

Linden Meadows Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

SEPT 18, 2024

6:30PM

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FACILITATOR	Crystal Henderson, Chair		
TYPE OF MEETING	Parent Council Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Stephanie Krcadinac		
CALLED TO ORDER	6:30 PM		
ATTENDEES	Darren Oughton, Crystal Henderson, Tara Liu, Richard Fyfe, Angela Kuzminski, Denise Stephenson, Christin Chiappetta, Heather Grower, Jessica Classen, Erin Mudry, Shauna Fyfe, Nicole Young, Helena Magal, Marie Fallis, Lesley Watts, Aven Li, Wenhan Situ, Samantha Hill, Bagdat Rakhimov, Zarina Rakhimov, Stacey Hannah, Eva Li, Kim Padua, Steven Zhi, Jasmine Zhu, Yana Wang, Lisa Fang, Jeff Huzel, Gillian Romeo, Allison Zegalski		
REGRETS	Michelle Barclay		
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	MOTION PASSED
Motion to accept April 2024 PAC meeting minutes	Heather	Tara	Yes

INTRODUCTION

Crystal provided an introduction to all the new PAC positions/members.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - DARREN OUGHTON

Enrolment (currently) 447 students

- K 28 (14 & 14)
- Gr. 1/2 87 (4 classrooms with 21-23 kids/class)
- Gr. 3/4 98 (4 classrooms with 24-25 kids/class)
- Gr. 5/6 120 (5 classrooms with 23-25 kids/class)
- Gr. 7/8 114 (5 classrooms with 22-25 kids/class)

Staffing Update

- New .75 Gr 3/4 and 7/8 teacher – Amanda Jantz (.75 in gr. 7/8 and .25 in gr. 3/4 MacCutchon)
- Gr 1/2 – Shayla Refvik
- Gr. 3/4 – Maria Lamorte
- Tatsuya Goto gr. 5/6
- PE – Janiine Zajac and Madison Ganske
- EAL Teacher - Heather Greidanus
- Band Teacher – Andrea Dicks
- EA additions: Andriy Velychko-Simpson
- 4 teacher candidates from the University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba working with our grade 1/2 Refvik, 1/2 Barnes, 3/4 Jordan and 5/6 Cleave
- Cathy Johnston will be taking a medical leave beginning Sept. 25. A posting is up and her students’ families were informed last week.

Facilities/Equipment Update

- Gym floor was redone over the summer
- New lockers added (still need some older lockers replaced)

Curriculum and Learning

- Japan Exchange is currently underway and we are hosting 14 students from Setagaya, Japan and 4 adults. Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Bryson and Mr. Nkwonta are involved.
- Grades 4-8 (2 meets at Marj Edey Park) and grades 6 - 8 X-country will also have one meet at Labarriere Park) is underway. Grades 6-8 volleyball has some initial teams that will be finalized after exhibition play.
- Lunch hour clubs are starting up (Student Leadership Team, UNESCO team, Dance Club – being offered by a teacher candidate) and the list will continue to grow as the year progresses.
- Field Trips are being planned for the students and will be pay/trip this year.
- As part of the grades 7/8 options, students will participate in either Gr. 7/8 Band Camp/Art Trip/Freeze Frame Productions on Oct. 8&9 based on their option choice.
- Grade 7/8 term rotations have students participating in either Foods & Nutrition, Outdoor Education or Graphic Arts. Students will move through each of these every 3 months.
- Gr. 5/6 students will rotate between Foods and Nutrition, Indigenous paddle design and STEM.
- Strong Beginnings (Sept 20 and 23)
- We are excited that Linden Meadows will be fostering a learning partnership with a school from the remote northern community of Manto Sipi Cree Nation. More info to come.
- September 29th will be our Every Child Matters Orange Shirt Day Assembly. Our Indigenous Education focus team is planning learning opportunities for Truth and Reconciliation Week. We also received a \$10 000 grant to support Orange Shirt Day/residential school awareness and Truth and Reconciliation. We have an artist working with all classes to design an installation using tiles that will be placed at the front of the school.
- The school inquiry topic will be based on the UNESCO Sustainable Goal "Climate Action".
- Jenn Stewart is planning to organizing pottery making for Empty Bowls.
- Tri-conferences Oct. 22nd and 24th from 3:30 – 7:30 pm.

School Plan

- The following are the priorities shared with schools and that will be embedded in our school focus teams and school plan. These include:
 - **Focusing on engaging students**
 - **Responding to literacy and numeracy needs**
 - **Promoting mental health and well-being**
 - **Advancing Indigenous education**
 - **Inclusion and Anti-racism education**
 - **Supporting students with diverse learning needs.**
- Our school plan for 2024-25 will be based on our 4 focus teams. These focus teams will work to develop the school plan goals for the year. Staff have joined one of the teams and will have monthly meetings to plan learning opportunities for staff and students.
 - *Literacy/Numeracy Focus Team*
 - *Critical Thinking and Inquiry Focus Team*
 - *The Culture and Engagement Focus Team*
 - *The Indigenous Education Focus Team*

Linden Meadows received the Every Child Matters grant. This grant must be spent in certain ways. (For example we had dancers come, a mosaic installation, etc.). The mosaic will be a whole school effort, everyone will be participating in the design

Tri-conferences will be October 22 & 24

Question was asked around the Japan Exchange Program asking how to become part of the program and who is involved.

14 students are participating. We will be returning to Japan in 2025. It is grade 8 who participate. Students have to apply (like a resume) to participate. The administration team will go through the resumes and decide who will be attending.

A question was asked about lifetouch photos – Last year they didn't get a class photo. Lifetouch changed this – you now have to purchase.

A question was asked about Tri-conference meetings, what should the format be like, what kind of parent involvement is expected.

Tri-conferences are student lead, students sharing with parent, so the teacher will encourage the student to lead the conference with their parents in attendance.

CHAIR REPORT – CRYSTAL HENDERSON

If you would like anything to be brought us or discussed at the next PAC meeting, please email the parent council ahead of time.

A Brief introduction to PAC at LM school.

We run fun events for school, we fundraise to build equipment and other initiatives, run the super lunch, work with admin team to make LM the best place it can be.

What have we done and what do we do?

Pre-2018 river rock area	Teacher appreciation lunch (spring)
swing set (2018)	Community carnival (yearly in June)
Blue park (2020)	Grounds improvement - front planters, mulch replacement, summer watering plan
net climber	Fund school patrols wind up parties
picnic tables (2023)	Donate to Kelsey King scholarship fund (grade 8 student who passed away, her family plugged into the school and gives away a scholarship to a grade 8 at grad)
Coming Soon! Playstructure behind the school (Install Is September 20, 2024)	Started an IG last year
Super lunch	Square payments now implemented (Started in 2023-2024 school year)
Spring Fling (Yearly k-6 dance/fundraiser)	And More to Come

Places to plug in with PAC

- PAC members at large (join the list of names that we will reach out to when help needed)
- Help with décor at events (spring fling, carnival, other events throughout the year)
- Shadow a position! Message the LM PAC if you're interested in learning more or taking over a position for next year. (If available) lindenmeadowspac@gmail.com
- Follow LM Pac IG @lindenmeadowspac

Pembina trails school division – school trustees will be here at next meeting. Division update and an opportunity to ask questions. October 16, 6:30pm

First event this year – SUNDAY – Mackenzie & Kendall present, Linden meadows pumpkin patch. Sunday, September 22, 1:30-3:30pm. 100% of proceeds go towards WPG humane society & LM PAC, a bake sale is also part of this event.

VICE CHAIR REPORT – TARA LIU

No report presented

TREASURER REPORT – RICHARD FYFE

Richard reviewed our 2023-2024 Revenue & Expenses. We are waiting for a final bill from PRU once installation of our new play structure is completed.

Anything PAC installs becomes our responsibility to maintain going forward. It is important to maintain a robust reserve fund so we are able to maintain our play equipment and projects.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – ANGELA KUZMINSKI

No report presented

FUNDRAISING REPORT – JEN FRANKLIN/JACLYN VANDE GRAAF

No report presented

SOCAL REPORT – DENISE STEPHENSON

This is her last year, keep this opportunity in mind for those looking to be part of PAC
Carnival – June 19 – evening again, worked great last year, all families are welcome
Spring Fling - April 17

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

Christine Schaffer-Kelly has retired. Thank you so much for your years of service to LM and PAC. We appreciate you, you will be missed!

SUPER LUNCH REPORT - CHRISTIN CHIAPPETTA/HEATHER GROWER/JESSICA CLASSEN

- Super lunch is in full planning stages and ready to go
- Trying McDonald's this year, (cheeseburger, hamburger, small fries, double cheese, double hamburger, nuggets.) Limited options, no special requests will be accepted.
- 5 super lunches per term, 2 BP, 2 McDonalds, 1 Subway & Chips
- Prices have increased (their cost has increased, so ours will be to)
- New offering – juice box (apple, orange, fruit punch)
- Email going out in the next week or two with instructions on how to sign up to order super lunch.
- Order deadline for ordering is Sunday before super lunch. If deadline missed, unfortunately you will miss super lunch for that week. Order ahead!
- First super lunch is October 10 – Boston Pizza
- Make sure to sign up in the correct class/teacher when ordering as the lunches are sorted
- Pay for lunches when ordering

NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

Our Pembina Trails School Division Trustees will be in attendance at the next meeting. They will be giving an update as to what is new at PTSD and will be available to answer questions from our parent community.

Next Meeting: October 16, 6:30pm

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm