

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time May 17, 2022 6:30pm Adjournment 7:10 pm | Meeting called to order by Allison

In Attendance

Allison Myre, Brandy Smith, Teresa Polite, Liz Lyons

Regrets: Mattea Steacy, Lindsay Davidson, Chris Waite, Cathy Russell

Approval of March Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Liz Lyons

2nd: Allison Myre

Principal Update (Teresa)

Monthly review:

- 188 students registered
- 9 remote learners
- Brittany Walker is back next year in 0.3 French (2 classes) and also teaching remote learning for 0.5 (half a day)
- New TV to replace Smart board in Kindergarten Rm. 8 - already one in Rm. 7
- Ordered a new TV for Gr. 2/3 in Rm. 1 – hoping for install soon but very backed up
- Fire drills happening (just did one Friday and need to do 2 more) will may do a lockdown drill as well
- Intramurals happening – baseball for Gr. 3-6 at recess
- Dance club also happening
- Extra help for flute players from Miranda (custodian and student monitor)
- Instrumental music/band for grade 6s
- Math – number sense and operations -focus on subtraction and teaching students how to use the open number line as a tool for subtraction
- Literacy – OHRC Right to Read inquiry report – reading is a human right
- Board goal – 90% students will read at grade level
- Focus on phonemic awareness (oral) and phonics (written) – renewed focus on explicit instruction using a specific scope and sequence for teaching this from JK right through to Gr. 6. Research shows a shift in practice need to occur away from using predictable texts and using decodable texts instead.
- Data indicates that many of our students do not have mastery of phonemes, graphemes letter/sound correspondence which is impacting both their reading and spelling.
- Spirit Day in May is 'Wacky Wednesday' - May 25

Staff are starting to plan field trips:

- Kdgn A and B to be determined
- Gr. 1 and 1/2 - Aquatarium
- Gr. 2/3 and 3/4 - Upper Canada Village
- Gr. 4/5 - Fort Wellington and Sunnidell
- Gr. 6 - Camp Iawah – Mr. Cross is raising funds through ice cream and popcorn to offset cost (\$90 per student)

Gr. 4 and 5 students participating in outdoor education trip to Foley Mountain – curriculum-based (bus is paid for by Foley Mountain)

- PA Day on May 27 – teachers working on assessment and evaluation and support staff working on PD related to their positions
- Kdgn visits for new JKs happening May 30 – June 2
- EQAO dates – Gr. 3 are planned for AMs of June 6-9, 2022 and Gr. 6 is AMs of June 13-16, 2022. – online simplified version
- Gr. 6 Leaving ceremony – June 27th in pm
- Primary track day on June 21 (Kindergarten – Grade 2)
- Junior track day on June 22 (Grade 3-6)
- Canteen run by school council
- Volunteers needed for running events and running canteen
- School clothing available for order starting again in July

Budget update/ Approval (Treasurer/ Chair)

Chocolate bar sales raised \$4,679.95 and \$80 was donated to add to that amount – a grand total of \$4759.95

Fundraising Goals/updates (Allison)

-Swing set \$13,000+ (money must be in our account before we can start planning to replace the swing set)

Fundraising Ideas/ Questions (Group)

-Canteen fundraiser (Track & Field)

New Business

-Fall fair (starting to think about donations/sponsors)

-Grade 6's hoping for graduation shirts

Next Meeting

June 14, 2022 @ 6:30pm