

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time September 13, 2022 6:35pm Adjournment 7:52 pm | Meeting called to order by Allison

In Attendance

Allison Myre, Chris Waite, Brandy Smith, Marnie Lindsay, Liz Lyon, Sally Mellon, Andrea Shupe, Diego Arvelo, Deb Copeland, Cathy Russell, Liza Gauthier, Kandyce Warner

Regrets: Mattea Steacy

Approval of September Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Sally Mellon

2nd: Liz Lyons

Principal Update (Marnie)

Monthly School Council Principal's Report

- successful school start up
- 192 students registered
- Class sizes
Kdgn A – 26; Kdgn B – 26; Gr. 1 – 20; Gr. 1/2 – 20; Gr. 2/3 – 19; Gr. 3/4 – 23; Gr. 4/5 – 28;
Gr. 5/6 – 28
- 2 RECEs
- 2 EAs, 2 Emergency EAs
- 1 Student Monitor – currently posted as a vacancy
- New Superintendent – Marsha McNair
- New Smart TV has been installed in Grade 2/3 room
- New Smart TV has been ordered for Grade 1 room
- First fire drill will be on Thursday, September 15th with 2 more planned for the fall.
- We will also practice a Lockdown drill later in the fall
- Restrictions related to COVID-19 and school operations have been lifted for the most part – we are able to resume extra-curricular activities, volunteering, hot lunches, etc. We are still focused on hand hygiene, staying home when ill, use of the Provincial Screening Tool, etc.
- Currently gathering assessment data – assessing where students are and where to start teaching

- **Wellness:** Focus on Social Climate Data and building a sense of belonging with all of our students. We will be using a survey to collect some initial data with our students.
- Literacy:** 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.
- Math:** Focus on number sense and operations for baseline data collection
- **School Events:**
 - September 14th – Open House
 - September 20th – School Photos
 - September 22nd – Fall Fair
 - September 23rd – Terry Fox Event
 - September 30th – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

Parent council votes are being postponed and will be held at the next meeting on October 11th. Must be held before October 14th as per the by-laws

- Parent council needs to purchase council insurance this year – Marnie will forward the information.

Budget update/ Updates/ Approval (Treasurer/ Chair)

- \$9533.45 starting the school year with
- Must have funds in account before we can get approved for a new swing set
- Local company is considering paying half of the swing set costs once the school have has been raised
- Facebook parents' group (implemented at the end of last year) still be used and monitored

Fundraising Goals/updates (Allison)

- Swing set goal
- Fall fair (working all summer gathering donations for silent auction/raffles)
- Andrea making up all the silent auction sheets
- Cake walks (pastry kings princess/ parent volunteer donations)
- Face painting (2 volunteers) Lauren Smith & Diego's wife, Michelle
- Teachers are joining in with all the activities
- Carolyn Smith doing popcorn
- Dunster's are decorating the school
- 5-7pm (BBQ starts at 5 - activities will be wrapping up around 6:30)
- 2 fire trucks (possibly)
- Paramedics (ambulance)
- OPP cruiser
- Army vehicles

- Girls INC (bouncy castle – waiting on a response)
- Snack tables – needing volunteers 2-4 people volunteering
- 2 high school students coming a little bit later
- Marnie and Kayla working the ticket table
- 12:00/1:00 Sally and Allison coming to set up – anyone else that can make it will also come to help set up
- Condiments being donated
- Buns being donated
- Deb Copeland is donating the hot dogs
- Wish upon a Donut will donate
- Sally is getting the information for the hamburgers
- Something going home to let parent's requiring gluten free/veggie options to send information into the school so needs can be met.
- Sally & Allison going to get drinks/snacks – similar to track & field options
- Hamburgers \$3, Hot dogs \$2, other options various prices, mostly \$1 or \$2 dollars
- Need to purchase tickets for food and raffles if Liz doesn't have any.
- Would like to start cooking early so we do not fall too far behind when the rush at 5pm happens. Will try to find volunteers to start cooking early.

Fundraising Ideas/ Questions (Group)

- No further fundraising initiatives were discussed

New Business

- Adam Cross is organizing the track & field meet being held at the Memorial Centre on October 26th. Has asked Parent Council if they want to run the canteen. All agreed.
- Agreed that pizza would be the main food, no hotdogs/hamburgers
- We would get other snacks/drinks to sell – approximately 1,200 kids attend this meet – a great opportunity to fund raise outside of the Lyn community
- Rain date for the meet is October 28th.
- Adam will be in touch with more information.
- A call for nominations for the 2022-23 school council will go out to the school community. Nominations are due to Marnie on Friday, October 7th. If required, elections via secret ballot will be conducted at the October 11th meeting.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for October 11th @ 6:30pm at Lyn School Learning Commons. A Microsoft teams link will be available for anyone that would like to attend remotely.