

Lincoln Parent Council Meeting Minutes – March 24th, 2022

6:02 – Meeting was called to order.

Outdoor Classroom: The drawings are now at 90% complete. We will get detailed drawings sent to us. What is the timeline for tender? Contractors get three weeks to submit bids and then Little Bluestem will coordinate with the division. We are awaiting some final replies on grant applications. Little Bluestem would help us with selecting a contractor that balances cost and service. We will be in contact when funds are secured.

Grant Updates:

Tree Canada Grant did not come through. We are hopeful for the provincial grants and some of the smaller opportunities.

Simply K Fundraising Setup:

All is now setup, and we are waiting to be linked to our PAC bank account. We will look to have all donations, fundraisers, and more run through this site. We will be sure to publicize and communicate our successes and needs for the community and plan for overage for annual maintenance, signage, and increased costs. We will aim at \$150,000

Treasurer's Report:

Chequing account: Payments and deposits were discussed. Current amount = \$12,433.57
Savings account: Minimal action as this is only used for the toonie draw account. = 3804.71
Pizza raised = \$367.31

Fundraising:

Pizza Day's will be revised to include all students each week.

\$1300 was raised for the Mom's Pantry Orders. We will commit to doing this again in the near future. \$600 was raised through Purdy's orders and will be delivered to the school for distribution. Consider using Morden's chocolates. Toonie draw or a 50/50 win will be decided upon. A cash prize was decided upon and we will do this all online through Simply K. \$1000, \$500, and 5 x \$100 prizes with some student Polo Park gift certificate prizes. We will sell tickets for two weeks only. Tentative dates are April 18th to the 29th.

New Business:

April 21st will be the staff luncheon from PAC.

Grade 8 parent farewell. A google poll has been developed and will be sent to parents by the school. All else will be organized away from the school staff. Rebecca to support the organization.

Next Meeting Date::

April 7th @ 6:00 pm (short meeting about fundraising)

Principal's Report to Parent Council – March 24th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM



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

Grade 6: 110
Grade 7: 100 (+1)
Grade 8: 124 (+1)

Total: 334

Staff Updates

- Ms. Stewart has returned and will be teaching 7-17 ELA/SS and grade 8 art classes.
- Mr. Kehler will be on leave for the month of April and possibly longer.
- Mr. Curtis Vezina will be with us as an EA-C until Ms. Lavallee returns.

2. **Thank you!**

- For your pursuance of grants and funding for our outdoor learning space, the recent Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser as well as the ongoing efforts with pizza Fridays.

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

- **Academics:**

- Report Cards for term 2 are almost completed. Parent conferences to follow on April 13th.
- All ELA teachers met across two mornings to mark on-demand writing samples for consistency and to identify targeted needs as we move into the final term.

- **Arts:**

- Concert and Rock band rehearsals continue. Our Rockband will be performing at the School of Rock in the spring and our concert band will be in transition based on Mr. Kehler's leave.
- Our Lincoln Dance Team will be entering the Canadian National Dance Championships (CNDC)
- Arts Education program is under review based on student feedback and staffing needs.

- **Athletics:**
 - Both basketball teams are playing in the finals on Tuesday evening after a season full of growth and commitment by both players and coaches. Student and family spectators have been a welcome addition to the season.
 - Badminton, spring ultimate, and flag rugby will be starting soon after spring break.

- **School Wide Initiatives and Upcoming Events:**
 - Spring Spirit Week occurred at the end of the month highlighted by costumes and events throughout the week.
 - On February 23rd we had a virtual MADD presentation for our grade 8 students.
 - On February 23rd we had a Pink Shirt Day with presentations from the WPS for all grade 6 and 7 students.
 - On March 3rd, GetReal Virtual Presentation occurred for all students on the topic of Black History month and diversity.
 - We hosted a community vaccination clinic on March 16th with over 30 participants in attendance.
 - Our next Celebration of Success will occur in April due to our extended basketball season. The plan is to have this event occur on Wednesday, April 13th.
 - Virtual parent conferences will occur on the evening of April 13th. Those unable to get an appointment will be offered times on the morning of April 22nd.
 - A virtual information night for families will be held on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:00 pm for next year's grade 6 students. An in-person experience will be provided for students in June.
 - May 2nd is when we expect the next revision to our protocols to include in-person parent events.

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

- Grooming Room Construction is 95% finished.
- Display Case at main entrance has come in over budget and will be on hold until the following year.

- Students at Westwood and Sturgeon Heights are now designing matting to replace the worn out LMS mats found on the east and west sides of the gymnasium walls.
- Wood railing guards at west door to be replaced over spring break.
- We're waiting for the painters to begin!

6. COVID Updates

- Masks are optional with approximately 50% still wearing them.
- Hand sanitizing stations remain in place.
- Staggered exits, Grade 6 cohorts and spacing requirements are no longer in place.
- We continue to post our absence rate due to Covid on our websites and in Notes from the Office weekly.
- Any questions?

7. Requests of Parent Council

- Just leaving it on the radar ... any thoughts about staff appreciation later this year?
- Did you see articles about the outdoor classroom in local publications?

Respectfully submitted by,

Kyle Lizotte
Principal

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:40 pm

List of Attendees:

Kyle Lizotte
Val Johnson
Sherri Flint
Brea Williams
Corrie Friesen
Rebecca Misko
Tayler Bishop (Little Bluestem Landscape Architects)
Jenna Evans

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