

**Linwood School  
Parent Council  
MINUTES  
Mar 23, 2022 (via Microsoft TEAMS)  
6:00 pm**

**Participants:** Jody Roy Regine Nuytten Joanna Kroeker Kathy Isfeld-Jones  
Angela Dunn Laurie McKnight Jenn Carson

**Regrets:**

Meeting called to order @ 6:04 pm

1. Additions to the agenda-Regine has a request from staff to share under New Business

Question from Kathy Isfeld-Jones inquiring if teacher rep has voting rights at meetings. Regine shared that usually teacher rep is able to vote on all matters except financial ones and this is usually decided on at the first parent council meeting each year.

Minutes, once approved, are posted to the Parent Council tab on the school's website and forwarded to the division

2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (February 23,2022)

Laurie McKnight motioned to approve the minutes from Feb 23, 2022

Second by Angela Dunn

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSED

3. REPORTS

**3.1. Chairperson's Report**

Angela shared that the executive met informally a couple of weeks ago to sort out some details to prepare Budget/motions for the larger group

Would like to create and send out a Newsletter with information on who Parent Council is and what we'd like to do- Regine reminded that all sharing has to be directed through the school first

There is a Parent Council email, but we don't have access to the login information. We will create a new one

**3.2. Principal's Report**

- Regine shared wish list ideas from teachers.
  - So far 1. incubator/eggs for Grade 1 (written request received- to be addressed later in agenda)
  - 2.Enhancing classroom selection of books for all classes
  
- The grade 4/5 students were able to participate in Festival de Linwood this week, with lots of fun French Voyageur themed activities outdoors-will be posted on school's Instagram account soon
- Tree planting- Information session
- I love to Read week was extremely busy but well received. The students loved all the activities, contests and prizes. The teacher's expressed thanks to Parent Council for the support. Next year, they will consider spreading the events over the month of February- doing something each week on Fridays.
- On demand independent writing-All classes complete each term. Students are given a topic/prompt and write independently. The school will share a few samples from each Grade level with families.

### 3.3. Treasurer's Report

Current account balance is \$6395.63

#### 4. Old/Outstanding Business

##### 2021/22 Fundraising Discussion

- Previously discussed ideas: 50/50 raffle, Year End BBQ
- clothing fundraiser: inventory, advertising and cost

Regine shared the inventory amounts of clothing items

|            |                |
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| Tshirts    | Toques         |
| Small (18) | 3 Grey         |
| Med (26)   | 1 pink cuff    |
| Lrg (7)    | 2 pink no cuff |

Discussed what we would like to charge. Felt that \$15/shirt and \$10/toque was reasonable. We will create email/poster to send to families to order. They can email parent council to indicate items they want to purchase, and we will confirm prior to parents sending in cash to teachers. The group felt that if there appeared to be a lot of interest from parents, we could always order more.

#### 5. New Business

Motions: That we support the school and Teachers by reinstating the 'core commitments' in the following amounts

**Jennifer Carson made a motion to provide Classroom cash \$125/class x 15 teachers (\$1875)**

**Second by Jody Roy—MOTION PASSED**

**Jody motioned Allow for wish list requests for total of \$1000**

**Second by Joanna Kroeker—MOTION PASSED**

**Jody motioned to allocate funds towards Grade 5 farewell up to \$400**

**Second by Jenn—MOTION PASSED**

Discuss Outdoor challenge requirements –motion required for amount (previously \$400) Mrs Jones shared that the way they've structured the Outdoor Challenge over the last couple of years should not require support in the \$400 amount.

**Jody motioned to provide up to but not exceeding \$200 for Outdoor challenge**

**Second by Angela Dunn—MOTION PASSED**

Motion: That we go forward with a 50/50 raffle using Funding Change as an online selling platform for April

Executive shared thoughts on going forward with digital platform and given the challenges of selling paper tickets at present, we might still have a successful fundraiser even after Funding Change fees are accounted for. We could potentially set up a table on a couple of dates to sell 'in person'. Looking at April/May to run this.

**Motion to proceed with digital platform Funding change 50/50 was made by Angela**

**Second by Laurie McKnight—MOTION PASSED**

Teacher Appreciation- the group discussed hosting a teacher appreciation lunch. Discussed cost and whether to include support staff at this time. Discussed April 22<sup>nd</sup> being an ideal day as the teachers are in the building for conferences but support staff are not. Felt we could provide an alternate appreciation to support staff at a later date once we know how much money we have. We need some clarification on whether council funds can be used as staff appreciation. May send letter to families requesting support. Funds can be submitted to teachers to be passed on to PC. Discussed what style of lunch would be best- buffet type or grab n go. To keep costs down, we thought the self-serve would be preferred. If staff are uncomfortable, perhaps recommend all wear masks while dishing up their plates.

**Year-end BBQ**

Date is secured but awaiting further information from division on whether a BBQ event would be feasible—will likely know more after Spring Break. Still need someone with food handlers, previous years- BBQ from Food Fare and Hotdogs, drinks, chips and ice cream were served. It was done as a preorder so we knew how much food to order. Classrooms created theme baskets for silent auction tickets.

**Motion to grant Grade One wish list request for Incubator/eggs project for the amount of \$150 was made by Jenn. Second by Laurie—MOTION PASSED**

Regine shared a letter from Mrs. Turner requesting financial support from Parent Council for the Nutrition program. Discussed amounts. Previous years has been between \$500-1000.

**Motion to grant request in amount of \$500 made by Jody  
Second by Laurie—MOTION PASSED****6. Questions/Concerns from parents****NEXT MEETINGS (tentative) April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 & May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022****ADJOURNMENT @ 7:05 PM**