

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

January 9th, 2024

Attending: Kyle Lizotte, Keeshan Jain, Jenna Evans, Candace Carlyle, and Greg Chase.

Meeting called: 6:09pm

November Minutes:

- Greg firsts, Candace seconds, Approved.

Principals Report to Parent Council (Kyle Lizotte):

- **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.
 - Grade 6: 102 (-1)
 - Grade 7: 117 (-1)
 - Grade 8: 116 (+1)
 - Total: 335

Staff Updates

- Mr. Dakota Moorehead – Educational Assistant (level C), began in December as an added position.
- Mr. Tommy Zhang – custodian, is on a long-term leave with no timeline to return.
- **Thank you!**
 - For your efforts with the Fundscrip fundraiser and the money raised.
 - Pizza Fridays!
- **Recent School Events, Clubs and Supports of/for Learning:**

Academics:

- Throughout the months of November and December, homerooms are travelling to experience the Witness Blanket at Bruce Middle School to connect and further understand the impact of residential schools in Canada.
- Term 2 is underway with all students transitioning to new Practical Arts and Creative Arts classes.
- Provincial math (grade 7) and English language arts (grade 8) assessments are underway.

Arts:

- Our grade 8 concert band and Community Impact class visited the 529 Country Club care home to perform and connect with their residents and to spread some holiday cheer.
- Our Lincoln Choir sang in the Candlelight Concert at My Church located at 955 Wilkes.
- Our Grade 6, 7, and 8 concert bands, Jazz band, dance troupe, and choir all performed at our Winter Concert Evenings on December 6th and 7th. Each evening was well attended, and positive feedback provided from our community in regards to separate nights and shorter events overall.
- Rehearsals for our school musical “Newsies” have begun. Performances will happen on the afternoons and evenings of April 22nd and 23rd at the Westwood Collegiate Theatre.
- Lincoln Rockband has returned! Mr. Kehler has taken on this long standing tradition at Lincoln and will be working with students in the months ahead as they prepare for performances later this year.
- We were successful applicants for the Manitoba Arts Council – Artists in the School initiative and are able to partner with local muralist, Annie Bergen to continue making large scale murals with a designated grade level. This will happen in May, 2024.

Athletics:

- Atomic, Tier 2 and Tier 1 basketball season is underway. Teams have been formed and games will begin later this month. Currently our Tier 1 and 2 teams (both boys and girls) practice together to increase skill development and create a cohesive and supportive environment.

School Wide Initiatives:

- Spirit Week happened during the week of Dec. 18th – Dec. 22nd.
- Our contributions of donated items (non-perishable food and hygiene products) were greatly appreciated by the staff and students at CSHC in support of the Pros vs Joes event. We donated over 1500 items and one of our students won the Rock Paper Scissors divisional tournament!
- All grade 7’s went to the Canadian Human Rights Museum
- Community Impact class visited the Agape Table Inc. to build and distribute hampers to those in need.
- We will be partnering with Elder Belinda Vandebroek to learn more about the tradition of oral history and storytelling. This will happen during January and February.
- February 5th – MADD Canada will present to all Grade 8 students.
- February 23rd – MTYP will perform Snow White for all students.
- SJASD Open House and registration information will be provided to all students and families by the end of the month.

- Student feedback provided within our Lincoln based survey has provided us with reason to change our lunch time routines.
- **Building Enhancements, Improvements and “As is” Items:**
 - Staff Room is now completed.
 - Outdoor classroom is now completed with payments required.
 - Whiteboards installed in room 17.
 - Greenhouse tables have been refurbished using cedar decking materials. This was to improve overall safety and function of the space for both staff and students.
 - Gymnasium Storage areas have been decluttered and repurposed for current supplies.
- **New Business and Requests:**
 - 120 jerseys have been purchased to support our large sized school teams (Atomic, Track, Ultimate, Cross Country). Support is appreciated if possible.
 - I Love to Read Month is approaching. The Parent Council annually supports homeroom-based incentives.
 - How can we help with the next Fundraiser (Pizza North, 50/50, other)

President’s Report (Candace Carlyle): NIL

Treasurer’s Report (Greg Chase): Attached

- Both Little Bluestem and Shelmerdine’s are awaiting final payout for the outdoor classroom project. We have submitted a request to release the funds for our provincial grant based on project completion (Schedule B and Schedule C forms have been completed). Once funds are received by the Lincoln PAC, payment will be provided.

Vice-President’s Report (Megan Blahey): NIL

Secretary (Jenna Evans): NIL

Fundraising:

- We need to request the money from Fundscript, once requested they will send us a cheque.
- Kitchen North Pizza – Candace will reach out for an updated order form. Dates for fundraiser are as follows:
 - Start February 9th
 - Due February 23rd

- Pick-up March 7th

New Business:

- Jerseys have been purchased by the school. It would be appreciated if parent council was able to contribute. Parent council will know in the coming months if this is possible.

Next Meeting: March 5th, 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:33pm

Minutes prepared by: _____

Jenna Evans