

## LMS Parent Council Meeting #6

Agenda February 8, 2022 6:00PM

Meeting called by: Brea Williams

Attendance: Mr. Lizotte, Ms. Jones, Brea Williams, Sherri Flint, Tayler (Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture), Rebecca Misko, Val Johnson, Lesley Cotsianis, Erin Crawford, Jaxon E, Quincy Barnesky

### 1) Call to order

6:05 pm by Brea Williams

### 2) Past minutes

Approved previously and posted to website

### 3) Outdoor classroom Update Grant proposals [Brea] Media articles, video [Kyle] Capital fundraising (SimplyK setup?) Student engagement [Brea]

a) Tayler (Little Bluestem)- Drawings are similar to last time, plantings updated with native plants or a cultivar of a native plant, which makes it easier to find plants locally.

Minimum grade included to ensure no pooling of water next to benches. Contractor is responsible to ensure that minimum/maximum grade is met.

Recommend cages around all the planting to avoid breakage of plants when they are getting established. Suggest leaving this up for two years until plants are established. This is a good point to meet with School Division to incorporate any concerns, comments. Drawings to be sent to Division for review, and a meeting can be held via Zoom if necessary.

Most recent invoice has been paid by Parent Council.

b) Grant proposals- Grant received from City of Winnipeg, for \$60,000. Still need to figure out contracts, etc. A few other, smaller grants are outstanding.

Announcements coming in March for Sustainable Communities Grant.

c) Media Articles (Mr. Lizotte)- Kirkfield/Westwood newsletter will include an article in the April issue (delivery late March). Will give publication rights to the Headingley Times to publish there, and this can be published by the school as well. Winnipeg Free Press community distribution will include an article for all of Western Winnipeg. This will hopefully pique the interest of the community, and hope to generate donations.

d) Student Engagement (Ms. Jones/Brea)- Working on student videos to highlight benefits of outdoor classroom. Will be shared on Feb 22 with all the students.

Images created by Brea will be posted around the school. Goal is to inform students

of how Parent Council is raising funds to create the outdoor classroom for benefit of the student.

- e) SimplyK (Rebecca)- Rebecca has started on this. Goal would be to attach the account to the Lincoln Parent Council email to ensure continuity. Can be up and running quite quickly. Donations can run through this platform. Rebecca to confirm if credit cards/debit cards can be used on the platform.

**4) Treasurer's Report (Rebecca)**

Received \$1964.28 from FundScrip

Paid BlueStem invoice \$1706.25

Current balance \$13,289.20

Legacy account balance is \$3807.21, bank fees to be reversed

Grade 7 Pizza Lunch this Friday, February 11

**5) Administration Report (Mr. Lizotte/Ms. Jones)**

**Principal's Report to Parent Council – February 8th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**



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

**Grade 6: 110**

**Grade 7: 99**

**Grade 8: 123**

**Total: 332**

**Staff Updates**

- Ms. Stewart will be returning in March. Initially half-time and returning full-time in September
- Ms. Sarahs will be staying with us until the end of the year.
- Mr. Curtis Vezina will be with us as an EA-C until Ms. Lavallee returns in early April
- Sherri has been subbing in the building- thank you

- 2. **Thank you!**

- For your pursuance of grants and funding for our outdoor learning space, the recent Mom's Pantry fundraiser as well as for the initiative to start up the second round of pizza Fridays.

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

- **Academics:**

- Recent professional development on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> focused on all elements of our school plan and ensuring accountability.
- SNAP math assessments focused on student growth in numeracy have been developed for monthly use. This has been exemplary for the division.
- On-Demand Writing Samples are on full display in the library with targeted strengths and needs identified. Grade 6, 7, 8- typical samples of Lincoln students for all grades. Helps to ground teachers in what they are teaching, and gives students great feedback.

- **Arts:**

- Concert and Rock band continues
- Surveys about band were provided to current 6's for feedback for Mr. Kehler
- Arts Education surveys were provided to current 7's for feedback for planning staff.

- **Athletics:**

- Basketball seasons is underway with all games livestreamed.
- Home game spectators are now permitted. Capacity limitations at some schools prevent visiting team parents.
- Coaches have encouraged students dressing up for games- lots of spirit in the school, great atmosphere

- **School Wide Initiatives and Upcoming Events:**

- I Love to Read Month is underway with different events each day throughout the month. We're hoping parent council can contribute funds towards the event for student and classroom prizes like in previous years.

- Black History Month is being recognized throughout the month with featured books during I Love to Read Month as well as “Figures of Appreciation” on our Instagram and daily announcements. The blizzard canceled the kick-off of Black History Month- disappointing, however, rescheduled for March 3 to end off the month.
- Matchmaker Surveys and Valentines Day Candy Grams will be made available later this week to help further fundraise for the Mission in Mexico campaign.
- The GetReal Virtual Presentations occurred on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> all grade 7 and 8 students will learn about inclusion from personal narratives and experience. Participants will highlight human connections, shared emotions, diversity from relatable speakers from the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- February 21 is Louis Riel Day- no school
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> will have a virtual MADD presentation for our grade 8 students.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. Grade group presentations that day.
- GetReal Virtual Presentation originally scheduled for Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> has been moved to March 3<sup>rd</sup> because of low attendance on a blizzard day. This presentation will continue the conversation of Black History month and diversity.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Day
- March 16<sup>th</sup> is our 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccination clinic for students and community members. You can get 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> shots of Moderna or Pfizer on this day. Clinic operates from 1:30 – 3:15 for students and then from 3:30 – 6:30 for all others.
- Our next Celebration of Success will occur at the end of the basketball season in March.
- Parent Conferences- feedback received that having report cards first is helpful. Report cards go out after Spring Break. Conferences would occur mid-April- stay tuned for dates.

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

- Grooming Room Construction is in its final stages
- Blinds for Ms. Jones and Ms. Mercier have been installed.
- Sliding frame holder installed for 10-year alumni in the main hallway
- Display Case at main entrance will be replaced over spring break.
- Wood railing guards at west door to be replaced over spring break.

- We're waiting for the painters to begin!

## **6. COVID Updates**

- Grade 6 cohorting restrictions remain in place which is what has been limiting their involvement in team sport and inter-school competition.
- Any questions about the reduced responsibilities on schools to contact trace and simply provide attendance statistics?
- Daily reminders about proper mask use, hand sanitization, and symptoms are provided.

## **7. Requests of Parent Council**

- I Love to Read Month Prize Support- Motion put forward by Brea to provide up to \$400 to support I love to read month. Seconded by Sherri. Motion approved, pending review by Rebecca and Corrie.
- Possible Dance Team Competition Support – Mr. Lizotte to let Parent Council know about registration fees
- Just putting it on the radar ... any thoughts about staff appreciation later this year?
- Look for articles about the outdoor classroom in local publications.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kyle Lizotte

Principal

## **6) Staff Appreciation**

Funds raised have to be raised separately from Parent Council. Last year, lunch was ordered from Silver Heights restaurant.

**7) Pizza Days (Mr. Lizotte)**

Pizza days will resume every Friday, alternating by grade level- 7, 8, 6. Grade 7 this Friday, Feb 11; Grade 8 Feb 18, Grade 6 Feb 25

**8) Fundraising**

Mom's Pantry: status, pick-up (Rebecca) – going well. Account is under Rebecca's name. Currently at 15 orders, totalling \$1400. Discussion of whether hard copy order forms should be circulated- some families have printed a copy themselves. Will post more frequently on Instagram for reminders, and separate email reminders.

Purdy's: setup & dates (Val)- Active now, account is up and running. Order deadline is March 22, pick up April 8<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will go to school. Invite link will go out, will use a group number. Goal is \$1000, but will likely surpass. Brea to put together a post for Instagram. Request for a blurb for Friday Notes from the Office.

Raffle: Toonie draw or 50/50? Start/end? Licence – deferred

**9) New Business**

Question about Grade 8 Farewell- needs to be organized by a separate parent committee

**10) Next Meeting**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm via MS Teams

**11) Adjournment**

7:29 pm