
School Council Meeting

Monday, 03.04.2019, School Library 6:30 to 7:45pm

Attendees

Peter Berndt, Principal LPS
Aidin Taeb, Parent
Ana Milojevic, Parent
Alaa Kabbani, Parent, Co-chair
Tanja Fischmeister, Parent
Karen Radcliff, Treasurer
Joanne Parrow, Parent
Jeff Pritchard, Parent
Jill Tausky, Parent
Robyn Plunkett, Secretary
Clare Plumtree, Parent
Neil MacGregor, Parent
Linzy Abraham, Parent
Nasim Paryab, Parent

Jen Cooper, Teacher Representative
Leslie Ingram, Child and Youth Care Worker

Regrets

Ryan Barnett-Cowan, Co-chair

Areas of Discussion

1. Introduction of parents and welcome.

Fundraising Update

1. The move-a-thon was a great success. It looks like we raised about \$7700 - our goal was \$8000. The students had a lot of fun.
2. We are having a rain barrel fundraiser starting at the end of March with pick-up in May.

Jen Cooper, Teacher's update

Wed April 10 is the Musical Mosaic. A save the date form has been sent home for all students who are participating. Mrs. Weber would love for as many students as possible to wear their cultures traditional clothing.



May 9 - JR and some intermediate students are going to see the community players of New Hamburg for the Hunchback of Notre Dame.

In June, Mrs. Cooper and Ms. Alcock's classes will be going to see the Neverending story.

Mrs. Daudjee has started an American Sign language club for Grades 4-6. Students are able to say their names, greet one another, etc. She is very pleased with the progress.

Mrs. Broderick: Basketball season went well. The 7/8 students did extremely well and she was very pleased with their season. They are looking to replace the girls uniforms - perhaps parent council could support this cost.

Badminton is starting up. Intermediates can go and play at break. There is a need to replace a few safety goggles. Perhaps Parent Council could support this.

The grade 5 students are doing an inquiry project on environmental issues and how Canada is responding.

A Luau is this Friday, to kick off March Break. The day is divided into three blocks. One block is a usual school day. A second block is a luau that happens in the gym and there is tropical-theme colouring outside the gym for some quiet activity. There is a tropical movie for the third block.

Ms. Gore (6%) and Miss Kelly's Grade 6s have been writing pen pal letters to friends in Poland.

Ms Bishop's class wrote valentines and secretly sent them to kids in each class. The February attribute was Kindness.

Leslie Ingram, Child and Youth Care Worker

Leslie is our Child and Youth worker, she also works at Rockway PS. She is at Laurelwood Monday mornings, Wednesdays mornings, Thursdays, Friday afternoon. One of her goals is to promote that all people at LPS feel safe, included, and appreciated. She works with students from JK to Grade 8 with parents permission (consent form is good for one year). She might start with 10 to 15 kids on her case load; this can go to 50 by the end of the year. She has been in the role at the school board since 2002. She helps students and groups with social, emotional, and behavioural needs. She is not affiliated with family and children services.

She is a part of a school-based team for any students who need extra support. Examples when she might be involved include when students are feeling excluded, self-esteem, life changes, or new to school. Her office is the old VP office. She goes to all classes as often as possible to promote her visibility and offer group activities. She runs the peer leadership group, which is the Peer-led Educating and Empowering leadership group, for students in grades 6 to 8 who might be a bit quieter. She also runs pink days, twice a year, the Roots of



Empathy program, the unlearn open house (this year is was on sports, exercise, and athletes). Not a therapist or counsellor. Roots of empathy.

We have a social worker attached to our school for mental health, self-harm, or suicide needs.

Principal's update

Boundary Study

1. The committee supported the proposal to have the grade 7 and 8's come here for next year. We will gain about 90 students; however with the incoming 35+ students into JK, we are expecting possibly seeing only a 40 student growth for next year. We will likely have 3 Kindergarten classes next year. The Vista Hills boundaries apply to houses that are currently built. Homes to be built in that area will be rerouted to another school. Some of our Abe Erb students will take a bus, we will likely have two. We will need to keep on eye on pedestrian safety. Our funding is given per student, so our funding will go up with an enrolment increase.

Other Points

2. The parent info night for the Grade 8 night to Niagara Falls was very well attended.
3. A few issues with pedestrian safety. We are still trying to reduce car drop offs in the morning. Some obstacles include cars double-parked on both sides of the street, snow is not removed from all paths.
4. March 31 is the date that our numbers are calculated for next year.
5. A BBQ, tuck shop freezer, and water bottle filler were purchased. all of our music movie.
6. The immunization suspension day is coming up, March 27th. Over 2000 students in the board do not have their immunization papers up to date. There are 80 plus students at LPS whose records are not up to date. They receive 3 letters at home prior to suspension

Parent Volunteer Reports

We are still doing the coffee mornings. There was lower attendance at the last meeting. We might look into possibilities for having a coffee time prior to pick-up. Perhaps we could have an announcement made a few minutes prior to the start of the day.

The volunteer website is up and running. We can increase the visibility by sending a message out on SchoolDay.



Are there any possibilities to enhance our use of the forest? Safety concerns for the forest can go to the City.

Treasurer's Report

We spend \$150 supplies for the coffee mornings, in addition to what has been previously mentioned.

Upcoming Meetings

LPS Parent Council: April 1, 2019, 6:30pm, School library

WRAPSC meeting dates for the 2018-19 school year held at Forest Heights Collegiate Institute are:

- April 9, 2019
- May 7, 2019