

MINUTES

Lyn Public School Parent Council

Date | time March 7th, 6:30 pm Adjournment 7:40 pm | Meeting called to order by Allison

In Attendance

Allison Myre, Sally Mellon, Liz Lyon, Stephanie Mask, Marnie Lindsay, Diego Arvelo, Liza Gauthier, Trustee McAllister (via MS Teams). **Regrets:** Lindsay Davison

Approval of November Minutes (Secretary/Chair)

Approved: Sally Mellon

2nd: Liz Lyon

Principal Update

Topic	Details
Monthly Review	Enrollment is 184 students. Kindergarten registration has opened for the 2023-24 school year. We already have 20 students registered. We hosted a virtual information night for families on February 9 th and will be hosting an in-person kindergarten open house on April 26 th . We look forward to welcoming our new students to the Lyn family.
Facilities – playground update	Met with the project manager last week. He is reaching out to suppliers to provide us with some renderings that include climbing, swinging, and sliding. The budget will be \$20,000. Drawings for our review should be available at the next council meeting. He indicated that installation before August 31 st was a possibility.
School Activities	<p>Students engaged in some deep learning during Black History Month using a variety of new texts that we purchased for the school.</p> <p>Students and staff learned a lot from our Metis cultural advisors who visited in February to support our learning about the Metis traditional ways of knowing and being. We were able to provide this learning experience for our students with funding from the system level for Indigenous Education.</p> <p>Students in grades 1-6 are working hard on their dances during dance club. Lyn is hosting the Dance Showcase at BCI on March 24th.</p> <p>Students in grades 5/6 are enjoying floor hockey at recess.</p> <p>Our staff supported recess club continues to run 2 days a week. It has been wonderful to see the older students developing their leadership skills and continue the recess mentoring on the days that formal recess club is not being offered.</p> <p>Staff and students are enjoying our Jungle Sport climbing experience this week as we lead into March break.</p>
Student Achievement and Wellness Goals	<p>We are really pleased with the progress that we are making on our SIEP so far this year.</p> <p>We have seen an 11% increase in the number of students achieving grade level results on our mid-year assessments. Staff are engaging in daily phonemic awareness and phonics instruction with our students using the Heggerty and UFLI Programs. Our Learning Partners have been wonderful in supporting our staff in implementing these programs throughout the school.</p>

	<p>We had a professional development session on mathematics instruction for all staff on March 2nd during our staff meeting. We have been collaborating with our Learning Partners learning how to include small group instruction based on individual student needs and daily deliberate practice into our mathematics lessons.</p> <p>Mr. McElrea, Mr. McNish, and I attended a wonderful professional development session on Monday about Real World Learning. We did initial planning for a new “Share a Smile Box” project that we hope to complete this spring. Mr. Cross has also been working on a RWL project with his class this year and I have invited him to attend our next meeting to tell us more about the project. The students have been really engaged in the learning.</p> <p>We continue to work on developing social and emotional skills with our students, ensuring that they feel that they belong. Greeting our students daily by name, providing engaging learning opportunities, special events, and wellness programs such as recess club, and extra-curricular activities. We will also be doing some work on helping students cope with stress with our social and emotional skills worker.</p>
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Trustee Report: Trustee McAllister

Trustee McAllister shared a report highlighting the following items:

- Board Improvement & Equity Plan – the BIEP has been updated to include reading and is posted in the main hall at Lyn PS.
- Renewed focus on trades program – the need for renewed focus on the trades across the province was discussed. In the UCDSB revitalizing shops and opportunities for learning and engaging in the trades is a priority.
- Service Excellence Awards – please consider nominating staff – email from Trustee McAllister was sent to Mrs. Lindsay to forward to school council.
- Exploring zone busing for STEO – information was shared regarding the desire to explore zone bus cancellations.
- French Language & TR Leger reviews were highlighted
- Forbes award – Trustee McAllister highlighted the UCDSB award by Forbes magazine.

Financials

- Current balance - \$16, 617.46

Laura Secord Fundraiser

- Allison provided flyer for the Laura Secord fundraiser. Profit is \$36 per case of chocolate. Pre-order forms should be in as soon as possible so that the chocolates are delivered in time for Easter sales. In the past the school has ordered 100 boxes.
- Discussion regarding Peanut free vs Nut and Peanut free. Council has decided to sell the Nut and Peanut Free product – 99003.
- Campaign will run from the week of April 3rd to April 21st.

New Business

- School Council would like to continue with hot dog days in April (27th), May, June.

Next Meeting: April 18th 6:30 pm
