

LMS Parent Council Meeting Minutes- October 7, 2021 6:00 pm

Present: Kyle Lizotte, Corrie Friesen, Leah Jones, Brea Williams, Val Johnson, Sherri Flint, Rebecca Misko, Quincy Barnesky, Lesley Cotsianis

Call to Order: 6:06 pm by Brea Williams

Minutes from last meeting: Motion to accept by Corrie, seconded by Quincy; motion passed

Outdoor Classroom:

- Little Bluestem unable to attend
- Email received from Little Bluestem re next steps; looking at March 2022 construction date.
- Plans to be completed in 2-3 months, then need to tender out. Plans to be posted on parent council section of the website for review.
- 25% of next phase has been put down already.
- Reviewed the overall goals of the project, Little Bluestem's assessment process, for the new members of the Council. Still lots of opportunity to have input into the finishes.
- Having the 3D renderings to assist in grant proposals and fundraising. Awaiting 30% drawings to move forward.
- Will request Little Bluestem's presence at next meeting

Treasurer's report:

- Bank fees have been reversed.
- Current balance: Chequing \$ 11,922.50, Savings \$ 3,804.71.
- Rebecca will shadow Corrie as Treasurer this year to take over next year
- Val, Sherri and Rebecca to be given signing authorities on the accounts. Two signatures required on all deposits and cheques for the Parent Council accounts.
- One account (Savings) is required for fundraising through Lotteries- this has been earmarked in the past for the outdoor classroom. This enables auditing of Lotteries fundraising
- Motion to accept treasurer report: Brea, seconded by Rebecca, motion carried

Principal's Report:

1. **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.

Grade 6: 105

Grade 7: 99

Grade 8: 123

Total: 327



Staff Updates

- Krista Skov-Nielsen (Grade 6 Math, Science, Visual Art), homeroom 613. Taking over for Leanna Crawshaw
- Caitlin Graham (Grade7 Science and Math), Mr Maxwell away until winter break.
- Noradin Muse (EAC), working with grade 8 classes, primarily 826

2. **Thank you!**

- For continuing the tradition of the Lincoln Parent Council during this extraordinary year.

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

- Still operating to some degree in cohorts- grade 6 students have to be treated as a cohort.
- Back to a standard schedule.
- Added a math class in grade 7 and 8 this year- this is a math routine class, exploratory math; seeing great benefits already.
- Went up in practical arts in grade 7 and 8, double slots.
- Arts education – based on class/room composition instead of student choice- new classes added to the mix- Circus arts, comic book sketch art, still have intarsia. Band has been a slow start, but getting under way.
- Choir will be taught in partnership by Mr Kehler and Mr Rivest.

- **Academics:**

- Math Periods = 8 (grade 6), 9 (grade 7 and 8)
- ELA Periods = 12 (grade 6), 10 (grade 7 and 8)
- SS Periods = 4 (grade 6), 5 (grade 7 and 8)
- Science Periods = 5 (grade 6), 6 (grade 7 and 8)
- French = 4 (grade 6, 7, and 8)
- Phys Ed = 5 (grade 6) 4 (grade 7 and 8)
- 1 Health = (grade 6, 7, and 8)
- Practical Arts = 3 (grade 6), 4 (grade 7 and 8)
- 4 Band (grade 6), 3 (grade 7 and 8)
- 2 Arts Education – (rotation instead of student choice)

- **Arts:**

- Dance, Drama, Rockband, and Band have all resumed. Choir will resume soon.
- Performances will need some additional planning.
- Arts education has returned as a rotational offering as opposed to student selection.
 - Grade 6 = Visual Art, Drama, Dance
 - Grade 7 = +Band, Instarsia, Creative Tech, Creative Arts, Circus
 - Grade 8 = Band, Pottery, Cinematography, Music Ed/Comic Book Art, Drama, Creative Arts

- **Athletics:**

- All fall co-curricular clubs and teams have resumed. Cross-country, volleyball, ultimate, and basketball skills (girls only) have all resumed.

- Modified schedule
- Outdoor gym has continued to be emphasized.

- **School Wide Initiatives:**

- TRC week and Orange Shirt Day with discussions led by our Student Voice. Led by Ms. Jones.
- Terry Fox Campaign- almost \$1800 raised this year. Student Voice presented to students.
- Social Media Use
- Covid Procedures
- Coats for Kids- Mr. Tambakis will see that going out in Notes from the Office this week
- “Scaring is Caring” Spirit Week – Planning is underway
- School Clothing- orders went out. Ordering is closed, will reopen once first round of orders is done
- And more!

5. Upcoming School Presentations and Events:

1. Oct. 19th we will have COVID immunization clinics. Open to be a community drop-in for after school hours. Coming in December- catch up clinic for missed immunizations.
2. Remembrance Day Service (November 10th). Virtual service again this year.
3. No School on October, 11th (Thanksgiving), October 22nd (PD), November 11th (Remembrance Day) and November 19th (report card writing)
4. Parent/Teacher Connections
5. December 1st – Term 1 Report Cards emailed home
6. Wall of Pride, Round 1 to occur at the start of November
7. Resumption of Locker Use- plan to be rolled out in talks with students next week. Grade 7 and 8 will have regular access times, Grade 6 will have 15 minute window by cohort 3 times/day. Likely to be rolled out by the end of next week.

6. Building Enhancements, Improvements and “As is” Items:

- Mural installation completed in main stairway- last year’s grade 6 helped design. Annie Bergen has committed to another installation, also has ideas for the library.
- Grooming Room Construction has begun. Should be done by January. A Grooming room has mechanical lifts, laundry space, accessible bathroom space, any student that requires wheelchair accessibility
- School Wide Painting begins in the fall- starting in about 6 weeks.
- Main entrance way and gym door replacement

7. COVID Questions:

- Cohorting is applicable for grade 6’s only
- Recent Provincial Announcements and protocols
- Standing Agenda Item

8. Requests for Parent Council:

- Outdoor classroom
- Mural #2 Support

New Business

Financial- info to be sent to Sherri, Val, and Rebecca

Pizza lunches-

- In past years, pizza/fun lunch raised a good amount each month. Discussion regarding potential to do this again this year
- At this time, visitors and volunteers are not allowed onsite
- Discussion about options to offer fun lunches safely, without adding additional work to teachers and school staff.
- Would work best to have fun lunches for two classes per week, and rotate throughout the month to minimize congestion in hallways and work for school staff
- A pre-ordered lunch would be preferable to minimize waste. Order would include pizza for staff who are helping with the fun lunch
- Discussed Munch-a-Lunch, which allows online ordering, and all money is handled through the app. Cost is estimated at \$300/year. Would need to ensure that sales cover the cost. All other fundraising can be handled through Munch a Lunch as well
- Corrie to research Munch a Lunch and connect with a Sansome parent who has experience using the site
- Motion to adopt Munch a Lunch by Corrie, seconded by Brea, motion carried

Other fundraising:

- Toonie draw- one ticket is \$2, prizes of \$1000, \$500, \$250, and prizes for top sellers. Typically made about \$2000; consider in winter/spring. Tabled for now
- Fundscrip- works well for holidays, last year made \$1600.
- Motion to go ahead with Fundscrip by Brea

Next meeting date: November 3, 2021 at 6:00 via MS Teams

Adjourned at 7:15 pm by Brea Williams