

LMS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2022

Location: LMS Library

Present: Mr. Lizotte, Ms. Lowe, Mr. Jain, Candace Carlyle, Lorraine Franklin, Brea Williams, Corrie Friesen, Quincy Barnesky (via Teams), Lesley Cotsianis, Greg Chase

1) Call to Order

- 6:37 pm by Lorraine Franklin

2) Past Minutes:

- Motion to accept minutes Candace, seconded by Greg. Motion carried

3) Outdoor Classroom Update:

- Mr. Lizotte shared information from Kirkfield Westwood magazine as well as construction plans for new Parent Council members
- Budget = \$125, 000. Costs came in above budget; however, we can achieve the classroom within the budget
- Little Bluestem working with Shelmerdine and GT Shelters for materials
- Shelmerdine has started coordinating their orders
- Looking at end of October start date for construction
- We have received some funds from the provincial government grant (\$29, 885), with further fund payments of \$14, 943 and \$4981 still to be received (for a total grant of \$49, 809)
- Grant from the city will be advanced with substantial completion of the project (\$62, 262)

4) Treasurer's Report

- Deferred, as waiting information back from auditors
- No banking transactions on our accounts for September

5) Principal's Report

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

Grade 6: 113

Grade 7: 115

Grade 8: 105

Total: 333

- b) **Staff Updates**

- Ms. Amy Adair (grade 7 social studies and grade 7 visual arts) until Ms. Stewart returns to full time.
- Mr. Dan Campbell (grade 8 French and home economics) until Ms. Calladine returns.
- Ms. Riley Link (Educational Assistant) has accepted a position at Westwood Collegiate. Her position will be filled by October 11th. Mr. Dan Harris has been hired for this position, hopefully starting October 11th.

c) Thank you!

- For putting your names forward and continuing with our long-standing tradition of having a Lincoln Middle School Parent Council.

d) 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 have met to discuss their use of divisional common assessments and have already begun using these tools to measure where students are and to set next steps within their planning and instruction.
- Our school plan and report to the community has been revised and posted on our school website.
- Practical Arts (woods, home economics, technology) has 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 and our Winter Concert scheduled for Thursday, December 8th.
- Our dance classes, club, and team have begun with practices happening morning, lunch and after school. The team's first performance will be featured at our upcoming Remembrance Day service. We have over 20 members on the team!
- Arts Education program has been revised to ensure students have access to all options offered. A change in arts education classes will happen every 6-8 weeks throughout the year.
- We are actively seeking a partnership and mentor for our Lincoln Rockband. We'll make it work!

- Choir sign ups have occurred with sectional auditions occurring next. The choir will be led by Mr. Rivet.

- **Athletics:**

- We will have two ultimate teams entering the Hold Back the Snow tournament at SJR school.
- 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 will conclude in early November. coming to an end with Tier 1 playoffs occurring during the final week of November.
- We took home our first championship banner of the season in cross country running thanks in large part to our high participation rate at the grade 6 level.

- **School Wide Initiatives:**

- Many clubs up and running including GSA, Student Voice, Canteen, 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.
- October will feature our spirit week that often includes community fundraising efforts as well as a Lion's Main Event gym blast!

d) Building Enhancements, Improvements and "As is" Items:

- Painting is now complete.
- Air conditioning units have been replaced.
- Several banks of lockers have been painted.
- Library shelving will be completed in October.
- Capital D requests are being made now.
- Anyone looking for an old teacher desk, metal filing cabinet, we have some for you!

e) New Business and Requests:

- Can we talk Pizza Lunches?
- Outdoor Classroom Update

Respectfully submitted by,

Kyle Lizotte, Principal

6) New Business

- a) Pizza lunches- Corrie will set up first pizza lunch and connect Greg with Domino's contacts. Teachers will continue to run the pizza lunch as it was done last year. Goal is to start October 14th for all grades.
- b) Fundraisers- last year, Parent Council ran FundScrip (gift card) prior to Christmas- this was successful and easy to run. Corrie will assist in setting up and hand off to current Parent Council. Information to be sent to families October 20, with orders due November 17th. Plan to do 50-50 draw around Spring Break (draw date March 17)

7) Next Meeting

- November 7, 2022, at 6:30 pm in the LMS Library

8) Adjournment

- 7:34 pm