

## LMS Parent Council Meeting Minutes- November 3, 2021 6:00 pm

**Present:** Kyle Lizotte, Leah Jones, Rebecca Misko, Sherri Flint, Corrie Friesen, Lesley Cotsianis, Tayler B (Little Bluestem), Jason Barton, Val Johnson, Brea William, Jenna Evans

**Call to Order:** 6:06 by Brea Williams

**Minutes from last meeting:** posted to website, accepted as posted

### **Little Bluestem (Outdoor Classroom):**

- Shared drawings of conceptual plan
- Not many changes in layout since presented in June
- This is the last step before construction drawings, which are used for the tender process
- Plans consist of concrete walls of varying height, with seats, amphitheatre seating. Tiers of seating present
- Two options presented: first option more economical, second option is pricier
- Option One:
  - Concrete chosen due to limited amount of materials possible
  - Proposing application of a pattern using a system using on streets, heat transferred onto concrete, durable, holds up to weather. Proposing putting that on the sides of the concrete walls. Used the mascot as inspiration
  - Pattern application likely to need to be redone in 15-20 years
- Option Two:
  - Remove some concrete walls, and put in benches. Could remove concrete completely or add bench seating on top of concrete. Benches can improve accessibility by adding backrests, armrests
  - Benches lighten up the space.
  - Bench product comes in a few materials- IPE wood (Brazilian wood ) or composite and polyethylene
  - Option 2 is \$50, 000 more than option 1 but likely able to last 40-50 years.
- Questions from Parent Council:
  - Question regarding removal of graffiti- likely easier to remove graffiti from benches
  - Can benches be retrofitted after the fact? Bench products likely to be available. Concrete could be designed to accommodate the benches dimensions and benches could be added in a phase 2
  - Can the concrete be customized with design elements such as quotes, etc? Yes, it is custom, and anything can be applied to the concrete
  - How often do walkways need to be re-graded? Pretty hard once compacted, but will always find migration. Should be able to go 5-10 years without doing any major maintenance
  - Would be a border between different colours of gravel? Not typically a border between sod and gravel due to tendency of borders to raise due to climate, and can create a tripping hazard. Could be added if school wants to explore this. Haven't seen transfer of materials in current outdoor classroom between gravel/sod
  - Question regarding funds- discussed that the plans can be used to apply for grants. Goal is currently to get construction documents in place to then apply for sponsorships

- Question regarding ability to see a project in which bench was used to visualize what would constitute cost difference- Tayler to ask colleagues if there are projects with this product
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- Both versions have quite a bit of concrete. Should get 20 years of life out of concrete.
- Ideally, a decision regarding which option would be made before proceeding with construction drawings.
- Surface is crushed limestone, some areas with a crushed granite topping
- Edging would add a significant cost
- Tayler will send a photo of a recently finished outdoor classroom with limestone base
- Advice is to pursue grants that give out large sums
- Some discussion about if we get some funds but not enough to cover additional seating. Could pursue a phased approach.
- Per Tayler, can use the design/development drawings to start applying for grants.
- Tayler to send drawings and both cost estimates to the group
- Grants tend to close in January/February
- Discussion about options:
  - Will review grant resource- Brea to send out the document again. Parent council as a team will complete the grant application. Best to have parent council involved to show the commitment of the community
  - Will inquire about whether a portion of benches can be included to improve accessibility
- Parent council funds have so far been used for Little Bluestem drawings
- Will invite Little Bluestem to next meeting

**Treasurer's report:**

- \$15, 724 in both accounts
- Chequing= \$11, 922.50;
- Savings = \$3802.21; savings account accrues \$2.50 fees/month. Corrie requests that the bank waive these fees monthly
- Going ahead with Fundscrip fundraiser

**Principal's Report:**

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

**Grade 6: 107 (+2)**

**Grade 7: 99**

**Grade 8: 124 (+1)**

**Total: 330 (+3)**



**Staff Updates**

- New teacher joining Grade 7 team, room 18 ELA; Mr. Keeshan Jain. Mr. Rivet will be doing resource full-time

2. **Thank you!**

- For Fundscrip start-up. All communications have been distributed through Notes from the Office as well as paper copies to families. Be sure to let us know if anything further is needed.

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

**Academics:**

- School wide on-demand writing has been completed and reviewed to identify strengths and next steps at each grade level. This was done in partnership with our literacy coach, Ms. Jennifer Stark and all ELA teachers.
- On-demand common assessments in math continue with a focus on critical thinking in math and how to consistently assess our students using the school-based, divisional, and provincial tools provided. This is being worked on in partnership with our numeracy coach, Mr. Scott Dempster.

**Arts:**

- Our grade 7 and 8 Rockband has been formed with practices occurring 2-3 times per week.
- Our dance program is running with morning, lunch and afternoon practices. The team's first performance will be featured at our upcoming Remembrance Day service.
- All students in band have an instrument and have resumed playing. Grade 6 students have extra access to the band room through the lunch hours based on their instrument.
- Arts Education rotations change for all students on November 29th.

**Athletics:**

Ultimate team won a tournament- was a great

- Volleyball season ongoing. Tier 1 playoffs at the end of the month, playing for divisional championship
- Basketball season coming up
- Lincoln Live livestream is up and running, every game will be recorded

**School Wide Initiatives:**

- Many clubs up and running including GSA, board games, chess, Dungeons and Dragons, and more.
- Remembrance Day lessons and service. Indigenous Veteran's Day is Nov. 8th Remembrance Day service happens on Nov. 10th at 10:30 am. No school on Nov. 11th
- Student Voice Movember Campaign – Nov. 30th = student vote, cookie sales, moustache sales and more all in support of Andrews' family campaign.
- Student Voice Rock Paper Scissor Charitable Campaign (Hygiene Items being collected to support Sturgeon Heights community hamper creation).
- Catch-up vaccination clinic occurs on Dec. 7th at Lincoln.
- Lion Pride Achievement and First Term Athletic Awards on or before Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>
- And more!

- Parent conferences- virtual conferences only right now – feedback requested regarding delaying conferences until Dec 2/3 after report cards. Parent council participants in favour of same. Sign up dates will come out in next notes from the office
- Report Cards December 1

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

- Grooming room construction up and running
- Painting to be underway in the next few weeks
- We’ll be installing a Space Garden (Nutri-Tower) to one of our classrooms or the Foods room!

**5. COVID Updates:**

No updates

**New Business**

- Fundscrip update- Instagram helps for advertising
- Need to determine how to hand out cards – discussed “drive through” contactless option. Can use Conference Manager- need date/time allotments. Can use bus loop as long as we’re avoiding bus times, or back parking lot
- Pizza lunches- could use art room, pick a grade per Friday. Staff could manage this. Mrs. Mercier would lead this from a staff perspective. Will trial in late November/December- Nov 26 (grade 8), Dec 10( grade 7) , Dec 17 (grade 6) .

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 via Teams

**Adjourned** 7:04 pm