars, magnifying glasses, art supplies, outdoor games, etc
- Possible themes so far,
  - Water – water wall,
  - Loose parts – boxes, tire tubes,
  - Art
 Planting – using the compost, prepping the boxes, planting flowers.
- Weave Indigenous ways of knowing into all week’s plans.

- Possible ideas so far May 15 – make a nature journal with sticks – for outdoor learning wonders to use each week to journal and do art
  - Story walk along path with a basket at the end where you take something to give back to the earth as you continue on your walk up the hill and reflect.
  - Prepping planters for planting
- June 25 – Tipi Joe booked - will provide tipi teachings – 10 classes of half an hour, Michelle to check into how many classes can attend at once

Japan exchange fundraising has started (taco in a bag, Lacoste gift cards and Soby gift cards will be sold)

- Ms Bryson & Mr. Nkwonta will join Michelle as supervisors.

Question: How are deli funds allocated into the school? This is a slush fund that the school uses to off set field trips, Uganda school donations, outdoor learning initiatives, school programming.

Question: What is happening in the school for the eclipse? Indoor recess, school had acquired a few sets of glasses so that class rotation of kids can go out and see the eclipse with teacher supervision.

Question: When is the outdoor play equipment replaced and how regularly? They are replaced regularly, there are balls on the roof, out in the field and in neighbour yards, will look in the spring and replace as needed.

LM is retaining its teacher librarian positions. LM parents participated in the School Board meeting to advocate for the position.

The Kids vs. Teachers Basketball Game was a huge hit, and the kids loved it.

#### CHAIR REPORT – CRYSTAL HENDERSON

- Pumpkin sale is on again for October. The Smith family is growing the pumpkins this summer and will be a PAC fundraiser.
- Lots of work happening for Spring Fling (fundraising, decoration, ticket sales)
- Grants are in for the playground initiative; will know more in June.
- Succession planning for PAC, if anyone is interested in joining PAC executive, reach out to express interest at Lindenmeadowspac@gmail.com.

#### VICE CHAIR REPORT – TARA LIU

- No report presented this month

#### TREASURER REPORT – RICHARD FYFE

- PAC is looking to acquire a “Square” for payment at fundraising events to allow for credit card payment.
- Will have some technical issues to resolve with the School Division

#### COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – ANGELA KUZMINSKI

- No report presented this month

#### FUNDRAISING REPORT – JEN FRANKLIN/JACLYN VANDE GRAAF

- ~\$3,000 has been raised through the “Pop into Spring” fundraiser
- Popcorn will be delivered to students in early April
- Looking at options to sort the popcorn in the school rather than at home, will coordinate a schedule with the school.

#### SOCAL REPORT – DENISE STEPHENSON

- Spring Fling is April 18, and tickets will be sold on the Hot Lunches website – if parents don't have a hot lunch account, they will need to create one to order Spring Fling tickets.
- The theme for Spring Fling is “Popcorn,” and we will have popcorn décor and a DJ.
- Carnival is in the evening in June; PAC looking at how attendance will change because of the evening timing rather than daytime.
- Will need parent volunteers to help staff the carnival since it is in the evening.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT - CHRISTINE SCHAFFER-KELLY

- No report presented this month

#### SUPER LUNCH REPORT - CHRISTIN CHIAPETTA/HEATHER GROWER

- No report presented this month

#### NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

- No new business

Next Meeting: Tentative - Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:31