

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

October 10th, 2023

Attending: Kyle Lizotte, Connie Lowe, Keeshan Jain, Jenna Evans, Candace Carlyle, Megan Blahey, and Greg Chase.

Meeting called: 6:13pm

Principals Report to Parent Council (Kyle Lizotte):

- **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.
Grade 6: 101, Grade 7: 118, Grade 8: 115
Total: 334
- **Staff Updates**
 - Stacey Chrabasczc (grade 7) took over from Ms. Crystal Stewart (left the division)
 - Keiko Kada (home ec and creative arts) covering for Anne Smith (on parental leave)
 - Laura Kjartanson (EA-C) returns to us after a year at Athlone School
- **Thank you!**
 - For putting your names forward and ensuring that we can continue with our long-standing tradition of having a Lincoln Middle School Parent Council.
- **Recent School Events, Clubs and Supports of/for Learning:**
 - Academics:**
 - School-wide on-demand writing has been completed and all ELA teachers will be provided with relief time to meet over the next two days to review and identify strengths and next steps at each grade level.
 - Mathematics teachers will be focusing their efforts on problem-solving abilities, mindset, and assessment across all grade levels.
 - Literacy teachers will be focusing on the instruction and assessment of the critical thinking skills of Listening and Viewing with our students throughout the year.
 - Our school plan has been revised and our report to the community will be posted on our school website by the end of next week.
 - Practical Arts (woods, home economics, technology) have begun with kids rotating through all areas each term.
 - Arts:**
 - Our First Notes Night happened for all Grade 6 students. The concert bands at all ages are now prepping for Remembrance Day (Nov. 10) and our Winter Concert (Dec 7th)
 - Our Jazz band has begun and meets 3 times per week (2 mornings and one school day pullout). We have over 30 members in this band!
 - Our dance team has been established with just over 20 members.
 - Choir sign-ups have occurred with sections already rehearsing. We have over 40 students in choir at this point. The choir will be led by Mr. Rivet.

- Arts Education program has been revised. Now called Creative Arts, students were given 7 selections per grade level to rank in order of preference of what they would like to take through the year. They will change classes each term.
- We are actively seeking a partnership and mentor for our Lincoln Rockband. Auditions have not yet begun. We'll make it work!

Athletics:

- We will have two ultimate teams entering the Hold Back the Snow tournament at SJR school.
- B.E.S.T. bike program begins for students on Oct. 11th.
- Atomic, Tier 2, and Tier 1 Volleyball seasons have started. All teams are scheduled to play in two or more tournaments plus our divisional season. The season and playoffs will finish on or around November 23rd.
- We took home our first championship banner of the season in cross-country running!

School Wide Initiatives:

- Many clubs up and running including GSA, Indigenous Planning, Student Leadership, Canteen, Board Games, and more!
- Week devoted to Truth and Reconciliation led by our VP Connie Lowe and staff. Lots of involvement and engagement from students, staff and community performers. Aboriginal School of Dance was here to perform.
- Live Different presentation for all students that promoted strength in resiliency and being kind to others.
- October will feature our spirit week from Oct. 30th – Nov. 3rd which will include a Lion's Main Event gym blast and Soctober donation drive in support of OPK and the Main Street project.
- **Building Enhancements, Improvements and "As is" Items:**
 - Gymnasium entrance flooring
 - Water bottle spigots installed on all fountains
 - Staff room renovation
 - Increased whiteboard space
 - Accessibility renovations have been put on hold by the province.
 - Capital D requests are being made now.
 - Outdoor classroom is near completion!
- **New Business and Requests:**
 - Can we select a few fundraising efforts and dates based on past routines?
 - Opening of our outdoor classroom. What do we envision?
 - Our goal as a parent council. What do we hope to accomplish?

President's Report (Candace Carlyle): NIL

Treasurer's Report (Greg Chase):

- Oct. report, Megan firsts, Candace seconds, Approved.

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

Secretary (Jenna Evans): NIL

Fundraising:

- Pizza Lunch – doing well, less waste, overhead is low. 2 line ups much faster. Dominos \$9 per pizza, earn \$1.35 per slice.
- Fundscript – was successful last year, potentially start Oct 20th and be ready for pick up Dec 10th. Will contact previous parent council for more information.
- 50/50
- Kitchen North Pizza
- Chocolate Bunnies in spring
- Bedding plants from Glenlea or Shelmerdines

New Business:

- Would like to acknowledge contributions towards outdoor classroom. In the form of a plaque on boulder.
- Parent council can look into Manitoba Association of Parent Councils for more support.

Old Business:

- NIL

Next Meeting: November 7th, 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07pm

Minutes prepared by: _____

Jenna Evans