

Linden Meadows Parent Advisory Council

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 6:30PM

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FACILITATOR	Heather Grower, Chair		
TYPE OF MEETING	Parent Council Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Angela Kuzminski		
CALLED TO ORDER	6:33 PM (by Heather)		
ATTENDEES	Angela Kuzminski, Gillian Romeo, Jessica Classen, Stephanie Krcadinac, Richard Fyfe, Shauna Fyfe, Allison Zegalski, Raya Pirooznia, Kirnjit Arora, Monica Behie, Deanne Harrison, Tahereh Padkaneh, Wenham Situ, Barbara Hodecka, Thiago Hedecker, Darshan Rane, Helena Magal, Marie Fallis, Lesley Watts, Navroop Warraich, Sukhbinder Lidder, Heather Till, Nicole Young, Michelle Barclay.		
REGRETS	Darren Oughton		
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	MOTION PASSED
Motion to accept May 2025 meeting minutes	Richard Fyfe	Angela Kuzminski	Yes

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE - MICHELLE BARCLAY

1. Enrolment (currently) 454 students
 - K 40 (19 & 21)
 - Gr. 1/2 74 (4 classrooms with 18/19 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)
2. Staffing Update
 - PE – Richard Milbourne as Mr. Gee-ef Nkwonta took a one year leave to pursue an opportunity at the University of Manitoba
 - Band Teacher – Bailey Senicar
 - 4 teacher candidates from the University of Manitoba working with our grade 1/2 Refvik, 1/2 Barnes, 5/6 Cleave and the gym.
3. Facilities/Equipment Update
 - Bike Cage (joint venture with PAC)
 - This is going well, some minor hiccups to ensure children are picking up their bikes at designated times. Reminders will be sent.
 - Daycares will receive code to open bike cage for students in before and after care.
 - Physical Education staff are aware of the code as well to ensure students coming for early practices and staying for games can access the bike cage after hours.
 - Kindergarten room received new flooring
4. Curriculum and Learning

- Outdoor Learning days are being planned for Wednesdays again. Wednesdays again this year. Below are the proposed dates:
 - October 15
 - Nov 19
 - Dec 10
 - Jan 28 - Winter fun
 - Feb 11 - Festival theme
 - March 25
 - April 22 - Earth Day theme
 - May 13
 - May 20
 - May 27
 - June 3
 - June 10
 - June 17 th Indigenous Peoples Day
- Deli is now open and lots of student interest to be involved in the deli.
 - Many grade 5s have expressed interest.
 - Rotations will be established to ensure everyone has an opportunity to work in the deli.
- Eight Gr. 8 students will be participating in activities at Ft Whyte Farms.
- Planning for the 2026-27 Japan Exchange will soon be underway. The goal will be for 16 LM students to attend. Information will be shared with the grade 7 students. We may consider inviting gr 6 students (based on grade 7 interest and by polling grade 6 parents first), so when the trip takes place students will be in grade 7/8. Another option will be to work with another school with grade 8 students.
- Cross country meets
 - 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, and Oodena). Michelle provided an introduction into all.
- Field Trips are being planned for the students and will be pay per trip.
- Permission Click fees – parents now need to pay the 50 cent service fee and 5% GST if paying by credit card. This does not apply if send cash or cheque to the office.
- 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. 16/17 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, Woodworking project and STEM.
- Strong Beginnings (Sept 18 & 19)
- September 26 th will be our Every Child Matters Orange Shirt Day Assembly. Our Indigenous Education focus team is planning learning opportunities for Truth and Reconciliation Week. The school inquiry topic will be based on the UNESCO Sustainable Goal "Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions". What actions can we take to build a peaceful, fair, and inclusive community—at school and beyond?
- Tri-conferences Oct. 21 st and 23 rd from 3:30 – 7:30 pm.
- Grade 8 Graduation will be on June 25th
- Last day of school will be on Monday, June 29th.

5. 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 2025-26 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 Focus Team
 - Numeracy Focus Team
 - The Culture and Engagement Focus Team
 - The Indigenous Education Focus Team

CHAIR REPORT – Heather Grower

4. We have a couple of vacant positions:
 - a. Vice Chair
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Building and Grounds
5. Samanta Hill stepping down from SuperLunch role but Anna Drewniak would like to fill this role for the 25/26 school year.
6. Election was held to vote Anna Drewniak in and the vote was all in favour.
7. Reminder that we will always have babysitting available at PAC meetings, but please RSVP by sending an email to the PAC email account.

VICE CHAIR REPORT – VACANT

8. No update

TREASURER REPORT – Richard Fyfe

9. Bike cage was roughly \$6000
10. Some events earn a profit, while others are for the parent/student community

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Angela Kuzminski

11. Main form of communication will be our Instagram account and we will send poster with more detailed information like how to register for SuperLunch.

FUNDRAISING REPORT – Stephanie

12. Signed up for Mabel's Labels fundraising. We get a cheque for every \$50 spent on labels when Linden Meadows School is selected.
13. Looking to have initiatives for top sellers such as a prize for the top class. Help raise more money.
14. Other fundraising options discussed: cookie dough, popcorn, wrapping paper, gift cards, quiz nights, pantry related fundraisers, etc.
15. Fundraising efforts may be used to for the Classroom Support Project (\$200 per teacher to enrich student learning).

SOCAL REPORT – Gilian Romeo

16. Spring Fling will be on Thursday, March 19th (no school on Friday). This is a family event.
17. Carnival will be on June 18th. This is the largest event of the year (there will be food trucks, dj, and bouncy castles).
18. Teacher appreciation will also be organized by this committee.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT – VACANT

19. Bike cage was installed, we paid for 50% of this initiative. We will not be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

SUPER LUNCH REPORT – Jessica Classen

20. No price changes from last year.
21. Daycare children can now sign up for SuperLunch (Purple Monkey Daycare)
22. SuperLunch will be on Wednesdays or Thursdays this year (still the Sunday deadline)
23. Vendors will be limited to Boston Pizza, Subway, and Booster Juice.
24. Onsite volunteers required, but student volunteers worked well for classroom delivery.

NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE

25. No new business.

Next Meeting: November 19st at 6:30 PM LM Library

Adjournment: 7:34 PM