

**Linwood School
Parent Council
Meeting Minutes
Feb 23, 2022 (via Microsoft TEAMS)
6:00 pm**

Participants: Regine Nuytten Colleen Rogala Angela Dunn Jody Roy
Chris Santos Stephanie Santos Laurie McKnight Diana Redman Adrien Sala (Guest)
Jenn Carson

Meeting Called to Order @6:04 pm

1. Additions to the agenda

Mrs. Rogala to present on behalf of teachers for I love to Read activities- discuss as part of Principal's report

Add to New business- removal of authorized signatures from past council

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (December 1, 2021)

Name correction made to minutes

Motion to approve tabled by Angela Dunn

2nd by Jody Roy

ACTION: Motion passed

3. REPORTS

3.1. Chairperson's Report

- Board changes and call for volunteers
- Angela advised the group that Laci McPhee has stepped down from Chairperson duties. Angela, elected as vice chair at AGM, will assume Chair role and the Council will move forward as an executive of three. Angela (chair), Jody (Treasurer), Jenn (Secretary). Request for volunteers. Parents can be Members at Large. Diana Redman indicated she is new to the group and willing to help out. She will connect with executive group after the meeting.

3.2. Principal's Report

The school seems to be moving back to a more 'normal' Covid environment, less crisis mode of previous couple of months. Children have returned to eating in the classroom, masks can be removed during Phys Ed class and recess. The division just sent out a letter advising parents what 'Code Yellow' will look like for the schools

Recently had Kindergarten Information night, 23 families indicated interest- 17 families in attendance. Kindergarten registration is currently underway although its coming in slow right now.

'Welcome to Kindergarten' evening will happen in the Spring- it will be a virtual event again this year

School just had '2's' Day,

100 day happening this Friday which generally marks the 'halfway point' of the school year.

There have been many days of indoor recess due to significant stretches of extremely cold weather. Students have been able to access the gym, library and other rooms to 'break' up the day.

Mrs. Rogala presented on behalf of the teachers. I Love to Read Festivities to happen next week February 28-Mar 4. Fun themes, prizes and snacks. They are requesting

funds council had allocated and motioned for Holiday party snacks (funds were not required due to sufficient family contributions for this) to be used for I love to Read to purchase books and snacks.

3.3. Treasurer's Report

Current account balance is \$6595.37

Not currently any outstanding expenses

The group discussed what traditional financial commitments the council makes to the school.

Motion made to provide \$200 to school for I love to Read

Motioned by Angela

2nd by Chris Santos

ACTION: MOTION PASSED

4. MLA Adrien Sala

Mr. Sala addressed the group, thankful to have time in agenda to connect with Parent Council. Thanks the school and parent group for all they do in the community.

1. Wants to let the group and school know that his office and staff are available as a resource to the community. Staff are available to assist with Grant/funding proposals, and project management.
2. Questions posed to the group regarding concerns/things happening in the Neighbourhood
Regine shared with the group that she has seen an increase in number of and complexity of student/family situations with regards to access to services, food insecurities. She has contacts for assisting where she can but lately these have become increasingly more complicated. Mr. Sala advised that his office is definitely available as a resource to help navigate Government Programs and to please direct families to his office
3. Discussed exciting things in the works-:
 - Art City provided programming last summer at both Deer Lodge Community Centre (DLCC) and Bord-Aire community Centre. Mr. Sala shared that funding has been secured to offer this at both sites each summer for the next five years.
 - Consultations and partnership to build a Community Garden project- partnership with Bruce Park Seniors complex, DLCC, will consult with St. James Horticultural Society. Location still to be determined depending on water access etc. Ideally each box or plot will be 'assigned ownership' to plant and tend based on 'owners' needs.

Regine posed a question regarding students with teacher assistance building a box. Mr. Sala indicated it was hoped to secure complete funding for the materials/building of the project but details were still in early stages. The project is about bringing the community together.

Mr. Sala opened the project for any enthusiastic volunteers. Stephanie Santos indicated she would be very interested in being part of the project.

5. Old/Outstanding Business

Executive Signing Authority

2021/22 Fundraising Discussion

Previously discussed ideas: wine raffle, mom's pantry, garden plants, 50/50 raffle, Show and Save

Summary of Discussion around fundraising:

Laurie presented on Show & Save- no longer a book, now an app with a 1 year subscription

Requires smartphone and families to 'sign up'. We would get a specific access code to give to families which identifies our earned funds. 20 subs--\$5per, >100 ~\$10/per sub

Discussed 50/50 raffle, funding change fees (15% of total) versus paper tickets to sell. Discussed how to distribute and collect tickets and monies. Permit required from Manitoba Gaming. Regine checked with the division and 50/50 raffles are permitted.

Discussed profitability of previous years fundraisers

2018/19

Raffle-\$2953

Craft sale-\$2000

Show save (books)- \$1585

Coffee -\$305

BBQ-\$1700

2019/20

Show save (app version) -\$398

Wrapping paper- \$712

Craft sale -\$1500

Winter concert raffle 50/50- \$1670

Apparel-(loss of \$900)

BBQ-loss (cancel due to covid)

Discussed what the school BBQ looks like:

Occurs after school- usually hotdogs, games, silent auction- previously each classroom puts together a themed basket from family donations.

Food either donated or discounted

Requires ++ volunteers and someone with Food Handler's Certificate

Unknown at this point if we can have it but Regine indicated we will need to submit a date to the division by March 7th to hold day.

Unlikely we will be able to access school for washrooms etc- something to consider.

Apparel- unknown inventory. Regine to have a look and see what is left of each item/sizing. Previous council provided us with a link. Could apparel be a fundraiser, especially outgoing grade 5's might like to order Linwood 'grad' items

The group in attendance decided a 50/50 raffle in early spring is best option right now.

Motion to move forward with 50/50 raffle was made by Chris Santos

2nd by Jody Roy

ACTION: MOTION PASSED

Motion to submit to division June 15th to 'save the date' for potential BBQ was made by Jenn Carson

2nd Chris Santos

ACTION: MOTION PASSED

Parent Council's bank account requires updating with regards to authorized signors.
The following names from previous year's council to be removed:
Colin Chapnick
Amanda Chapnick
Rebecca Holmes
Amy Allen
Laurel Terichow-Parrots
Laci McPhee stepped down from Council duties and her name should be removed as signor from account.

Motion to remove all names listed above from signing authority made by Angela Dunn
2nd by Jennifer Carson

ACTION: Motion passed

Public division budget meeting delegates for Mar.1st 2022- council executive to discuss via email and send a representative

7. Questions/Concerns from parents

Chris asked about unsafe vehicle and traffic situations around the school at drop off and pick up. Regine will discuss again with school resource officer. Discussed the possibility of bringing in Cadets to assist with flow and parking concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:47pm made by Jenn Carson
2nd by Chris Santos

ACTION: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING: Executive will meet to draft budget/financial commitments in near future and schedule meeting early March to Motion/vote on these