

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time February 1, 2022 7:30pm Adjournment pm | *Meeting called to order by Allison* via TEAMS

In Attendance

Allison Myre, Brandy Smith, Teresa Polite, Kayla Miller, Mark Primeau, Lindsay Zyta, Lindsay Davidson, Kent Henderson, Sally Bell, Mattea Steacy

Regrets:

Approval of September Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Mark Primeau

2nd: Brandy Smith

Principal Update (Teresa)

Monthly review:

- 183 students are registered, and currently have 165 in-person learners
- At this point 10 JK's are registered for the fall
- Last year in total we had 25 JK's registered
- Recently hired a new 0.5 EA. Her name is Jessica Lewis, and she spends her mornings in Grade 1.
- Ventilation systems are up and running, and you can feel the constant fresh air flowing in the classrooms, hallways and gymnasium
- Mark and Bonnie donated shovels to the school, and the kids are loving using their winter snow toys and sleds
- For policies and procedures in respect to covid – online screening daily continues –2 rapid tests were just sent home with students, if students are sent home with symptoms they need to isolate or be monitored for improvement (depending on type and number of symptoms).
- If students display symptom(s), families are notified and the child will be sent home, and advised to follow the guidelines. This is when a parent may want to administer the rapid tests (additional tests at the school if needed)
- The schools will no longer be doing tracing or follow ups from covid cases in the school. Public health is now managing this.
- Lyn has been lucky to have minimal covid exposures at the school level.
- Students are continuing with social distancing and always wearing masks inside the school (except when eating). The students are very good about washing their hands and hand sanitizing.

- New policy has been put into place for the anti-human sex trafficking protocols. We understand that we need to pay close attention to this as it has become a serious problem in our communities. Coordinated action by all community partners is in place. Early interventions, and appropriate strategies are key. The purpose of the policy is to bring awareness, support the victim population by noticing the signs and ensure we respond appropriately.

-Lego club has started up in the learning commons. This is done by cohort, and students can choose if they want to stay inside to participate or not. There are also intramurals running right now for Grade 6s.

-The hot lunch program is up and running well.

-Last year the school purchased snowshoes with the Ministry of Ed. outdoor education funding, and now that there is enough snow, more classes will start using them. Mr. Cross's class has been getting lots of use out of them.

-There is a snow hill in the front of the school, and the students are having fun in a safe and supervised way. Classes have been using the sleds on the hill.

-School improvement planning: 3 goals:

Reading and Writing goal– focus on phonics and phonemic decoding – Research and inquiry has been happening by teachers. Right now, they are working with some programs that focus on letter sounds, and how words work. Grades 2-6 are reviewing phonics and phonemic decoding, too, to support their spelling and reading.

Math goal – K-6 is focusing on supporting number sense and operations. All staff have administered a new assessment tool created by the board – allowing the teacher to better understand where the child is at with addition, subtraction and multiplication, and division (in junior grades).

Wellness goal: Self-regulation – dealing with stressful thoughts and feelings using strategies from School Mental Health Ontario (SMHO) like deep breathing, self-talk, and other strategies that help them “find their calm”, and being able to choose their strategy. 8 strategies have been used since the fall. Staff are looking into how to collect data, to find out what strategies are most often used and most effective, and what can be changed/ enhanced for students.

– Winter spirit week is coming up from February 14th through to the 18th – watch FB and newsletter for more info

-Grade 6s are planning an outdoor field trip to MacIntosh Mills to snowshoe

-In April there is the MASC festival for Young Authors and Illustrators event. The student authors and illustrators break off into small groups, and these groups consist of kids who have taken an interest or have a talent in writing and/or illustrating. 5 students took advantage of this last year. It was done virtually on a Saturday.

-March break this year is March 14th through to March 18th

-EQAO is happening this year. New this year is that it will be administered online for all grades 3&6 – generally it is 3 days for Grade 3, and 3 days for Grade 6. They will do 1 hour in the morning, and 1 hour in the afternoon each day.

Budget update/ Approval (Treasurer/ Chair)

- Nothing new to discuss

Fundraising Goals/updates (Allison)

- The chocolate bar order was cancelled when the stay home order was extended and the new order will be made for a spring fundraiser
- Currently the school board is allowing fundraising, but no volunteers are able to enter into the school building yet
- Students can be sent home with the chocolate bars, or pickups by parents can be arranged
- This fundraiser will be optional for students/families

Fundraising Ideas/ Questions (Group)

- It was suggested to have the orders/ chocolate bars sent out before Easter
- Delivery would be best to arrive prior to Easter – April 4th would be ideal with the fundraiser wrapping up the week after Easter.

New Business

- Nothing to discuss at this time

Next Meeting

Continuing virtually

March 29, 2022 @ 7:00pm