

**Parent Advisory Council Minutes**  
**Laidlaw School**  
March 5th, 2025  
7:01 Start

Attendance: Heather Eby, Jill Correia, Lindsay Egan, Ruth Abreu, Meaghan Jensen, Tracy Enns, Laura Speziali, , Thomas Remple-Ong, Aaron Ingram, Lindsay Cunningham, Renee Johnson, Lindsay Penman

Executive Positions: Chair – Jill Correia, Vice Chair – Lindsay Egan, Secretary – Meaghan Jensen & Lindsay Penman, Treasurer – Tracy Enns, Fundraising Coordinator – Laura Speziali & Christine Louizos & Ruth Abreu, Fun Lunch Coordinator – Ashley Abbott & Laura Heshka

**Vacant Positions: Treasurer (2), Social Media (1)**

1. Principal's Report – Heather Eby

Discussion/Action Below:

a. School Update:

i. 280 Students

ii. School Improvement Projects:

1. Our final 5 LOFTS are getting installed on March 14<sup>th</sup>, report card writing day!

b. February Highlights:

i. Our Kindergarten Open House was packed on February 12<sup>th</sup>. We already have over 15 Kindergarten students registered for next year.

ii. Grade 8 students have toured Shaftesbury and begun the registration process for next year.

iii. I love to read month was filled with so many guest readers, special events and fun activities on our theme "Laidlaw Reads the Land", very fitting with our school's theme this year to connect with the land.

iv. Most of our technology is back in working order since the cyber security incident. Our Laidlaw TV announcements are still not up and running.

v. Our Festival Du Voyageur day targeted our Middle Years students this year with a school wide event for everyone with the Ivan Flett memorial dancers. All K-8 students were up and jigging!

vi. Our buddy classes continue to meet approximately once per cycle for learning experiences and connection.

- vii. FLEX time continues to provide lots of opportunities and options for students. As a staff, we are always looking for ways to improve this time with our students.
- c. Laidlaw Athletics:
  - i. Basketball season has been a huge success! Our two developmental teams participated in two “tournament” events and had lots of fun. Our gr.7/8 boys basketball team had their first game of the playoffs on Tuesday
  - ii. Floor Hockey Intramurals for gr.5-8 mixed continue on Thursdays
  - iii. Grade 5 Indoor Soccer Mondays and Wednesdays with two divisional games March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Teacher Professional Development:
  - i. Our Structured Literacy PLT Professional Learning Team continues to meet learning more about the UFLI program and how to implement decoding reading strategies to support early literacy skills. We have two small groups (K- ½ and LS) and (¾ with EAL) all lead by Christie Petersen (SST).
  - ii. This month, we have another group of dedicated teachers in a PLT focusing on Inquiry learning with a representative from each grade level and lead by Ms. McGregor and Ms. Aeillo.
  - iii. Staff meetings continue to focus on how to “Support All Learners” with featured series of PD.
  - iv. We are beginning to plan for our April 11<sup>th</sup> PD – our school’s second day of Treaty Training as mandated by the province.
- e. March News:
  - MY Winter Activity Day on March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Report Card Writing on March 7<sup>th</sup> – no classes
  - Spirit Week March 24 – 28<sup>th</sup> with EY and MY Gym Blast
  - Report Cards published on March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Spring Break begins March 28<sup>th</sup>
- f. School Plan Areas of Focus for 2024/2025

New divisional school plan templates with a deeper dive into school data...

•**Literacy:** How can we create the conditions where all students are experiencing success through a comprehensive literacy approach, in order to develop their reading and writing skills?

**•Supporting All Learners:** How do we provide inclusive and equitable learning environments that support all learners?

2. Treasurer's Report – Tracy Enns
  - a. \$44,054 in PAC Chequing account
  - b. \$27,408 in Lunch Supervision Program account (this fund pays the Lunch Supervisors)
3. Fundraising – Laura Speziali
  - a. Art & Band show raffle Baskets- committee formed. (May 21<sup>st</sup>)
4. Grade 8 Grad – Ashley Abbott
  - a. 500.00 made at the Bake Sale
  - b. Water bottles have been ordered
  - c. Meaghan to order white table cloths
5. BBQ:
  - a. Face Painting, Bouncers, Food & DJ Booked
  - b. Will attempt to book a 4<sup>th</sup> bouncer geared towards older kids in lieu of Beat the Bucket (too difficult to find volunteers)
  - c. Sponsor flyers to go out next week
  - d. WPFd fire house can only be booked in April. FU to book
6. Misc/Questions/Concerns:
  - a. Lindsay Penman suggested buying a Manitoba Running Association membership for the school (\$50.00). This would allow runners of all ages from laidlaw to form a team and sign up for various runs throughout the city. All in favor. More details to follow from Lindsay.
  - b. Heather wanted feedback to a possible change to the February tri-conferences for next year where instead of 10 minutes slot per family, 20 minute slots will be given to approx. 3 families and it would be more of a “show and tell” of their daily activities and work they have completed. Mixed reviews. Some parents liked the idea, others worried it would make some children anxious to share the space and there wouldn't be privacy to talk about individual concerns/questions. No decision has been made.

Next PAC meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7PM