

## **LMS Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: January 16, 2023, 6:30 pm**

**Location: Lincoln Middle School Library and via MS Teams**

**Present:** Kyle Lizotte, Connie Lowe, Candace Carlyle, Lorraine Franklin, Lesley Cotsianis, Cheryl Smukowich (School Trustee), Keeshan Jain, Greg Chase, Sandy Lethbridge (School Trustee)

**1) Call to Order** – 6:34 pm by Lorraine Franklin

**2) Principal's Report**

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

**Grade 6: 114 (+1)**

**Grade 7: 117 (+1)**

**Grade 8: 105 (-1)**

**Total: 336**

### **Staff Updates**

- Mr. Danny Harris, EA-C, has returned from a short term medical leave and will be with us for the remainder of the year.
- Mr. Alan Muir, our night time cleaner, has left Lincoln after almost 30 years. He is now at Phoenix Elementary School.

### **Thank you!**

- For your patience and support with the redesign and adjustments with the revised design plans of our outdoor classroom and for the support with some additional grant writing. Snodog and an additional pathway are the hopes! Pizza Fridays continue to be well received and supported.

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

- **Academics:**
  - Dates for common assessments in numeracy and literacy have been established.
  - Provincial assessments will be completed in the weeks ahead by grade 7 and 8 students.

- We have been randomly selected by PCAP (Pan-Canadian Assessment Program). Our grade 8's will be completing an additional assessment this spring that will be compared with students throughout Canada and beyond.
- **Arts:**
  - Our winter concert occurred in December with a large turnout and performances that included dance, choir, and grades 6-8 concert bands.
  - Jazz band has over 20 members and meets several times each week.
  - Drama production auditions have occurred.
  - Choir pull outs continue.
  - All grade 8's travelled to Westwood to view Drama Games. This sparks interest in our own improv club that starts up next week.
  - Ms. Norah Erickson and Mr. Dan Campbell meet with our 9 rock band members weekly for rehearsal and prep for future performances.
  - We are registering our grade 7 and 8 concert bands as well as our choir for some upcoming festivals.
- **Athletics:**
  - Our tier 1 and 2 basketball seasons have begun with in-division season games and tournaments. Practices for all levels happen before, during, and after school.
  - World cup soccer intramurals have completed and we're on to floor hockey.
  - Grant McInnis from Rugby Manitoba will be working with all students to introduce the game of Rugby. Mr. Jain will be following up with a school program.
- **School Wide Initiatives:**
  - Rock Paper Scissors - Holiday Hamper Donation Drive was completed with a massive amount of donations made to the CSHC Pros vs Joes fundraising events. Class champions, school champions, and divisional champions were determined. More importantly, non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies were collected to help support the creation of Holiday Hampers for families in need throughout the division.
  - Our first Lion's Pride Awards Day assembly was held with over 120 certificates and awards distributed! We will have more awards assemblies at the end of February, April, and June.
  - WPS Gang Awareness and Prevention presentation happens with Vinnie Lillie for grade 8's on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> is Bell Let's Talk Day
  - February is Black History Month as well as I Love to Read Month.
  - Grade 8's will be heading to Festival du Voyageur.
  - We will be hosting all SJASD middle years teachers on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> to learn more about Indigenous teachings and meaningful inclusion within all that we do. Our focal point will

be the *Mamàhtawisiwin: The Wonder We are Born With* provincial framework and document.

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

- Library shelving is now complete!
- Library tables that allow for ease of configuration and flexibility will arrive by the end of the month
- Matting on gym walls have been ordered for replacement.
- Home economics cabinetry and workstations are being redesigned and re-constructed for aesthetic, function, and accessibility reasons. Work to be finished by Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Business and Requests:**

- Review, feedback, and approval of revised outdoor classroom designs.
- Spring fundraiser
- Support for I Love to Read Month

Respectfully submitted by,

Kyle Lizotte, Principal

**3) Treasurer’s Report**

Pizza Fridays are bringing in about \$150 per week. December 16<sup>th</sup> Pizza Friday did not make money due to number of students away. All other weeks have been profitable.

**4) New Business**

- a. **Outdoor Classroom Update-** Revised plan shared that will meet our current budget. The curved concrete benches that accounted for a significant amount of the budget have been removed and replaced with limestone seating boulders. Banting, McBey, and Byron Bay are part of a connected bike trail. A crushed gravel trail will be included as part of a Trails Manitoba grant.
- b. **I Love to Read Month-** Request for \$400 to support I Love to Read Month. Motion by Candace Carlyle, seconded by Lesley Cotsianis. Motion carried
- c. **Spring Raffle-** Spring 50/50 planned with a draw date of March 17<sup>th</sup>. Lorraine and Lesley to work on lottery application.

**5) Next Meeting**

February 27, 2023 at 6:30pm in LMS Library and via Teams by request

**6) Adjournment- 7:23 pm**