

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

March 5th, 2024

Attending: Kyle Lizotte, Connie Lowe, Keeshan Jain, Jenna Evans, Candace Carlyle, Megan Blahey, and Greg Chase.

Meeting called: 6:04pm

January Minutes:

- Megan firsts, Greg seconds, Approved.

Principals Report to Parent Council (Kyle Lizotte):

- **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.
 - Grade 6: 100 (-1)
 - Grade 7: 115 (-1)
 - Grade 8: 116
 - Total: 331
- **Staff Updates**
 - Ms. Anne Smith – Home ec. teacher who is on family leave has confirmed that she will not be returning to SJASD.
 - Mr. Larry Rebenque – Our new custodian began on Monday, March 4th to replace Tommy Zhang who has now retired. Larry was previously at Sturgeon Heights.
- **Thank you!**
 - For your support with I Love to Read Month
 - Pizza Fridays!
 - Pizza North Fundraiser.

Recent School Events, Clubs and Supports of/for Learning:

Academics:

- Report Cards will be emailed home in April with our report card writing day happening on March 15th.
- Term 3 begins on March 18th. All students will enter their final classes of practical arts and Creative Arts classes.
- Grade 8's went to Festival Du Voyageur

- Grade 8 heart dissections for those currently studying connected science units.
- Term 2 is underway with all students transitioning to new Practical Arts and Creative Arts classes.
- Provincial math (grade 7) and English language arts (grade 8) assessments are underway.
- Student-led conferences occurred on Feb. 29th. 195 families in total signed up.

Arts:

- Divisional musical performance of Finding Nemo Jr. saw 24 of our students on stage.
- Lincoln singers will be performing at the Winnipeg Music Festival on March 8th.
- Rehearsals for our school musical “Newsies” continue. Performances will happen on the afternoons and evenings of April 22nd and 23rd at the Westwood Collegiate Theatre.
- Westwood Senior Jazz Band performed for all grade 8’s as well as our current jazz band members.
- Seven Oaks Middle School band partnered with our grade 8 concert band.
- Visual arts students went to the Leaf for photography, inspiration, and images that will be used by those who did not choose to attend.
- We were successful applicants for the Manitoba Arts Council – Artists in the School initiative and are able to partner with local muralist, Annie Bergen to continue making large scale murals with a designated grade level. This will happen in May, 2024.

Athletics:

- Atomic, Tier 2 and Tier 1 basketball seasons are coming to an end. Atomic and Tier 2 seasons are finished. Tier 1 playoffs begin this week.
- Floor hockey tournament and basketball competitions occurred during intramurals.
- Badminton season is next!

School Wide Initiatives:

- Spirit Week happened during the week of Dec. 18th – Dec. 22nd.
- M.A.D.D. occurred for all grade 8 students.
- Black History Month was recognized daily with announcements, lessons, a dedicated bulletin board, and presentation to all students by BHMCC Manitoba.
- I Love to Read month celebrated with daily activities and contests. Nic Demski visited. Our elder as well as MTYP have been rescheduled for later in the year. Prizes were announced on Friday, March 1st.

- Student Registrations have been completed for the 2024-25 school year.
 - GSA students represented at Middle Years meetings as well as the “Power of You” conference at CMHR.
 - Valentines Day candygrams sold in support of healthcare worker wellness.
 - We will be partnering with Elder Belinda Vandebroek to learn more about the tradition of oral history and storytelling. This will happen during January and February.
 - Pink Shirt Day was recognized with a lesson on kindness, purpose, and a student created bulletin board.
 - We have been randomly selected to complete the 2023-2024 Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSADS). Info will be sent home soon.
 - Joy Smith Foundation to present to all students on March 11th about online safety and the dangers of grooming and exploitation.
 - Lincoln Term 2 Pride Awards happen on March 19th.
 - A much deserved Spring Break happens from March 25th – 29th.
- **Building Enhancements, Improvements and “As is” Items:**
 - Outdoor classroom is now completed with payments required.
 - Gym floor to be replaced over the summer.
 - Approval for elevator and accessibility renovations has been granted from the province.
 - Student tables to be donated by RRC.
- **New Business and Requests:**
 - 120 jerseys have been purchased to support our large sized school teams (Atomic, Track, Ultimate, Cross Country). Support is appreciated if possible.
 - Pizza North Fundraiser pick up support.
 - Is a 50/50 fundraiser happening? Our school budget is expended.
 - Any parents approach you about grade 8 farewell?
 - Can we agree on our September AGM date?
 - Final cost certainty for our Outdoor classroom has been obtained.

President’s Report (Candace Carlyle): NIL

Treasurer’s Report (Greg Chase): Attached

- Shelmerdine’s invoice of \$44,252.58 will be paid.
- LBS invoice of \$1,832.25 will be paid.
- Received \$19,924.00 Grant on March 6th, 2024.

Vice-President’s Report (Megan Blahey): NIL

Secretary (Jenna Evans): NIL

Fundraising:

- Pizza Fridays going well.
- Kitchen North Pizza fundraiser is underway.

New Business:

- Contributions to new jerseys would be helpful, parent council will decide once all outstanding payments are made towards the outdoor classroom.
- Meeting date set for 2024 AGM. September 24, 2024, 6:30pm.

Next Meeting: April 16th, 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:51pm

Minutes prepared by: _____

Jenna Evans