



# Lackner Woods Public School Council Meeting

Thursday February 9 2023

7:00pm

Held in the Library & online

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## Attendees

Julie Jackson Sinclair- *Principal*

Gaby Gardiner- *community representative*

Tina Mitchell

Rob Pearlstone

Jil Mangel

Alison Freeman

Adam Verhoeve

Adam Arifi

Jennifer Costello

Kiki Stefandis

Kayla Border

Janny Hong (online)

## Absent with Regrets

Caitlin Green

## Rob called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### Principal Update

- Feedback from Winter in the Woods was amazing from families, superintendent and trustees
  - Next year, the plan is to do it in February after report cards, celebrate end of term, neutral theme
- Winter Wonderland, well attended, fun night, tons of smiles,
  - Need to stay away from the word "a-thon" as we are not using it for sponsorship - Use dance instead
  - Enrolment numbers will be in at the end of March
  - 42 kindergarten registered- usually closer to 60 by the end of March
- Katie Rawlings accepted a new full-time position and is done on February 17
  - Hiring for that position shortly
- Supervision monitor has been hired
  - Janny will be gone at the end of the year and we will be hiring another supervision monitor
- Next week is Carnivale, spirit day info has come out
  - Julie Boyce is new primary french teacher and started on Monday
- Langille class has moved to the portable
- Spec. ed hasn't moved yet but will be moving to room 8 shortly
- Mud at the daycare
  - parking lot is a real issue, plan is to get gravel for back there but a solution has not yet been finalized
- Julie has some wishlists from some teachers of how they want to spend the \$1000 from September.
  - Nothing has been finalized yet

- Plan for next year is to collect teacher wish lists in June, have them finalized by the end of September so items can be purchased and utilized throughout the school year
- Perhaps look at giving some money to French, Music, Phys. Ed instead of just Kindergarten/Primary/Junior
- New custodian has started, Graham, and he is excellent
- Welcome to Kindergarten event
  - June 14
- Possible class trip for Grade 6's

## Parent Involvement Grant

Each school will get \$500 for projects that demonstrate inclusion/outreach to school communities. Examples of expenditures that demonstrate parent engagement, inclusion, equity and/or outreach to school communities may include:

- Support of the School Improvement Plan;
- Costs related to parent engagement activities in your school;
- Translation of posters/literature;
- Purchase of parenting books or videos to loan to parents;
- Engagement initiatives that support optimizing student learning and achievement;
- Meeting costs including honoraria for guest presenters;
- Costs related to parent information/orientation sessions;
- Costs incurred for workshops supporting student learning and achievement;
- Costs related to the development and maintenance of the school websites;
- Initiatives that assist special community populations facing access/involvement barriers.

## Our Ideas for the Money

- Primary grades have a literacy focus
- Juniors have a math focus
- Possibly combining this with another grant for \$500 to give us \$1000

- Decodable books as an option to help with the new reading approach, phonemic awareness and phonics program, helps them write and teaches them how to spell

## Voting Results

A vote took place online ahead of the meeting in an effort to save time and facilitate discussion. Two questions were asked with the results from the 12 voters as follows:

1. Should we give the school another \$3000?
  - a. YES WE SHOULD- 16.67%
  - b. NO WE SHOULDN'T- 33.3%
  - c. WE WILL GIVE \$1000 TO COVER THE COST OF ONE PROJECTOR 41.67%
  - d. OTHER- 8.33%

*\*Julie purchased 2 projectors already, thanked council for their input, but she needs to prioritize the school's budget needs over council's vote in this case and said she gets the final decision*

2. Where should our fundraising money go?
  - a. PLAY STRUCTURE 33.3%
  - b. FULFILL TEACHER WISHLIST ON AN ONGOING BASIS- 0%
  - c. COMBINATION OF THE TWO 50%
  - d. OTHER- 16.67%

## Additional Notes

\*Julie hasn't received a response on the end life of the existing play structure. We had a discussion about how realistic funding a play structure is for the school, and how it may make more sense to spend money on enhancing the field and play areas at the school. Items like GaGa ball pits or similar items to give kids other options to play during recess. Soccer has been the main game which has been causing conflict on a daily basis

## Spiritwear

- Store is closed
- Will contact next week to finalize and determine when items should arrive
- 60+ orders of Spiritwear

## Bake Raffle

- amazing success
- Raised close to \$1000
- thank you to all the volunteers

## Winter Wonderland

- Overall attendance was over 600
- A lot of positive feedback
- Planning another one next year- ensuring it precedes a PD day
- We raised \$2708.14 between the bake raffle and evening event!

## Current Fundraising Total for 2022/2023 school year

\$11029.52

## Treasurer's Update

\$11753

## Valentine's Day/Notes of Kindness

- sweet notes of Kindness
- something for every kid in the school
- Teachers will distribute notes with attached treat

## June Event

- June 15
- Lackner's Got Talent
  - Talent show where anyone wanting to participate will get the chance

- If there are too many eager participants, we will “double up” acts where possible, or draw names to ensure equity/inclusion
- Volunteers needed to make event a success
- Grade 6 students- face painting?
- Balloon artist
- Tattoo stations
- Field games
- food
- Craft tables
- Bake Raffle
- 50/50 draw
- Sell tickets for talent show
- Meeting with David Cotton to finalize details and we will send out information to students to sign up to perform

## Final Thoughts

- Big Yellow Bag of Soil/Mulch fundraiser is renewed for this season
  - Lackner23 is the code
  - Code gives customer as discount, as well as donating \$5 to Lackner
- Will send out a reminder on School Day about Factory Shoe ongoing fundraiser (as well as getting more cards to give out to new Lackner families), Mabel's Labels

## Future Meetings

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8