

Lakewood School Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Monday February 5, 2024
7:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sabrina Crawford, Sabrina Gamey, Leeanne Hildebrand, Amber Myskiw, Marni Bennett, Cass Deacon, Sandy Lethbridge (School Board Vice Chair), Sarah James (Principal), Hayley Chapman, Hayley Plesh

CALL TO ORDER

7:06 pm

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- Motion to accept by Cass and Marni.

2. REVIEW OF CLASS INCENTIVES/FIELD TRIPS FUND

- Mrs. Swart took a group of students to the symphony since last meeting.
- No new requests to review.

3. REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORT

- \$18 353.75 balance currently, includes \$2 715.09 profits from Show and Save Books, Halloween dance, and perogies/sausages.
- Motion to accept by Cass and Marni.

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Update on recent school-wide events (drumming, winter solstice celebration, winter concert) and upcoming events (I Love to Read breakfast, Festival de Voyageur day); pow wow club; lunch clubs; professional development; staffing.
- Purchased some new outdoor education equipment (sleds, shovels, snow saws).
- Would like to get some landscape items (trees and shrubs) in the spring.

5. FUNDRAISING

- Will proceed with Purdy's Chocolates.
- Will look into fun lunches from Pizza Hut or Subway.

6. GRADE 5 GRAD

- Only one parent representative was present. It looks like there is not a desire to fundraise for a large-scale field trip like previous years (ex. Activate). Will explore a low-cost field trip (ex. Assiniboine Park) or a water-based play day in the school field instead.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- We revisited the play space funds (\$10 581.29). Sabrina C. will follow up with Alyssa Lamkin, a parent who previously volunteered to assist with submitting a landscape architecture plan for a nature playground. Ms. James purchased sand toys from the school budget. We will reserve \$1000 for shade tents and discuss further in the spring. Sandy suggested reaching out to the daycare about submitting a grant together. Discussion was had about exploring private donations from local businesses.

9. MOVIE NIGHT

- To be held April 26th. Film TBD.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Sabrina G. has done some preliminary work to prepare for an end of school BBQ (to be held June 18th). She has inquired about food donations, visits from mascots, and renting games, like corn hole. Some discussion about if the goal is to raise funds or simply a community building event. Other ideas generated included a foam pit, temporary tattoos, and face painting. Sabrina G. to update the executive committee within 2 weeks with a proposed budget. We will plan from there. Parent volunteers will be needed.
- Sabrina G. brought up Santa photos for next school year. She sourced a free Santa and backdrop. We decided to proceed. The event will take place November 20th from 4-7 pm.

11. DIVISIONAL SURVEY

- Sabrina C. shared she received a survey seeking input from parent council members. She will disperse the questions via email to interested members and compile the responses.

13. COMMUNICATION

- Leeanne brought up the upcoming Kindergarten Info session and inquired about advertising, as it appears to be only on the website. Sandy to look into this further. Discussion generated about modes of communication (ex. School Messenger). Moving forward, Ms. James will send monthly updates from the school in the body of an email to avoid downloading attachments, as requested. Parents with multiple students in the school will likely continue to get multiple emails as there does not seem to be a way of avoiding this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next meeting TBD.