

## LMS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Location: Lincoln Middle School, Mrs. Lowe's classroom

**Present:** Lorraine Franklin, Greg Chase, Lesley Cotsianis, Arlene Dean, Wendalee Cameron, Kyle Lizotte, Keeshan Jain, Connie Lowe, Candace Carlyle

- 1) **Call to Order** at 6:33 pm by Lorraine Franklin
- 2) **Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Candace, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.
- 3) **Old Business**
  - a. **Outdoor Classroom Update-** Extensive plans previously approved. Drawings and designs cost approximately \$26, 000. Overall plans were \$126,000, and through fundraising, and grant writing. At time of moving forward, costs had risen to approx. \$200,000. Little Bluestem and Shelmerdine's have scaled down the plans to meet the \$126,000 budget, most of the components of the original plan will be achieved. Classroom will be placed at the west side of the school. Meant to be physically accessible, and used through all four seasons, ideally. Construction set to begin this spring, with expected completion in September. No further updates at this point. A separate grant has been written to extend bike path to Byron Bay and connect to the classroom and continue through the urban trail route. Awaiting decision regarding approval.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report**
  - Total Assets - \$47,300 (including cash on hand)
  - Total Liabilities - \$ 1905.29
  - Net Income for Feb \$ 199.54
- 5) **Principal's Report**
  1. **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.
    - Grade 6: 115 (+1)**
    - Grade 7: 117 (even)**
    - Grade 8: 107 (+2)**
    - Total: 339**

### Staff Updates

- Mrs. Leanna Crawshaw has had to take a long-term medical leave. She is resting and recovering from a successful surgery. Her replacement during her time away will be shared with the community once determined. Teacher announcement next week regarding a replacement.
  - Ms. Angela Kliotis is a new EA-A who has joined our Lincoln team for the mornings only.
2. **Thank you!**
    - Pizza Fridays continue to be well received and supported.
    - I Love to Read Month support (\$400) will allow us to hand out many student and class prizes at the conclusion of the month.

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

- **Academics:**

- All Grade 8's went to Festival du Voyageur. Grade 7's will be travelling to the Human Rights Museum in April. Grade 6's are scheduled to view the Apollo 13 documentary.
- Term 2 coming to an end with term 3 beginning on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Practical Arts and Arts Education classes will change for all students on this day.
- Student Led conferences happen on Thursday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> (changed because of open house)
- Report Cards will be emailed home on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- We have been randomly selected by PCAP (Pan-Canadian Assessment Program). Room 8-07 will be completing an additional assessment in science when we return from spring break.

- **Arts:**

We have many concerts and arts performances in the works. Dates are as follows:

- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Our dance team travels to performance of Swan Lake performed by RWB.
- April 11 – Lincoln Open House @6:00 pm for incoming Grade 6 students
- April 18 – Westwood Family Concert @6:30pm (Jazz Band and Gr. 8 Concert Band)
- April 25 – Level One Band Festival - Play time @4:20 (Grade 7)
- April 26 – Level One Band Festival – Play time @4:40 (Grade 8)
- May 17 – Final Band Concert @Lincoln (Grade 6 and Rock Band, Choir)
- May 18 – Final Band Concert @Lincoln (Grade 7 & 8, Jazz Band, Rock Band, Choir)
- Lincoln cabaret drama production is currently rehearsing for May performances. The show is entitled “The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair”. The 30 minute performance will happen during the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in timing with our concert performances.
- Lincoln Rockband will be performing at the return of Rock the Heights and are actively looking for more events.
- Muralist Annie Bergen is scheduled to begin with all Grade 6 students on a mural to compliment our outdoor learning space. A successful \$500 grant is being provided to help support the creation of this project. We're hoping to have parent council support the remaining amount of this project.
- Jazz, dance, art clubs all continue.

- **Athletics:**

- Our tier 1 basketball season concludes this week with playoffs starting right away. Both boys and girl's teams have participated in a number of tournaments and have experienced success against divisional teams.
- The tier 2 basketball seasons come to an end their final league games happening on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Both our girls and boys teams will be playing on the competitive side of the season ending games.

- We have the highest participation in the division for both boys and girls Atomic level of basketball. This season concludes during the afternoon of Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Floor hockey We can't thank our coaches enough for all of the morning, during, and after school day practices and games.
  - Badminton, spring ultimate, rugby, spring bowling, and track and field teams remain between now and the end of the school year.
- **School Wide Initiatives:**
    - Funds for Have a Heart Day were raised through the sales of Candy Grams on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - Speak Up curriculum was presented to all grade 7's during February to ensure students know how and when to seek help for themselves or others when bullying occurs.
    - Pink Shirt Day was recognized with a WPS presentation
    - Black History Month included daily announcements, featured literature, and a school wide anti-black racism presentation.
    - I Love to Read Month happened throughout the month with a daily rotation of activities.
    - M.A.D.D. presentation will happen for all grade 8 students on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - Counsellor in the Classroom presentation happens for all Grade 6's on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. Building Enhancements, Improvements and "As is" Items:**
- Gym matting has been installed.
  - Library tables have been delivered. Previous tables have been repurposed in room 19.
  - Touch screen smart board has been installed in the woodshop.
  - Washroom doorstops have been installed.
  - Home economics cabinetry and workstations construction has been postponed until spring break.
  - Accessibility renovations will begin this spring.
- 5. New Business and Requests:**
- Spring fundraiser Update
  - Requesting Support for Outdoor Mural

Respectfully submitted by,

Kyle Lizotte, Principal

**3. New Business**

- a. **Pizza Fridays- paper plates-** approx. half of profits go towards paper plates (approx. \$200/month). Discussion regarding type of plates that we are purchasing, and cost of same vs other options. Potential options include students bringing plates from home as well as incentives, increasing cost of pizza, an upcharge for purchasing a plate. Current goal is to encourage students to bring in plates from home, as well as reducing the cost of the plates we are purchasing.

