

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time March 29, 2022 7:24pm Adjournment pm | *Meeting called to order by* Allison via TEAMS

In Attendance

Allison Myre, Brandy Smith, Teresa Polite, Chris Waite, Lindsay Davidson, Elizabeth Lyons

Regrets: Mattea Stacey

Approval of February 2022 Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Chris Waite

2nd Lindsay Davidson

Principal Update (Teresa)

Monthly review:

- Enrollment is sitting at 187 (2 new families)
- 178 in person learners, and 9 remote learners currently
- Next year: remote learning model is different than this year. Anyone choosing the remote learning for next year, must have selected this option by March 14th. The year is being broken up in 2 semesters, and if you choose to learn remotely, you can not change to in-person learning until the next semester.
- Remote learning will not be done at your home school. The students will not be connected with a teacher from Lyn if they select the online mode. They will be online in a remote learning class.
- 16 JKs registered so far and 7 pending JKs registrations - 23 JKs in total
- Staffing is currently being addressed, and changes may be made to which grades each teacher will be teaching
- Policies and procedures: restrictions have been dropped, but parents are still being asked to screen their children each morning. There has been an increase in positive cases and the number of students going home sick recently. On March 29, 2022 – 25% of students are currently away with illness. At 30% the school is required to contact the ministry. This reporting and tracking process will continue until April 14, 2022.
- Procedure still stays the same for contacting parents regarding sick students. School staff is urging parents to follow the screener online before returning to school. Children should be healthy before returning to school.
- The recess zones are now split into 3 - Kinder, Primary and Junior. The grade 3s are allowed to play in both Primary and Junior sections so they can play with both the 2s if they're in the 2/3 class or the 4s if they're in the 3/4 class
- Assemblies, clubs, and intramurals are able to occur at this time. Earlier this week the kinders and grade 6's were able to dance together in the gym!
- Mrs. Crain is hosting recess club, and she tries to introduce a new idea each week (Lego, computers, crafts)

- Mr. Cross is running the intramural program at lunch recess 3 times a week. This week the Grade 4/5/6 students are playing floor hockey. This will be switched soon with plans to involve the younger grades.
- School improvement: whole school math problem facilitated by Mr. Cross. The goal is to improve number sense through problem solving. A few 'Learning Partners' (teachers) from the board have supported the staff in teaching number sense. Early next week teachers will reconnect to look at student learning and determine next steps based on patterns and what they have noticed in the learning)
- April spirit days coming up – jersey day, Easter hair/Easter bonnet day
- Staff are starting to plan field trips (Upper Canada Village, Camp Iawah)
- Students are excited about loosening of the restrictions (Students interacting with one another – reading buddies, big kids helping little kids, Kdgn classes mixing and playing as a big group in the morning)
- EQAO – 1st and 2nd week of June (Grade 3 and Grade 6 respectively) – pushing the testing back from the usual mid-May timeline.
- A videographer from the board office is coming on April 28th to video the school (photos, video footage) to share with the trustees - showcasing Lyn. This video will be approximately 4-5 minutes long.

Budget update/ Approval (Treasurer/ Chair)

- A few teachers have taken advantage of the \$150 provided for the classroom (Ms. Johnston & Mrs. Shupe)

Fundraising Goals/updates (Allison)

- Laura Secord chocolates arriving Monday (forms went out last week)
- 54 boxes have been requested as of today (March 29, 2022)
- 100 boxes on order right now
- Chocolate going home with the students on Monday, April 4th

New Business / Update on swing set

- Nailing down the exact cost of the swing set
- Teresa will proceed with speaking to Peter Bosch regarding procedures on how to get approval for the swing set
- If the parent council does not have the funds for the total cost of the swing set including installation in their bank account, this equipment may not be approved to proceed by the board (or require an additional board loan that school council does not feel is necessary).
- More fundraising will need to happen so we can ensure we have the total funds needed for the swing set and this will take more time since we need to use funds for field trips and other student activities.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday May 17th, 2022 @ 6:30pm – 7:30 pm
- Hybrid model (parents are allowed to come into the school for an in-person meeting, but virtual is still an option). If you would like to join virtually, contact the office for an invite.