

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time October 11, 2022 6:36pm Adjournment 8:17 pm | Meeting called to order by Allison

In Attendance

Lindsay Dowdall, Allison Myre, Chris Waite (virtual), Marnie Lindsay, Andrea Shupe, Diego Arvelo, Cathy Russell, Liza Gauthier, Mandy Fletcher (virtual)

Regrets: Sally Mellon, Brandy Smith, Christina Eady

Approval of September Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Cathy Russell

2nd: Liza Gauthier

School Council Elections

Chair – Allison Myre acclaimed for the 2022-23 school year.

Principal Update

School Council Principal's Report

Topic	Details
Monthly Review	189 students registered (one additional student starting later in October) No changes to class size Approval to hire another 1.0 permanent EA – should be wrapped up soon
Facilities	I have connected with the manager of design and construction regarding the process to purchase new playground equipment. Information should be available for the next meeting.
Policies and Procedures	Inclement weather (snow days) – schools will be open even if transportation is cancelled, teachers will plan for these days and offer students work to complete at home (asynchronous only) – through Teams, or via paper package; cohorts may be mixed for students who attend in person

School Activities	<p>School -wide Belonging Activity</p> <p>Terry Fox Run</p> <p>Orange Shirt Day</p> <p>Cross Country – Grades 3-6 (Meets October 11, October 19, and October 26 for qualifiers)</p> <p>Fire Safety Week – October 9-15</p> <p>JK/SK Classes to Fire Hall on Thursday for field trip</p> <p>Hot Lunch – started in October – Milk, Subs (Wednesday), Pizza (Friday)</p>
Student Achievement and Wellness Goals	<p>Superintendent Marsha McNair visited us on September 28th.</p> <p>Wellness – School-wide belonging activity complete, process of school climate data collection has begun. Grade 4/5 and 5/6 completed the survey using MS Forms. Grade 1-3/4 students – individual interviews with Mrs. Lindsay – Grade ½ is complete. Hope to work through the rest of the classes this week. Data should be available to share at our next meeting.</p> <p>Literacy & Numeracy– Baseline assessments have been completed. Mrs. Lindsay is meeting with teachers and system level learning partners to plan for next steps. We will spend the morning of our October 24th PD Day working on our School Improvement & Equity Plan.</p>
Upcoming events	<p>October 18th – Term 1 IEPs go home</p> <p>October 24th – PA Day</p> <p>October 27th – Wear Purple – Prevent Child Abuse</p> <p>October 31st – Halloween activities</p>
Other:	Questions?

Update from Trustee McAllister

October, 2022 Trustee Report to School Councils

1. Startup of the school year
2. Board Strategic Plan and Director’s Work Plan – an update
3. Board meetings:
4. De-streaming Report: This report was presented at the September 38th Board meeting. This initiative by the Ministry of Education is being implemented in all our secondary schools. It is based on the principle of equity to support outcomes for all students and foster improved graduation rates and connections to post-secondary institutions. Initial data reflects the intended goal.

PURPOSE:

Brief discussion of goals and background behind de-streaming of grade 9 courses and implementation strategies to support school staff and students during the transition.

BACKGROUND:

Ontario moved to remove streaming for Grade 9 Math (MTH1W) in the 2021-22 school year and extended this to include the remaining Grade 9 courses in English (ENG1D), Geography (CGC1D), French (FSF1D) and Science (SNC1W).

CONTENT:

Move to de-stream grade 9 courses is rooted in principles of equity to support outcomes for all students and foster improved graduation rates and connection to post-secondary opportunities.

Ontario was the last province to remove streaming of grade 9 courses.

Initial UCDSB data shows a positive trend for student achievement in de-streamed math compared to previous success rates when streamed.

Connects to the Director's Work Plan with respect to considerations of increasing student achievement and equity of access and outcomes for all students.

5. Reviews underway: French Second Language and T R Leger Alternative School
6. Installation and report of Student Trustees Janevra Pier and Olivia Pereira
7. Bus transportation issues – Covid and driver shortages
8. Showcasing Our Schools: The following school will be featured:
 - a. September 28 – Lombardy Public School
 - b. October 12 – Gananoque Intermediate Secondary School & Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School
 - c. October 26 – Rideau DHS and Beckwith Public School
9. Update on Mental Health and Student Wellness
 - Developing programs and resources to help students learn to manage stress
 - Adding additional staff roles to support implementation of Tier 1 resources
 - Increasing support for Tier 2 & 3 levels
 - PD sessions for staff on Mindful Education
 - Updating UCDSB web site for Mental Health & 'Well-being
 - Connecting mental health to RWL (Real World Learning)

10. An amendment was proposed by yours truly and seconded by Trustee Swan to remove Oxford-on-Rideau from the 2017 school closure list.

11. Trustee Corina Parisien, Director Ferguson and I are hitting the road this week with presentations to various staff members of the following schools: Sweets Corners E.S., Chimo P.S., Maynard P.S, Char-Lan DHS and Russell H.S.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN ON OCTOBER 24TH. PLEASE VOTE

Thank you

John

Budget update

- Fall Fair was a great success - \$6396.54 was raised. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the event a great success.
- A. Shupe requested a classroom allocation for Liz Hess 0.3 staff member - \$50.00. Motion: Diego - \$50.00 allocated to Liz Hess for classroom supplies. Liza Gauthier seconded. Approved by all.
- A. Shupe – finance questions – budget allocation for 2022-23
 - o Music Festival Fees - \$500
 - o Sports - \$500
 - o Primary binding books - \$300
 - o Music / Arts Production - \$300
 - o JR book purchase - \$300
 - o Classroom Supplies - \$1625
 - o Field Trips - \$8595
 - o Grade 6 Grad Shirts - \$500
 - o Outdoor Toys - \$150

-Motion to allocate funds as outlined above: Motion: Lindsay, Liza seconded – approved by all.

Fall Fair Feedback

- Consider creating map of activities for families
- Consider moving Mrs. Crotty's cake walk to a larger area
- Consider pre-ordering food/tickets
- Consider organizing volunteers for before, during, and after the fair
- Consider moving Fall fair back one week – proposed date: September 28th, 2023

Fundraising Ideas/ Questions (Group)

- Discussion regarding fundraising Options
 - o Laura Secord Chocolates – spring
 - o Hot Dog Lunches – 5 Days could be allocated for school council
 - o Dare to Dance – possible dancing fundraiser suggested by Diego

Upper Canada Cup Canteen

- Allison to connect Mr. Cross regarding pizza numbers
- Diego, Allison, Sally, Cathy, Mandy are available for volunteering
- Possible student volunteers – Grade 6 students not participating in UC meet
- Request float(s) for UC Cup
- Allison to post on Parent FB group for volunteers if more are needed

New Business

- School council insurance - \$155.00 For 2022-23 School year. Cathy motion to purchase, Diego seconded – all in favour to purchase
- Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11th in am – families will be welcome to attend.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for November 22nd @ 6:30pm at Lyn School. A Microsoft teams link will be available for anyone that would like to attend remotely.