

Linwood Elementary School Parent Council Meeting

Oct 4, 2023

Location: Linwood School Library

Participants: Robyn Zajac (principal), Tanya Jensen (teacher), Laurie McKnight (chair), Joanna Kroeker (vice chair), Jody Roy (treasurer), Sandra Miller (secretary), Christy Szuck, Rachel McKenzie, Steph Plouffe, Sam Smoljanovic, Amanda MacKay, Sara Bilous.

Meeting started at 6.03pm.

1. Additions to agenda:

Glenlea Nursery fundraiser

Kernels

Bothwell cheese

Bosch \$25 gift cards

2. Minutes from Sept meeting pending approval.

3. Chairperson's Report

Last year parent council funded:

Classroom cash (\$150/class)

Patrol party \$100

Choir party \$100

Grade 5 grad at Activ8 \$500

I Love to Read Week

Teacher Wish list

-Sleds, Prairie Exotics presentation, egg incubator from Morningsound Farms

Insurance policy precludes the use of bouncy castles on school property, so they will not be included in this year's Summer celebrations.

Last year's fundraising goal \$3500

Actual amount fundraised \$3093

Farm to School fundraiser is already online. Orders can be placed until Nov 4. Pick up Nov 14 & 15 at Linwood. Donated vegetable bundles will go to Linwood families in need first. Extra donated bundles will go to Agape Table.

4. Principal's Report

Cross country had 42 participants Gr 3-5 this autumn. Oct 12 is the rain date for cross country division meet Gr 4 & 5.

Handball next for Gr 4 & 5.

Linwood Voices meets Wednesdays at lunch.

Robyn will send out a survey to gauge interest in an Orf music club (xylophone & percussion) for Gr 3-5.

New ventilation was installed summer 2023. Heating/cooling system still in progress after school hours. Scheduled completion end of Oct.

Assiniboine daycare in Linwood School will start up this school year.

207 students currently attending Linwood. Slight decrease from last year.

Smudging is happening regularly at the medicine wheel garden, using sage, sweetgrass & cedar.

Families who would like sage seeds may request them from their child's teacher.

Winter concert will be Dec 19 & 20, with 1.30pm & 6.30pm concerts, split up by Gr 1-3; K, 4 & 5.

Free tickets available for each family same as last year.

Socktober: new gloves & socks being collected throughout the division.

5. Treasurer's Report

Sept 2023 Parent council opening balance \$4494.20

Pending deposits: \$129 Tru Earth; \$66 from School Kick-off pizza donations

Current balance \$4690.27

6. Old business

Continuing fundraiser: Pizza fun lunch 1/month

Laurie moved to approve \$2250 total classroom cash (\$150/class, for 11 classes plus guidance, gym, resource & music). Sandra 2nd. MOTION PASSED.

Laurie moved to approve \$100 for patrol party. Sandra 2nd. MOTION PASSED.

Choir party funds \$100 tabled. Discuss funding for various clubs next meeting.

Laurie moved to fund Gr 5 grad up to \$500. Joanna 2nd. MOTION PASSED.

Laurie motioned to approve \$200 for I love to read week in March, with potential of more funding with receipts. Sandra 2nd. MOTION PASSED.

Possible activities for I love to read week:

- Book exchange
- Each class wins a book: every day, 2 names will be drawn at announcements, to win a book for their class. 11 books funded by parent council.

- Ask Ace Burpee (radio personality) to read in classes again.
- Have community members (especially authors) read to classes & answer questions.
- In Feb, ask community members and students to write stories with a positive message to share with classes electronically or in print.

7. New business

Laurie motioned to approve \$1000 for the Teacher Wishlist. Joanna 2nd. MOTION PASSED.

- Tanya Jensen requested funds for duck eggs & incubator from Morningsound Farm. Last year's chick hatching was a big success. Morningsound is an animal sanctuary/petting zoo.

Winter concert 50/50 fundraiser is likely. Will vote on it at next meeting. May try a backwards raffle to thank parents: parent council donates a gift basket & all concert attendees may enter the draw.

New fundraising options, to be voted on at next meeting:

- 50/50 at a sock hop (at Deer Lodge CC or Linwood gym).
- Glenlea Nursery (25% proceeds go to Linwood)
- Kernels popcorn \$2.50/bag (snack size) 20% to Linwood.
- Bothwell cheese
- Bosch nursery \$25 gift cards near Mother's Day. \$5 from each gift card goes to Linwood.

Future meeting will discuss a club day in the spring, as well as possible dances held at Deer Lodge community centre or in the Linwood gym.

Pizza lunch & Kinder snack Fridays for 2023/2024 school year:

Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24

Pizza sourced from "Pizza Pizza", sesame free, peanut free, \$11.50/10 slice pizza. Dairy free & gluten free option.

Next meeting: Nov 22, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7.28pm.